

ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester

District 7450

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CLUB MEETING ~ January 11, 2024

Minutes by Michael G. Louis



Carol Hanson and Jeff Fullerton greeted us at Check-in.

Call to Order by **President Rich Murray**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by
Catherine Friedman

Invocation by **Capt. Jesus Corraliza**



GUESTS

Michael Louis introduced **Ed Stillman** who is being inducted next week.

Mark Lucas is a visitor from England who is in the queue.

BIRTHDAY

Michelle Venema wished **Katie Martin** a happy birthday.

PRESENTATION

Salvation Army **Capt. Jesus Corraliza** presented club Bell Ringing Chair **Katie Martin** with a certificate marking 20 years of West Chester Rotary's support of their Red Kettle program.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rich reminded everyone that the meeting next week is at the **Chester County Bar Association**, 15 West Gay Street, on the third floor.

The **Community Warehouse Project Volunteer Day** is Saturday, January 20 from 9:00-12:00.

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TODAY'S PROGRAM ~ January 18

Club Business

New Member Inductions / Classification Talks

NEXT WEEK ~ January 25

Matt Kane

Sponsoring a Ukranian family in the US

PROGRAM

Hugh Bleemer

Chester County Community Foundation



Hugh Bleemer presented the Community Foundation's "Get on Board Chesco" program. Our club is now sending members to it. It was launched in the fourth quarter of 2022.

Karen Simmons has led the Foundation since 2021 and there are 450 non-profits in Chester County with about 4,500 people serving on the boards. Karen wanted a program to get more people involved in boards. The objective is to recruit, train and mentor residents of Chester County who have never served on a non-profit to be active committee members of Chester County non-profits and maybe graduate from a committee to being on a board.

The goals are to graduate 20-50 people per year from the program. In addition, they would like to create awareness amongst Chester County non-profits that the Community Foundation can provide them with volunteers. Last year, 25-30 people got placed by CCCF. They are trying to identify talent, train them and place them in Chester County NPO's. They want to provide each participant with a volunteer experienced coach who stays with the candidate through the first couple of months.

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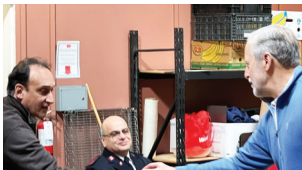
Mac Neilon is running the **Super Bowl Pool** again at \$25.00 a square. You can Venmo Mac the money @mac-neilon.

Ad Hoc Fundraising Committee. It is the recommendation of the Committee to end our running of the Chili Cookoff. This will be decided next Wednesday at the board meeting. All club members are invited to attend but let Rich know in advance if you would like to come.

Paul Sookasian is in Armenia helping the needy.

PAUL HARRIS AWARDS

Club Foundation Chairs **Gary Hess** and **Jim Gasho** presented Rotary Foundation **Paul Harris Fellow** awards to **Bill Friedmann** plus one, **Rich Murray** plus two, **Christine McCawley** plus two, **Mark Sammarone** plus two, **Bob Rogers** plus four, **Jim Gasho** plus six, and **Sue Casso Rogers** plus seven. [Ed. note: Paul Harris awards are giving for each thousand dollars members contribute to the Foundation Annual Fund.]



HAPPY BUCKS

Jeff Cantwell gave \$10 to plug the new movie **Billion Dollar Babies** about the Cabbage Patch Doll craze. In the movie was a picture of his beautiful daughter as a young girl.

Carol Hanson is happy because **Vista Today** had an article on the Community Warehouse Project.



50-50 ~ no 50-50 this week. Pot still is \$300.

Community Foundation continued

Our own **Michael Karwic** is a past president of CCCF and a volunteer coach. It is only a one hour a month commitment to be a coach. There are 100 candidates. The Community Foundation interviews them and recommends four to nine non-profits by trying to connect the candidate's interest with the mission, geography and fit of the NPO's. **Stephanie Stevens** from CCCF and Hugh do the interviews themselves. They run Zoom calls every other Monday. The non-profits can call in and ask questions. They also have workshops on fundraising, marketing and finances. They usually join a non-profit in about four months. The CCCF is looking for candidates and coaches. There is no cost for the program.



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