

ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester

District 7450

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CLUB MEETING ~ August 24, 2023

Minutes by Joe Driscoll

Call to Order by President **Rich Murray**

Pledge of Allegiance led by **Andrew Scott**

Invocation by **Matt Kuehn**

GUESTS

Ed Malet, guest of
Carol Hanson

Jeff Fullerton, guest of **Mike
Louis and John Schwab**

Dimeji Gisanrin, guest of **Kyle
Rheiner and Katie Martin**



Ed and Dimeji

BIRTHDAYS



Sue Casso-Rogers toasted
Suzette Webb

Jeff Cantwell presented birth-
day wishes to **Matt Kuehn**

HAPPY BUCKS

Celebratory contributions to the club coffers were made by **Sue Casso-Rogers, Rich Murray, Howard Sundwall, Matt McKeon, Doug Meis, Glenda Brion, Melissa Baxter, John Schwab and Steve Bayles.**

PRESENTATION

Cristina Combee recently enjoyed a wonderful trip to her native country of Panama. While there, she exchanged club banners with English-speaking Club Rotario de Boquete and presented their banner to President Rich.



TODAY'S PROGRAM ~ August 31

Kate Siolek

Chesco Suicide Prevention Task Force

NEXT WEEK ~ September 7

Cara Corridoni

Publisher, *Hello, West Chester*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Rich thanked **Bill Macknis** and his company **Creative Financial Group** for sponsorship of our Bonus Meeting last Thursday. Next month's Bonus will be Thursday, Sept. 21 at the Sterling Pig and sponsorship is available.

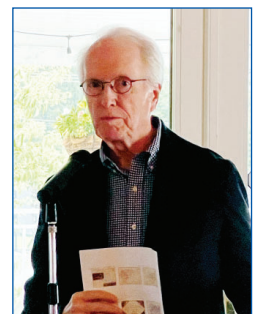
Melissa Baxter reported the Chili Cook-Off now has 40 teams committed. She also reported that Rotary Club of West Chester received the Rotary International Presidential Citation for the past Rotary year.

Steve Bayles promoted the QR code to prepurchase **Chili Cook-Off Pepper Drop Peppers** online. Try it with your phone.



PROGRAM

Deb Sparre introduced **Allen Burke**, Chairman of the **West Chester Preservation Awards**, who explained the function of the West Chester Downtown Foundation and its fundraisers which support historic preservation grants such as the restoration of the lovely Marshall Square Park fountain.



The Preservation Awards are given each year to recognize individuals and projects demonstrating outstanding historic preservation practices. This year's Awards will be presented at a ceremony at the Chester County History Center on Thursday, October 19. Tickets are available for \$25 at: www.wcdf.org/preservation – where there are also sponsorship opportunities.

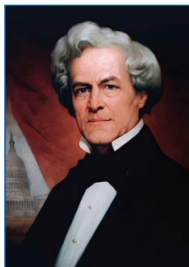


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WC Preservation Awards - continued

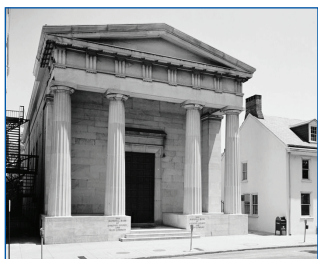
Another upcoming event is the Downtown Foundation's **Up on the Roof** fundraiser on Saturday, September 16 from 5:30 to 8:30 pm on the roof of the Chestnut Street Garage. Great music food and drinks. Tickets for this event are also available at www.wcdf.org/preservation

Of great interest in Mr. Burke's presentation were many photos of historic West Chester Buildings, several of which were designed by **Thomas Ustick Walter** (1820s to 1800s), a Philadelphia architect who became famous for the design of the present U.S. Capitol building and dome in Washington, D.C.



Among the buildings in West Chester designed by Thomas U. Walter are the First Presbyterian Church (1832), Bank of Chester County on High Street (1836), Chester County Prison (1838, demolished 1960 for the new County Justice Center), West Chester Young Ladies Seminary (1838), Chester County Courthouse (1846-47) and the Chester County Horticultural Hall (1848, now part of the History Center).

A few photos below.



Above: First Presbyterian, Chesco Bank.
Below: Horticultural Hall and Old Chesco Courthouse



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.



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