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# ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester, District 7450  
Shekhar Mehta, International President 2021-2022

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## **CLUB MEETING SEPTEMBER 9, 2021 MINUTES by Faith Woodward**

**President Steve** opened the meeting.

**Steve Quigley** led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Bill Ronayne** gave the invocation remembering the 20th anniversary of 9-11-01 to honor those who died including 343 firefighters, those at the Pentagon, and those in Flight 94.

**Guests:** Joe and Anne Driscoll. (in the que) and Jeffery

### **President Steve's "This Year in History"**

1791- The capital named Washington for the first President and District of Columbia for the Americas  
1892 First recitation of Pledge of Allegiance  
1956- Elvis Presley appeared on the Ed Sullivan Show.

**Birthdays-** **Bob Frame** wished **Linda Hicks** a Happy Birthday. She rejoined our club from the Passport Club. Twenty-one years ago Bob had lunch with Linda and he ended up joining our club.

**Happy Bucks:** **President Steve** (thanked **Past President Michelle** for running the meeting last week), **Phyllis Dunn** (Met at the Boy Scout Center where we'll have our Pulled Pork event), **Melissa Baxter** (**Joanne Tadeo** -shared with her the list of our 20 active committees! Thanks to Committee Chairs), **John Schwab** (at the Pulled Pork Event, Locust Lanes will have new IPA Purple something to drink. The proceeds will be donated for Polio Eradication), **Mark Sammarone** (thank you to **Randy Lindel** and **Phil Beig** for helping with website, **President Steve** picked week to be away with a no-show speaker), **Steve Quigley** (Joe Driscoll beat him again at golf. We have 21 players for next weeks' golf event and we would like a few more. There will be an open bar and can order food) **Doug Meis** (speakers haven't shown two weeks in a row and Doug hasn't been kicked out of club yet). Joe Driscoll (Enjoyed **Steve Quigley's** company who has always beaten him in the past, next week travelling to Myrtle Beach. He and Ann are

## **UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

**September 16, 2021**

**Classification Talks**

**by Jill Stoltzfus and Don Neimetz**

**September 23, 2021**

**Recipients of our Community  
Philanthropic Grants**

now "Rotarians in Waiting") **Katie Martin** (upon returning from vacation in NC, she was pleased that even though storms hit, her house was still standing and the community really came together).

### **Announcements:**

**President Steve** thanked **Mac Neilon** for a great job distributing supplies to WCASD!

Events: Fame Firehouse Dedication Sept 18

Community Warehouse- Sept 18

Pulled Pork Event- Oct 7 from 4:30 to 6:30 can bring spouse or significant other. Please sign up and indicate the number of attendees. We need side dishes to feed 8-10 people.

**John Schwab-** 2001 **Steve Quigley** announced a program then named Chester County Leadership was sponsored by United Way and WCU to train to be non-profit board members. We have sponsored participants for 29 years that is a 10-month long program (Full day every month and additional work) Recently we have had members stepping up. This year 5 applied and **Phil Beig** has been accepted. Phil thanked everyone.

**50-50 Mark Sammarone** won the raffle AND he pulled the Queen of Spades!

Ponderable "How deep would the ocean be if sponges didn't live there?"

## **SPEAKERS REVIEW by Derek Chandler**

Due to a last-minute cancelation, **Past President Bill Ronayne** stepped in without missing a beat. A volunteer firefighter since 1974, Bill was first

persuaded to the honorable work with a parade and a \$2 beer social event. Thankfully his love for humanitarian work and automobile repair, Bill has continued serving to this day. Over the years, he has held the department position of Engineer, Lieutenant, Captain, and Assistant Chief. Currently his crew, three fire stations and one ambulance, serves five different townships which accumulates to about a population of 45,000 in a radius of over twenty-seven square miles.

Serving as a volunteer firefighter is truly a labor of love and is a brotherhood among its members. Most of the community is unaware that local departments are ran by volunteers, in fact 97% of Pennsylvanian fire departments are volunteer, considerably higher than the national average. Thankfully most calls are not serious in the area but, the 2019 fire at Barclay Friends Nursing Home reminds Bill, and other local volunteers alike, how dangerous and deadly fire can become. Last week's Hurricane Ida even resulted in over thirty calls for water rescues. Statistically speaking, unattended cooking is the number one reason for residential house fires.... but in actuality its common irresponsibility and stupidity.

Even though **Bill Ronayne's** love for intoxicated sick college students is insurmountable, the local community of West Chester is exponentially better with Bill and the Ronayne family as residents. Unfortunately, his hockey skills are not as admired.

### COMMUNITY WAREHOUSE DONATION DAY

Mark Your Calendar! Saturday, August 21 from 9a-1p is our next Community Warehouse donation day.

For complete information go to [communitywarehouseproject.com](http://communitywarehouseproject.com).

800 East Virginia Ave. West Chester in the Schramm business campus.

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### NEW MEMBERS

The following individuals have been proposed for membership and have indicated their desire to become members:

**Pastor Jeff Richards:** Pastor at the Willistown United Methodist Church. Sponsored by **Pastor Chris Franz**

**Anne Driscoll:** Retired. Sponsored by **Sue Casso Rogers**

**Joe Driscoll:** Retired. Sponsored by **Bob Rogers**

**Kevin McKenna:** Attorney, McKenna Law, LLC. Sponsored by **Bill Winters**.

If no written objections are received by the Club Secretary within ten (10) days of this notice a date will be set for their inductions.

### EVENTS CALENDAR

Sept 17	Rotary Golf Event @ Downingtown CC
Sept 18	Community Warehouse
Set 18	Fame Firehouse Dedication
Oct 7	Pulled Pork Event at Boy Scout Facility

### VOTARY COPIES

Thank you, **Sue and Bob Rogers** of Robert W. Rogers Appraisals, for printing copies of the Votary this month.

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**Charles Streitwieser**, P. D.G. '13-14 District 7450

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