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ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester, District 7450
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Program: July 29, 2021

Speaker: Katie Walters,

Chester County DA's office. Coordinator of
Safe and Healthy Communities Initiative

Program: August 5, 2021

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MINUTES by Faith Woodward

President Steve opened meeting. **President-Elect Melissa** led the Pledge of Allegiance

The Invocation was given by **Gary Hess** who wrote a silly poem since our world is too serious, "Ode to Purple".

Visiting Rotarians- Alissa Harnish – Pres of WEGO and assistant Governor; Joe Kindly for Sunrise; Mark Rudiger WEGO.

Guests:

Joe Kindly introduced (Chris Mominany, MaryBeth Henley, Dr John Villella), **Melissa Baxter** (Oldest daughter Allison), and Asst Governor of Finance Ken Pennypacker, **Linda Hicks** (oldest granddaughter Aubrey).

President Steve shared "This Day in History":

1893 Kathryn Lee Bates wrote "America the Beautiful".

1894- First automobile race from Paris to Rouen.

2011 Space Shuttle Atlantis landed at Kennedy

No Birthdays

Happy Bucks – **Dianna Liberi** (1958 in labor delivering 2 boys), **Fran Curtin** (pandemic- new outlook on life), **Melissa Baxter** (daughter Elly, for CCPC committee, for **Laura Aloisio**) Joe Kindly (30 years ago joined our club but then started a new club) **Phyllis Dunn** (she and husband moved to a smaller home at Woodlands in Greystone), **President Steve** (\$20 for the past year owed)

Announcements – Minglefest last night hosted by Passport Club- 50 people in attendance. More events coming up. Tee shirts available.

Presentation- **Cristina Combee** -. Life Pumps in Senegal project started by **Dwight Leeper** (now living in Maine) and Sam Lowery (Club in Alabama). This project provided deep water pumps that reach where other pumps can't. The pumps can be easily operated. Project is fully funded. Raised \$80,000 during this challenging past year. To be matched by RI Foundation. Delays are anticipated due to COVID. Alyssa Harnish (Asst Governor)- Pleased to visit us. Dwight and Sam spoke to her club. \$2,500 from the WEGO club. Mark Rudiger also spoke about Distracted Driving stickers he shared. He presented **President Steve** with an ice scraper. Cristina thanked Alyssa. Dwight had a message to share through Cristina "Thanks to **Past President Michelle**, **President Steve**, and the International Committee. CPC update-19 grant applications Thanks to an anonymous donor for \$30,000. Committee read through all the applications and chose 13 non-profit organizations. These checks will be presented Sept 23.

50-50 – Winner **Randy Lindel**. No Queen of Spades.

SPEAKER'S REVIEW BY Faith Woodward

Phyllis Dunn introduced speaker Joe Kindly. The program was entitled "One Hundred years of History and Heritage of WCU1871 to 2021".

Dr John Villella (Chief of Staff, Former Director of WCU Marching Band) showed a video of 150 years of change for their Sesquicentennial celebration. WCU has been an integral part of the brough of WC and helped the town to grow with 2,000 employees and an enrollment over 17,000. In the early 70s there were 6,000 students.

Construction is currently going on and is a witness to change. There is a fountain going in at the corner of

Rosedale and High. At the center of campus is largest building housing their Bio-engineering program as well as Nursing, Physics, etc. About 7 WCU graduates were in the room.

1871 Normal School 130 students and 30 youngsters in model school. Music and Fitness were emphasized. Early on had sports teams for men and women.

1926 Turned over to the state- George Morsi Phillips. Grandfather clock owned by Benjamin Franklin and Peale portrait of George Washington. 1,300 students. State Teachers College No tuition before 1928 (had to teach in PA for 2 years after graduation.

1934- Goat was mascot, 1935 changed to Ram.
1939- 4-year degree instituted.

1945- First time for black females to live on campus.

1960- Changed from State Teachers College to State College. Majors: Music Phys Ed and Elementary ed. 2,600 students.

1970s added Nursing and Criminal Justice.

1980 8,800 students.

1983 – Became WCU. 25% are first generation college students.

Madeline Adler- First female president.

Now have satellite offices.

Many events this year- Please come visit frequently. Sports, theatre, Music, Speaker events.

Joe had gifts for everyone- notebooks.

EVENTS CALENDAR

Aug 21	Community Warehouse
Sept 30	Pulled Pork Event at Boy Scout Facility

COMMUNITY WAREHOUSE DONATION DAY

Mark Your Calendar! Saturday, August 21 from 9a-1p is our next Community Warehouse donation day. We could use volunteers to help with the numerous donations scheduled to arrive that day. We practice social distancing and masks are worn.

For complete information go to communitywarehouseproject.com. Call us for ways to get donations over to the warehouse too.

Everyone is also welcomed to bring furniture, small appliances, household items, linens, utensils, matching plates, etc... Feel free to bring helpful children too.

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