



ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester, District 7450
Holger Knaack, International President 2020-2021

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Program: April 1, 2021

**Michael Duncan CEO, Chester County Hospital
Update on COVID Vaccine & New Wing of CCH**

Program: April 15, 2021

**Speaker: Mark Sammarone
Navigating Our Website & Rotary Technology**

MINUTES by Faith Woodward

President Michelle opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Maura Roberts gave the invocation.

There were no Visiting Rotarians and no Guests.

Birthday greetings were shared by **Arlene Adam** for **Don Kohler, Pat Barron, Jim Lees, Glenn Jensen,** and **Dave Wood**.

Happy Bucks were celebrated by: **Steve Brown** (1st vaccine appointment), **Melissa Baxter** (thanks to **Christine Wildauer** for her work on the Fruit Sale and thanks for the card we sent for her Nana's passing), **Patty Jefferis** (Whirlaway Travel has a new logo and new web site), **Doug Meis** (thanks for **Melissa Baxter** for introducing Ernie and Anne, he has started taking their classes), **President Michelle** (held her new nephew for the first time).

President Michelle shared:

- Paul Quintavalla, PDG 7450 is seeking a new District chair for RYLA. Training by the current chair would be for the next year.
- District 7450 conference will be held April 30 through May 2. You can highlight your business in their program.
- A mailer was sent out as a fundraiser to support community projects since we didn't have our Chili Cook-Off in 2020. We'd like 100% participation for our 100th anniversary.
- The board approved \$2,500 for the Life Pump Senegal Water Project.
- Club History from the 1970s:
 - 1971 Les Schramm received the Distinguished Service Award for creating the district newsletter.
 - 1972 By making and selling cider, the club raised \$10,000 for an orphanage.
 - 1974 Ashie Smith and Charles Swope

headed the committee for West Chester's 175th anniversary.

- 1978 **Bob Poole** and others created Brian's Run.

The admission of women into the club was postponed [to 1990].

- Rotarian of the Month- **Christine Wildauer** for her work on the Fruit Sale. \$5,000 was raised for the Spring Brook Farm.

Phyllis Dunn informed us of upcoming outdoor Fellowship Meetings (wear masks, bring snacks and your own beverage):

- 4/21- at Hoopes Park from 5 to 6:30 PM.
- 5/25- at Bill Winters' house.

Melissa Baxter is chair of the CPC committee. Grant applications are available now and due May 28

Sue Casso Rogers announced:

- A volunteer opportunity to help clean up Marshall Square Park, Saturday, April 24 9 AM to noon. See **Mac Neilon** for details.
- Community Warehouse Project 3/20

President Michelle's closing words: "Never push a loyal person beyond the point where they don't care."

SPEAKERS REVIEW by Danielle Mortimer

On Thursday, March 18th, we welcomed Jennifer Lopez and Emily McClure from the Friends Association for Care & Protection of Children. The Rotary Club of West Chester is proud to have supported this organization since 2007. In 1822, The Friends Association for Care & Protection of Children was founded in Philadelphia as an orphanage for city children by quaker women and the African American community. From 1915-2010, it served as a girl's home, adoption & foster care community and from 2010 to present day it has been responding to evolving needs within community and the mission

became focused on family homelessness and housing instability.

The mission and vision of The Friends Association for Care & Protection of Children is to strengthen our community, prevent homelessness, promote the independence of families, and lead the community in eliminating homelessness for children and their families. Our speaker defined homelessness as a lack of a true home - a decent place that supports human dignity and development and provides stability and connects one to a larger community. The Friends Association's motto is to prevent homelessness, provide emergency shelter, partner with families for stabilization, and promote systemic change. We learned that in Pennsylvania, 42% of those unhoused are in families, 53% are individuals, 5% are solo youth. In Chester County in 2018, 185 families were on a waiting list for emergency shelter and 79 families provided emergency shelter.

The Friends Association for Care & Protection of Children model is a housing first approach which focuses on providing housing, a 2-generation approach which includes working with both children and adults, trauma informed practices which acknowledge the impact of the trauma, and resiliency focused practices which builds on strengths. The organization has recently implemented an Eviction Prevention Court in response to the pandemic. It provides an attorney and court coordinator, financial support, and social service supports to those who risk becoming evicted.

The Friends Association for Care & Protection of Children also has an event coming up on May 13th at 7PM, a conversation with Dr. Matthew Desmond, who is the author of Evicted. Tickets are free! We are so grateful for The Friends Association for Care & Protection of Children and thank both Jennifer and Emily for joining our meeting!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES EVENTS CALENDAR

Apr 17	Community Warehouse Project
Apr 21	Fellowship @ Hoopes Park
Apr 24	Marshall Square Park cleanup
Apr 30- May 2	District Conference
May 25	Fellowship @ Bill Winters'
May 28	Deadline for CPC grant applications

COMMUNITY WAREHOUSE DONATION DAY

Mark Your Calendar! Saturday, April 17th from 9a-1p is our next Community Warehouse donation day. We could use volunteers to help with the numerous donations scheduled to arrive that day. We practice social distancing and masks are worn.

Help is needed to unpack houseware and linen donations and also to guide the public who are coming and donating items. Something for everyone to do and no heavy lifting.

This is also a great day to bring your gently used furniture, small working appliances, bedding and home goods. For complete information go to communitywarehouseproject.com. Call us for ways to get donations over to the warehouse too.

Everyone is also welcomed to bring furniture, small appliances, household items, linens, utensils, matching plates, etc... Feel free to bring helpful children too.

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