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# ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester, District 7450  
Shekhar Mehta, International President 2021-2022

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## **CLUB MEETING November 4, 2021 MINUTES by Mike Louis**

**President Steve** opened the meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Invocation was by **Bill Ronayne** on how blessed we all are and about opening our tangible and intangible assets to others.

Guests – **Steve Devine** was the guest of **Bob Frame**.

**President Steve's** Day in History – William and Mary established the Bill of Rights in England which we adopted in the United States.

Birthdays – None.

Happy Bucks

**Carol Hanson** was happy about all of the people who bought tulips for Polio eradication.

**Dave Wood** was happy that he became a reverend and performed a wedding.

**Linda Hicks** was happy because although she got hit by a sign that flew off of a truck no one was injured.

**Ebbie Alfree** was happy because Rotary now has an Instagram account.

**Bob Frame** was happy because his lovely wife ran the Third Annual History Center's Halloween Party and it was a huge success.

**Doug Meis** was happy because Rotary and all of the people he has met.

**Mike Louis** was happy because his friend **Yolanda Van de Krol** won her election as Clerk of Courts in a close race and because **Brian Fahey** whom he just met lives in Sharpley where Michael grew up and went to the same schools as Michael and Brian's big brother played baseball with Michael growing up.

## **UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

**November 11, 2021**

**Speaker: Melissa Trexler,  
Volunteer Coordinator of Safe Harbor**

**November 18, 2021**

**Speakers: Katie Walker, President of the  
CCGWC and John O'Brien, Executive of  
West Chester BID**

## **Announcements**

**Past President Michelle Venema** announced the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration of our Rotary Club on December 9, 2021 at Penn Oaks Country Club with a maximum of 275 people.

**Doug Meis** introduced **Chris Curtin** from Eclat Chocolate as the speaker.

The 50/50 winner was **Anne Driscoll** who pulled Joe and Anne Driscoll's number so they won but did not win the big prize.

**President Steve's** ponderable quote was "Why is abbreviation such a long word?"

## **SPEAKERS REVIEW by Danielle Mortimer**

On November 4<sup>th</sup>, we had the pleasure of meeting Christopher Curtin, Master Chocolatier and pastry chef of Éclat Chocolate, located in West Chester, PA.

He is the first American to be awarded the title of Master Pastry Chef and Chocolatier in Cologne, Germany in 1996. On top of that, his chocolates have won the Best Truffle in America award by Food and Wine Magazine and the Good Food Award for outstanding American craft food products.

Curtin shared with us an in depth look at the cocoa

been selection, picking, and fermenting process. Some fun facts he covered are that cocoa beans begin fermenting the moment they are picked, and they are extremely acidic and will even dissolve the bed of the truck they are transported in after some time!

Curtin hand selects "chocolate experiences" in the finest chocolate houses of Belgium, France, Germany, Switzerland, Spain, and Japan. He is always trying to get "more innovative and improve the experience." He makes chocolates shaped like bunnies and filled with peanut butter for Easter, pumpkin pie filled chocolates for the fall, and Christmas boxes that change variety every year!

Many of their high quality, limited ingredient chocolates are very popular at Whole Foods and hotels, as well as often being used for corporate gifts. They really go above and beyond – using only sustainable ingredients, and local products whenever possible!

### EVENTS CALENDAR

Nov 13	Community Warehouse Day
Dec 9	100 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Bash



Rotary Club 100th Anniversary - The Invitations are in the mail so Save This Date & Don't Miss Out - December 9!!! Thursday December 9 is our club's 100th Anniversary Celebration. Penn Oaks Country Club, 5:30 pm. Mark your calendars and all the details including an invitation with sponsorship opportunities and special guests will be coming soon. 100 Years of Service - truly a cause for celebration. This event will take the place of our Thursday noon meeting

### VOTARY COPIES

Thank you, **Melissa Baxter** of Domestic Violence Center of Chester County, for printing copies of the Votary this month,

### COMMUNITY WAREHOUSE DONATION DAY

Mark Your Calendar! Saturday, November 13 from 9a-1p is our next Community Warehouse donation day.

For complete information go to: [communitywarehouseproject.com](http://communitywarehouseproject.com). Call us for ways to get donations over to the warehouse too.

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