

# ROTARY VOTARY

## The Rotary Club of West Chester

District 7450

www.WestChesterRotary.us

Bulletin # 5 August 3, 2023

### CLUB MEETINGS ~ July 27, 2023

Minutes by Michael G. Louis

**President Rich Murray** opened the meeting.  
The **Pledge of Allegiance** was led by **Gary Hess**  
**Words of Wisdom** were given by **Steve Brown**

### VISITING ROTARIAN



West Chester resident **Suresh Thenrajan** (left) brought his visiting father-in-law **Sekar Chidambaram**, member of the Rotary Club of Sivakasi, Tamilnadu, India.

### GUESTS

**Melissa Baxter** introduced **Katie Siolek** (pictured here) with the Suicide Prevention Task Force who thanked the club for our interest and support of their work



**Mark Sammarone** introduced **Laurie Baker**, claims advocate for Arthur Hall Insurance

**Anna Monreal** is in the queue for induction into club membership

### HAPPY BUCKS

**Katie Martin** was happy for the happy hour last week and for **Patty Jefferis** who had a Rotary Ladies get together.

**Kyle Rheiner** was happy because he completed a 100 mile bike ride.

**Dan Wilson** was happy his son completed an Ironman Triathlon this weekend.

**Bob Frame** was happy his son kept winning in the Little League World Series tournament.

**Melissa Baxter** was happy because the Chili Cook-Off Pepper Drop is coming along.

**Sue Casso** was happy to play White Manor Country Club with **Suzette Webb** and her friend, Terry."

### TODAY'S PROGRAM ~ August 3

**Ashley Harper**  
"Who Can Do a Job?"

**Rich Murray** was happy **Suzette Webb** and **Corry Cahill** sponsored the club's Bonus Meeting last week.

**Austin Amone** is happy to be a new member.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Wednesday, August 2nd** is **WC Chamber of Commerce** Pigs and Peaches Networking at Coccoon from 5:00-7:00 pm. Contact Sue Casso Rogers to sign up.

**Tuesday, August 8th** is the **WC Passport Rotary Club's 5th Anniversary & Presidential Installation**. Our club sponsored the Passport Club. At Timothy's from 5:30 - 8:00. All members are welcome

**Thursday August 17th** is a club **Bonus Meeting** – 5:30 at Iron Hill Brewery. Blue Dog Printing / **Bill Friedman** volunteered to be a sponsor/co-sponsor

**Saturday August 19th** is our monthly **Community Warehouse Project** volunteer day.

### ROTARIAN OF THE MONTH

President Rich presented a **Rotarian of the Month** award to **Glen Sweet** in particular recognition for running the very successful auction at the Presidential Gala.



### PROGRAM - CLUB BUSINESS



President Rich presented the club's annual financial plan. Net proceeds of \$8,000 from the Installation Gala will be a great addition to club operating account – helping dues to be maintained at their very low level.

Chili Cook-Off receipts, however, cannot be expected to be as much as in past years. And new sources of fundraising will need to be developed to support our community contributions..

**The 50-50** was won by **Patty Jefferis**.

## ROTARY LADIES POOL PARTY

In spite of the gray and cloudy afternoon, the ladies of the Rotary Club of West Chester enjoyed an afternoon of good conversation, fun and fellowship (or ladyship???) at the beautiful home of



**Patty Jefferies**. While the thunder and lightning might have kept us out of the pool, we enjoyed sitting around the pool, admiring the beautiful property until the loud clap of thunder had everyone running indoors. The food was delicious and there were even a few afternoon cocktails. Another great example of Rotary camaraderie and friendships.

A highlight of the event was the delicious and invigorating Slush furnished by **Christine Wildauer** – who has graciously shares her recipe here. Yay!

### TC Slush - Christine Wildauer ( I always double this recipe)

- 1 6 oz. can frozen orange juice
- 1 6 oz. can frozen lemonade
- 4 tea bags
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 cups Vodka
- 1 cups boiling water
- 7 cups cold water



Steep tea bags in 1 cup boiling water for 15 minutes.

Meanwhile in a large pot mix all other ingredients together, stir well so the sugar dissolves.

Add tea and pour into a plastic container, preferably not more than 4 inches deep for faster freezing time (usually 1 day).

Prior to events I take a sharp knife and chop it up for easier serving.

**Enjoy!**



**CREATE HOPE  
in the WORLD**

### 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.



### BOARD of DIRECTORS 2023-2024

President ..... Rich Murray  
President-Elect ..... Catherine Friedman  
Vice President ..... Kyle Rheiner  
Treasurer ..... Diana Liberi  
Secretary ..... Sue Casso Rogers  
Sergeant-at-Arms ..... Bob Rogers  
Immediate Past President ..... Melissa Baxter  
Directors-at-Large ..... Phil Bieg, Rita Brouwer-Ancher,  
Jeff Cantwell, Jack Ellis, Mike Louis, Doug Meis,  
Chris Scott, Jeff Spencer, Dave Wood

District Governor, District 7450 ..... Renee DeCoskey  
P. D.G. '13-14 District 7450. .... Charles Streitwieser  
P.D.G. '12-13 District 7510 ..... Dwight Leeper

### HOW TO GET IN TOUCH

Votary Committee: Anne Driscoll, Joe Driscoll, Brian Fahey,  
Gary Hess, Randy Lindel, Mike Louis, Kyle Rheiner  
Photography: Suzette Webb, Jeff Cantwell

**[Votary@westchesterrotary.us](mailto:Votary@westchesterrotary.us)**

**[Webmaster@westchesterrotary.us](mailto:Webmaster@westchesterrotary.us)**

Web support: Mark Sammarone, Randy Lindel,  
Howard Sundwall