



ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester, District 7450

Jennifer Jones, International President

2022-2023

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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.

Minutes from March 2, 2023 Meeting By Brian Fahey

President Melissa opened the meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Doug Meis**

The invocation was given by **Doug Meis**

Visiting Rotarians:

There were no visiting Rotarians

Guests:

Corey Cahill, Matt Kuehn, Sherry Gardner, Suzette Webb, Andrew Scott, Melissa Yao, Sue Ingram, Zeb Davenport, Brent Saleschi.

President Melissa's Did You Know?

March is National Fresh Celery, Noodle, Flower, Frozen Food, and Caffeine Awareness Month

March 2nd is National Banana Cream Pie Day

In 1912 the US House of Representatives added caffeine as a habit-forming substance.

In 2003, the Caffeine Awareness Alliance formed to "provide objective, evidence-based information and advice to help reduce the health, social, and economic harm associated with caffeine abuse and addiction."

Women metabolize caffeine 25% faster than men

90% of people worldwide consume caffeine in some form.

Caffeine is the most socially acceptable drug.

Caffeine is linked to improving several diseases, but can also lead to other health problems.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

March 9, 2023

**Speaker: Debi Friedmann
Rotoplast Trip to the Philippines**

March 16, 2023

**Classification Talks and
Induction of New Members**

Birthdays

Doug Meis wished happy birthday to **Kate Diffendorfer**.

Happy Bucks

Andrew Scott was grateful for being here at the meeting.

Pachy Banks-Cabral was happy to have Brent Saleschi here.

Bill Macknis is grateful for the upcoming golf tournament hosted by Sow Good Now.

President Melissa was happy for her daughter's recent success in a competition.

President Melissa was happy about the upcoming RotoPlast fundraiser at the Media Theater on April 27th.

A member was happy for the organizations that are hosting fundraisers to benefit our community.

Announcements:

Yolanda Van de Krol announced a gallery opening this Friday on Gay St. for a local artist

Jeff Spencer announced a mingle event with the Passport Club, 3/21 at 5:30 PM. Look for the link in the News You Can Use

Yolanda Van de Krol asked for people to bring exact change to the meetings, or to bring checks.

Program Speaker

Doug Meis introduced Melissa Yao and Susan Ingram. Melissa is from the National Trafficking

Sheltered Alliance, where Susan serves on the board. The National Trafficking Sheltered Alliance (NTSA) is a network of service providers committed to enhancing services and increasing access to care for survivors of human trafficking and sexual exploitation.

50/50

There was \$50 in the pot, \$15 going to the winner. There was \$350 in the big pot. Mike Louis picked the winning ticket but did not draw the Queen of Spades.

Imagine Moment:

"Ten years from now, make sure you can say that you CHOSE your life, you didn't SETTLE for it."-Mandy Hale

President Melissa imagines that the quote would also apply to five years from now, or one year from now. We can begin today if we feel like you are struggling. She encouraged us to listen to our hearts, embrace what fuels our passion.

EVENTS CALENDAR

Mar 18	Community Warehouse Project Day
Mar 21	Mingle with Rotary Clubs at Bierhaul

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HOW TO GET IN TOUCH

Votary Committee: Chair, **Faith Woodward**, 610-918-3432; Co-chair: **Anne Driscoll**

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Committee: **Rachel Barakat, Joe Driscoll, Brian Fahey, Gary Hess, Michael Louis, Kyle Rheiner**

COMMUNITY WAREHOUSE DONATION DAY

Our 3rd Saturday of the month Volunteer and Drop Off day will be 3/18/23 9a-1p. Text Jeannie for the address.

If any Rotarians have furniture, housewares or small appliance items that they would like to donate but don't know if we'll take or need help getting it to us, text or call Jeannie at 484-343-3577. We encourage a text a picture if you'd like us to consider your furniture donation, please.

It's a great fellowship day and we bring in pizzas as a thank you. The West Chester Friars (college- age, young men) devoted to service and devoted to the mission of the Community Warehouse Project will also be there. They love to do all the heavy lifting!

New or Donated Items we could really use right now:

1. Dressers (nothing too long/heavy that won't make it up an apartment stairwell)
2. Lamps
3. End tables/bedside tables (for those lamps)
4. TV stands or Microwave stands
5. Large Bins with lids on them so we can deliver goodies to families.
6. A set of Dinner Dishes without metal on them (they cannot go in the dishwasher.)

Thank you, Rotary members for your on-going love of this Community Warehouse Project endeavor. Everyday CWP turns an empty apartment or house into a furnished home with the help of volunteers and donations.

Contact: **Jeannie McGinn**; 484-343-4577 cell

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