

THE VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester

District 7450

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

June 22

Melissa's Year in Review
Club Business

June 29

New Officer Induction Dinner
West Chester Country Club 6:00 pm

June 15, 2023 Meeting

By Anne Driscoll

Our meeting this week was held at the **Chester County Bar Association** on Gay Street. Thanks to Exec. Director **Greg Nardi** for setting it up.



Call to Order by **Melissa Baxter**

Pledge of Allegiance by **Mark Sammarone**

Invocation by **Mike Louis**

Guests: Anna Monreal hosted by **Mike Louis**

Mary Brooks hosted by **Glen Sweet**

This Day – June 15

National Lobster Day and National Prune Day
World's Elder Abuse Awareness Day

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bonus Meeting: tonight at Barnaby's 5:30 pm

Sue Casso-Rogers:

Two weeks until our new **Presidential Installation** on June 29 at the West Chester Country Club at 6:00 pm

- Auction ideas? Donations? – contact Glen Sweet
- Auctioneering will be by Bob Frame
- Installation of new officers will be conducted
- Cocktails, auction, dinner! Reservations required.

Rotarian **Andrew Scott** has been injured in a bicycle accident. Please sign the get well card that is being passed around for him. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Mike Louis:

Mike offered the club's deepest gratitude to **Faith Woodward** who is retiring as Votary Editor after seeming decades of service in chronicling the meetings of our club.

Mike and Randy Lindel will be the new Votary editors and would welcome additional members to join our current note-takers.



Thank you Faith!!

Debra Ward Sparre:

West Chester Downtown is accepting applications for community grants. See the website at **wcdf.org** for more information West Chester Downtown 2023 Preservation awards will be in October.



Debra will be assuming the role of Program Chair for Rotary meetings succeeding **Doug Meis**. and she would welcome any ideas or suggestions, **Thank you Doug** for all your hard work in the past.

Melissa Baxter:

Melissa is requesting updates from all the groups on our Strategic Planning Program as she ends her presidency

GUEST SPEAKER

Chelsea Melrath

Coordinator, ACES

Miss Melrath spoke on behalf of Chester County ACES Coalition (Adverse Childhood Experiences).

ACES are traumatic events that a child experiences before the age of 18. A survey conducted in 1997 shed light on the impact that trauma has on our lives. Stress, specifically in childhood, impacts our life long health.



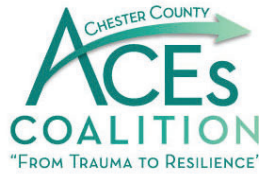
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GEUST SPEAKER (continued)

This survey consists of a series of questions. These questions determine the extent of stress a child endures and determines the basis and severity of the trauma.

The trauma that results is due to:

- Neglect
- Abuse
- Household dysfunction



There is hope and ACEs provides help through trauma informed programs that create awareness to promote prevention, support and resilience. They champion strength and wellbeing through training and co-ordination in the community. For more information, visit their website at www.ccacescoalition.com

ROTARY NIGHT AT THE PHILLIES



Time is running out to purchase tickets to District 7450 Rotary Night at the Phillies on **Tuesday, July 18!** The world will little note nor long remember how the Phillies play here, but it can never forget what you do here. That's because \$10 (or 1000 pennies) from each

ticket purchased will be donated to End Polio Now to aid in Rotary's eradication efforts. Tickets are \$30 for the scoreboard section and \$47 for section 138.

Limited tickets remain!

A free tailgate will be held in Lot M prior to the game. Honestly, it's going to be a blast! Have a fun night out at the ballpark with your friends, family, and fellow Rotarians, all for a good cause.

For more info and to reserve your tickets, click [here](#). Any questions can be directed to **PDG Kevin Katarynick** at distgov2021@gmail.com.



IMAGINE ROTARY

IMAGINE ROTARY – Rotary International Theme 2022-2023

Rotary International President **Jennifer Jones** of Windsor, Ontario, Canada – RI's first woman president – has chosen "Imagine Rotary" as the organization's theme for her presidential year. "Imagine a world that deserves our best, where we get up each day knowing that we can make a difference," she said. The theme graphic was designed by an Australian Indigenous artist to link with the 2023 RI Convention, which will be in Melbourne.

CHILI COOK OFF

The 2023 Chili Cook-Off is our biggest event of the year. We need your help.

It is a joy to work with a team of fellow Rotarians to get this party planned and rolling. When you see the thousands of people in town enjoying the festivities, you get a warm & fuzzy. And when we distribute the money, we collect to those in need, you'll get goosebumps all over again. There is a lot to do starting now, and through October 8. Take a look at the committees that work on all the moving parts and choose one:



<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/12fJirUbDiazN-H1bHy1ESGumDfTE8KSxPBWDj39Jb8Ow/edit?usp=sharing>.

The link will take you to Google Sheets online. It is simple to use – just type your name in the right side of the committee list that you think you might enjoy. Feel free to pick more than one. Note: there is no save button in Google Sheet, so don't panic; once you type your name in, it stays until deleted.

Any questions: **Melissa Baxter** or **Jeff Cantwell**.

Thank you.



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