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CLUB MEETING SEPTEMBER 2, 2021 MINUTES by Faith Woodward

Past President Michelle opened the meeting since **President Steve** is with his wife for her surgery.

Sue Casso Rogers led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Pastor Chris led the Invocation for those impacted by recent flooding and for all the people of Afghanistan.

Guests: Joe and Ann Driscoll with **Bob and Sue Rogers**, Kate, the daughter of **Meg van Riet**, and John the son of **Sue Greenberg**.

Announcements

Monthly board meeting Wednesday, September 8 at 7 AM. Please let **Sue Casso Rogers** know if you need the zoom link.

Parking is still challenging at WCGCC, please bear with this.

Sept 18 – All are welcome to attend the Fame Fire dedication on Rosedale Avenue. Our Fruit sale proceeds where part of their fund drive.

Upcoming Speakers: Sept 9 Leslie Holt, Sept 16 Classification Talks

Past President's "This Date in History":

1789- Department of Treasury was established and Alexander Hamilton was the first secretary.

1985- Found the bow of the Titanic

Happy Birthday- **Bob Frame** to his wife, **Allison Snively**.

Happy Bucks- **Andrew Stump** (he will become a grandfather on March 1), **Sue Greenberg** (happy John joined us from Israel, she hasn't seen him in almost 2 years) **Steve Quigley** – Golf outing at Downingtown on Sept 18.

50-50- Kate van Riet pulled the winning ticket for **Patty Jefferis**. She didn't find the Queen of Spades.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

September 9, 2021

Speaker: Leslie Holt from *A Child's Light*

September 16, 2021

Classification Talks

Ponderable- "What is another word for synonym

SPEAKER'S REVIEW BY Faith Woodward

Since our speaker was unable to attend our meeting today, so Chris Zacarelli stepped with one hour's notice!

Chris is CEO at CVC Crime Victim Center of Chester County.

Her topic was "Collaborating for Non-profits". Agencies cannot work alone and there is a great need for help to get the word out. CVC has 24/7 hotlines for victims of sexual assault and other crimes for anyone, 365 days/year. They help to navigate the criminal justice system. We all look for a friendly face anywhere we go and advocates for victims are the friendly face at any place like the police station, court, etc.

CVC offers counselling. Right now, Individual counselling is going strong doing virtual or in-person visits. Docu.me is a site they use. They are looking for bi-lingual counselors to join their team.

Awareness versus Prevention: K-12 grade get training in prevention and awareness for crime. Awareness doesn't mean the crimes are not still happening.

Sept 11 – Their barbecue is sold out and at this point, only volunteers can get in. They need help setting up and selling raffle tickets. This outdoor event will be held at the VFW in West Goshen. Their community partners include Brandywine HVAC.

The CVC helps students with internet safety and how to protect and counsel those who have been victimized. 80% funding comes from governments. They have community supporters who are approached by grant writers and also rely on private donations.

They also have an elder specialist who works with Department of Aging.

How can we all work together?

- Sponsorships. They talk with each partner to get one donation and then share marketing. They have 15 Community Partners- this helped during pandemic since funds weren't dependent on events.
- Chambers of Commerce- services are not income related. Anyone can use their services. "Healthy environment in the Workplace" includes 2 workshops, 90 minutes each. Chambers help get word out. Chris is on the boards to help including the Exton Chamber, the Phoenixville Chamber, and the Southern Chester County Board.
- Other non-profits- Not competing but work together. Their clients may need housing, food, employment and then get referred to another agency. Non-profits share funding agencies. CVC can't do it alone. They keep Food Bank boxes in case their clients need food. They partner with hotels through complementary or deeply discounted rooms. They also work with the District Attorney's Office and Senior Centers.

CVC does not have shelters as Domestic Violence Shelter does.

Past President Michelle reiterated that non-profits work together and non-profit representatives also serve on other non-profit boards.

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.

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

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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

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