

Program: April 15, 2021 Speaker: Mark Sammarone Navigating Our Website & Rotary Technology	Program: May 6, 2021 TBA
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MINUTES by Fran Luft

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following events April 21st Rotarian get together at Hoopes Park from 5-6:30 p.m. and May 25th Rotarian gathering at **Bill and Doreen Winter's** home from 5-6:30 p.m.

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SPEAKERS REVIEW by Faith Woodward

Joanne Tadeo introduced our guest Michael Duncan, CEO of Chester County Hospital. His list of credentials is extensive, including 1978 graduate of Naval Academy of Engineering Physics, running a Managed Healthcare Organization 1989, served in several hospitals, and became CEO at CCH in 2011.

Michael's motto for CCH is "Love people, expect excellence." He reads reviews from 20-40 patients each day to constantly look for ways to do better.

His slide presentation began listing Penn Medicine's 6 hospitals. COVID peaked after Thanksgiving and are numbers are starting to tick up again. Distribution of the vaccine in PA was one of the lowest in the nation. Now there are 7 places in the county set up as distributions sites.

Regarding the new building project at CCH, Michael

noted that the grand opening in February, 2020 was followed by the arrival of COVID. This project has increased CCH's size by 50%.

Accomplishments at CCH for heart disease:

July, 2020 the first TAVR procedure for heart disease that avoids opening the chest.

October, 2020 – 1st robotic assisted bypass (also avoids opening the chest)

October 10, 2020 The Micra leadless pacemaker the size of a nickel was introduced

Mar 17, 2021 1st cardio MEMS monitors early heart failure.

April 2021 The A-fibrillation center was opened.

A Bariatric surgery program will be introduced soon. The next project will be to expand the cancer center so that breast cancer care can be all together.

Steve Brown, as a retired Hospital Administrator, thanked Michael for the exceptional services at CCH.

Phil Beig, an Organizational Psychologist, asked how Michael keeps his staff engaged. Michael responded that a great corporate culture does better than a great strategic plan. The senior management at CCH is still the same as it was in Perry Pepper's time. Mike codified the culture by listing their values, ICARE, in 5 words: Innovation, Collaboration, Accountability, Respect, Excellence. When COVID hit, Michael was there 7 days a week since the Employees were his top priority. He acknowledges that the nurses have been like family to their patients since visitation has been so restricted.

Catherine Friedmann reported that a friend of hers who works at CCH shared Michael's wonderful letter to the staff.

Carol Hanson has worked with Tom Gavin as 70 volunteers set up COVID vaccine appointments. She reported that Mike has done a phenomenal job.

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

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Committee: **Pat Barron, Brian Fahey, Gary Hess, Michael Lewis, Fran Luft, Danielle Mortimer, Cathy Palmquist, Kyle Rheiner, Winnie Stroup, Jill Stoltzfus**

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.

800 East Virginia Ave. West Chester in the Schramm business campus.

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