

ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester

District 7450

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CLUB MEETING ~ January 4, 2024

Minutes by Joe Driscoll



New member **Michael Karwic** and **Patty Jeffris** greeted us at the Check-in Desk.

Call to Order by **President Rich Murray**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Jeff Cantwell**

Invocation by **Capt. Jesus Corraliza**



GUESTS

Mark Lucas and **Ed Stillman**

BIRTHDAYS

Doug Meis toasted **Melissa Baxter** on her birthday, as did **Sue Rogers** for **John Schwab**, **Bill Macknis** for **Corey Cahill**, **Cristina Combee** for **Jesus Corraliza**, and **Jeannie McGinn** for **Glenda Brion**.



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TODAY'S PROGRAM ~ January 11

Hugh Bleemer

Chester County Community Foundation

NEXT WEEK ~ January 18

Club Business

New Member Inductions / Classification Talks

PROGRAM ~ Capt. Jesus Corraliza, WC Salvation Army

Today's Guest Speaker was also our meeting site host, **Captain Jesus Corraliza** of the Salvation Army here in West Chester. Jesus provided a slide program about his history and how he came to serve in the Salvation Army.

Born and raised in Puerto Rico, he later came to the U.S. in 1987, landing in Atlantic City and working in the casino industry. He then married Maria and subsequently had a son and daughter.

Jesus told us how he found the Lord and felt called to join the Salvation Army in 2008. After attending Salvation Army's training college in Suffren, NY in 2010, he was eventually appointed to serve here in West Chester in 2014.

Jesus explained that Salvation Army attends to the Soul through counseling, prayer services, Bible studies, AA Meetings and Sunday Services. The body also derives benefits from various camp programs; and, of course, the Community at large benefits by the offering a food pantry; transitional housing; and the popular Red Kettle Season, along with many other services. Jesus is most proud of having assisted in Emergency Disaster Services.

He concluded his presentation by telling a story of gifting. As a child, he did not receive gifts, having instead to make his own toy car. Later, he gratefully acknowledges that God has provided continually for him and his family, the greatest gift in and of itself.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Future meeting dates and locations were noted (stay tuned for the next issue of Rotary News You Can Use for details.)

Sue Casso Rogers noted our Club would entertain a presentation in a few weeks about how we might assist in hosting a Ukrainian Family.

Rich Murray cited the initial efforts by **Jeff Cantwell** on forming an ad hoc committee on future fundraising efforts for the Club.

HAPPY BUCKS

Cristina Combee was happy for her free parking today

Doug Meis was happy that **Bill Macknis** is feeling better

Patty Jefferis was grateful for her nephew's improving health

Michael Karwic was happy that his kids visited during the holidays as were **John Schwab** and **Andrew Stump** for visits from their kids

Melissa Baxter was happy for miracles.

Bob Rogers was happy for a change in holiday plans because his kids were sick. (But, as we all know, that's Bob's sense of humor.)

50-50 - no 50-50 this week. Pot still is \$300.

MEMBER PHOTO FROM KOREA



Our club member **Gary Hewitt** spends part of each year living in Korea. He just sent this photo from a service project with the Rotary Club of Seoul (Gary's the tall one on the left). It's the oldest club in Korea and the only English-speaking club in Korea that holds their meeting in English. He's one of only a couple that are not Korean. They help to feed about 300 people at a soup kitchen near the big train station in Seoul three or four times a year. Their website is easily found on Google or directly at: <https://portal.clubrunner.ca/12259>

MEETING PHOTOS



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