

ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester

District 7450

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CLUB MEETING ~ September 28, 2023

Minutes by Joe Driscoll

Call to Order by President **Rich Murray**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Doug Meis**

Invocation by **Melissa Baxter**

BIRTHDAYS

Bill Winters toasted **Ernest Zlotolow**

Chelle Venema presented wishes to **Steve Brown**.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jim Gasho reminded about wearing Rotary pins.

Rich Murray reminded about the new meeting check-in procedures.

District Governor Visit next Wednesday, October 4 for 6 to 9 PM at Bierhaul in Thornton, PA.

Melissa Baxter gave update on **Chili Cook-Off** and is pleased with the number of sponsors and teams signed up to date; she reminded about the Pepper Drop and the potential winnings of \$12,500; she and **John Schwab** handed out yard signs promoting the event.

ROTARIAN OF THE MONTH

Diana Liberi was presented Rotarian of the Month for August by President Rich in recognition of her great work as our club Treasurer.



HAPPY BUCKS

Katie Martin hosted an associate from her bank.

Jeff Cantwell grateful for **Joanne Tadeo's** efforts on behalf of the CCO.

Chelle Venema had multiple reasons for her happiness.

Melissa Baxter happy for all the recipients of the Philanthropic Grants.

Rich Murray grateful for the auction dinner hosted by **Rogers/Driscoll's**.

50/50 - Patty Jeffris won, but didn't draw the Queen..

TODAY'S PROGRAM ~ October 5

Chili Cook-Off Leaders

Event Details and Plans

NEXT WEEK ~ October 12

Bill Raup, Pickle Ball Pro

The Pickle Ball Craze

PROGRAM



Today's program was the presentation of our **Rotary Community Philanthropic Grants** to this year's recipients.

Christine Scott and **Rob Malone**, Co-Chairs of our CPC Committee presided.

Awards were presented to:

Believe & Achieve: Kara Todd will direct the grant money towards summer programs, field trips; and nutritional benefits for the kids.

Chester County Children: Bill Friedmann said the grant will be used for simple essentials, like back packs, and helping fund summer camps.

Home of the Sparrow: Kathleen Sanger will use the grant to help subsidize women's rents, thus avoiding evictions.

North Star: Don Neimetz: money will help single parent families with rental assistance.

Bournelyf Special Camp: Mike Strawbridge said grant will help fund canoe trips and summer dances at his camp for individuals with intellectual disabilities.

Domestic Violence Center of Chester County: Sundra Romeo explained funds will help with shelter programs and prevention.

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CPC Grants continued

Westside Community Center:

Ryan Enns said his award will go towards after school programs; dinners and sports activities for kids.

Child's Light: Leslie Holt will invest in kids to help shape better communities.



Family Service of Chester County: Tyler Changuris

Chester County Community Collaboration: Gigi Rios

Housing Partnership of Chester County: Ken Hutton will direct the funds towards winter heating costs for financially challenged residents living in West Chester.

Arc of Chester County: Kera Swift-Josey said grant will go towards scholarship funding.

Community Warehouse Project: Glenda Brion will use the money to purchase bedding.

Crime Victims Center of Chester County: Christine Zaccarelli can use the grant for general support.

Parish Hall Kitchen: Rev. Paul Hunt said the funds will be used in professional training of line cooks who seek jobs in area restaurants.

CASA Youth: Tamara Wilson plans to use the grant money to recruit and train advocates to support their works in the child welfare system.

NEW CLUB HATS & VISORS

Our Communications Committee working with Blue Dog Printer has procured 150 new club identified baseball caps and visors. They are using part of their committee budget to subsidize the purchase – so the cost to members is only **\$10 each**.

All members are encouraged to buy and wear one of these new chapeaus at Chili Cook-Off and other Rotary events to help identify West Chester Rotary as the sponsor.

Committee Chair **John Schwab** will be happy to sell you one at the next club meeting.



CHILI COOK OFF KEY FINAL EVENTS

All Hands On Deck!

Friday, October 6: The Pumpkin Stuffing Party. Hosted by Bill Friedmann. We need 10 people to gather at the Chester County Bar Association (15 W. Gay Street, #2) at 5:30 PM. The lucky 10 will help stuff bags with the supplies and swag that our valued Chili Teams need.



Saturday, October 7: Getting Loaded Party, hosted by Melissa Baxter. We need 8 people to meet at Blue Dog Printing (1039 Andrew Drive, West Chester) at 9:00 AM to load bags and other supplies onto trucks supplied by Bill Ronayne of Brandywine Heating and Air.

Sunday, October 8: many moving parts, starting at 5:15 AM. Our HQ will be the Chamber offices at 137 N. High Street



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