

# ROTARY VOTARY

## The Rotary Club of West Chester

District 7450

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### CLUB MEETING ~ August 10, 2023

Minutes by Kyle C. Rheiner

**Call to Order** by President-Elect **Catherine Friedman**

**Pledge of Allegiance** led by **Suzette Webb**

No Invocation, but a moment of silence

### GUESTS



**Ed Malet and Karen DiVencenzo**

Former member **Ed Malet** was the guest of **Bill Ronayne**

Prospective member **Jeff Fullerton** was the guest of **Michael Louis**

Prospective member **Karen DiVincenzo** was a guest of **Katie Martin**

**Paul Sookiasian** (in the membership queue) was the guest of **Matt Kuehn**

**Taylor Kassel** (in the membership queue) was the guest of **Sue Casso-Rogers**

### BIRTHDAY

**Rachel Barakat** – presented by **Patty Jeffris**

### HAPPY BUCKS

**Katie Martin** - First Resource Bank is conducting a Breakfast Food Drive

**Larry Miller** - very happy for a cancer free diagnosis !

**Suzette Webb** - happy to survive a visit to NYC

**John Schwab** - 54th wedding anniversary

**Catherine Friedman** - wearing pink for Barbie movie

**Michael Louis** - Phillies No-Hitter by Michael Lorenzen

**Paul Woodruff** - Time with family

**Bill Macknis** - just got a puppy, daughter turned 10, and he's going to be an uncle

### TODAY'S PROGRAM ~ August 17

**Club Business**

**Classification Talk** from **Greg Nardi**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**John Schwab** for the club's Communications Committee:

- August 20th - **Community Day at the Melton Center**, need volunteers for shifts at our club information table.
- showed samples of Rotary hats and visors that are being worked on!

**Chili Cook-Off** - As of now, we have 30 confirmed chili cooking teams! More than we had last year at this time.

Next **Community Warehouse Day** September 16, 9 am - 1 pm (skipping August).

### PROGRAM

Program Chair **Deb Sparre** introduced **Katie Cook**, Director of the Chester County Parks & Rec Department.

Katie was very excited to tell us about the **94th Old Fiddler's Picnic** that's to be held this Saturday August 12th at Hibernia Park in Coatesville.

Known originally as the "Chester and Delaware Counties' Old Fiddlers,'" the event was conceived and organized by S. L. Anderson, a teacher and historian whose many talents included playing the fiddle.

This was a Chester County gem of an event that began in the early 1900s. After years of success, it began to fizzle out a little in the 1980s. After doing some research into the

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## Old Fiddler's Picnic, continued

history of the Old Fiddler's Picnic, Katie fell in love with the idea and then helped to resurrect the event. For the first 54 years, this was held in Lenape Park, but then moved to Hibernia Park, where you'll find it today.

Fiddlers from numerous states flock at the opportunity to play this event and they get quite sad when it's all over.

Come enjoy the stage show with over 7,000 attendees or stroll through Fiddler's Cove to listen as musicians play tunes using a variety of instruments such as guitars, banjos and mandolins, performing styles such as bluegrass, old-time, and gospel.



Children and those new to string instruments are encouraged to learn by observing and talking to the musicians in this relaxed atmosphere and you can even participate in the fiddling competition to win awards and prizes.

26 Vendors include crafts, foods, and novelties. Grab lunch from one of the 8 great food trucks!



## 50/50 Winner

**Michael Louis** won \$12 but did not select the Queen of Spades.



## Rotary International Theme 2023-2024

RI President **R. Gordon R. McNally** calls for Rotary to create hope in the world by working for peace and mental well-being. He urges members to engage in tough conversations and earn the trust that's necessary to realize these values.

## CHILI COOK OFF

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

On October 8, 2023, our club hopes to entertain 8,000 people in a massive street festival called the West Chester Chili Cook-Off. This will be the 21st time our club has hosted the event and we can't do it without you.



The CCO support pieces are started, but far from finished. Some of the jobs are small and can be done from your home. Others put you shoulder-to-shoulder with your fellow Rotarians, their families, their friends, and our friends from other clubs (Rotary, the Chester County Chamber of Business & Industry, local service organizations and non-profits). Experience is not required, only a desire to serve.

Please reach out to Jeff Cantwell (cantwell3d@gmail.com or 484-678-4441), or Melissa Baxter (melissabaxter2@gmail.com) if you would like help deciding where your talents and desires can do the most good.



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