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ROTARY VOTARY

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

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Program: July 22, 2021

Speaker: Joe Kinley

West Chester University's 150 Anniversary

MINUTES by Brian Fahey

President Steve Brown called the meeting to order.

Visiting Rotarians and Guests

There were no visiting Rotarians. Joe Driscoll was the guest of **Sue Casso Rogers** and **Bob Rogers**. John O'Brien and Ashton Simmons were guests of **Matt Holliday**. We also welcomed Steve Wahrhaftig, a member of the West Chester Country Club.

Birthdays

There were no birthday announcements

Happenings in History

President Steve noted that on this day in history:

- England outlawed kissing due to the Bubonic Plague in 1439
- The Rosetta Stone was discovered in Egypt in 1799
- Wylie Post made the first solo airplane trip across the globe in 1933
- Mariner IV sent back the first pictures of Mars in 1965

Happy Bucks

Carol Hanson offered a happy buck to welcome our new member **Don Neimetz**. Don is the Executive Director of North Star of Chester County.

Katie Martin offered a happy buck in recognition of First Resource Bank being recognized as the "Best Place to Work" in the medium-sized category at the Philadelphia Business Journal ceremony.

Doug Meis offered a happy buck in recognition of wearing his Rotary t-shirt to the grocery store and encountering another Rotary member from a different chapter. T-shirts are still available, by the way.

Special Presentation

Ernest Zlotolow was recognized for his many contributions to Rotary.

Program: July 29, 2021

TBA

Updates

The new date for the Pulled Pork Throwdown will be September 30th.

The Rotary July Minglefest is being held at Timothy's in West Chester from 5-8 PM.

Rotary Board Decisions

Melissa Baxter and the CPC team sent their recommendations to the Board and they were approved unanimously. They will be presented at the next meeting.

Our club will be participating in a service project to plant trees in the area. Mac Neilon has agreed to spearhead the project.

EDITOR'S ADDITION

Sue Casso Rogers gave an informative update on our membership.

We are always seeking to broaden our horizons and include others in our club. Some demographics for our club were memorable. Twenty five percent of our club members are under 50 years of age, 25% are between the ages of 50 and 60, 25% are between 60 and 70, and 25% are more than 70 years old. We would be excited to have some younger individuals join us to balance out our numbers.

Some of us remember when the number of women in the club was much lower than it is now at 60% men and 40% women.

Please remember to share Rotary with your friends, families, co-workers, business acquaintances, etc. It's helpful to have an elevator speech about Rotary service to others memorized. There are many people who have no idea what Rotary does and we need to get our message out there.

SPEAKER'S REVIEW BY Danielle Mortimer

Thursday, July 15th, we were lucky enough to have **Doug Meis** as our keynote speaker. Doug mentioned that during our Thursday meetings, Non-Profits and other Rotary clubs are still the core content for our meetings. With this said, as a Rotary Club, we would like to expand the talks to help our members learn about other opportunities to help serve. We believe this will be mutually beneficial to both our members and communities. We are always actively looking into new opportunities and ways to serve our communities.

Doug also mentions that The Rotary Club of West Chester is focusing on the mental health of both our Rotary Members and community members. In our society, mental health is changing rapidly and extremely important. We are looking to find resources and opportunities for a guest speaker who can help us better serve our community's mental health.

Another focus Doug speaks about for The Rotary Club of West Chester is Fire Prevention and West Chester small businesses. We are aiming to help less advantaged people find and afford smoke detectors to help protect them and their homes. Along with this, small businesses have changed drastically due to COVID. As a club, we are focusing on what new businesses have arisen, who are they, and how are they contributing to the community. We want to actively support the small businesses and less fortunate within our community.

Lastly, the guest speaker for our meeting on July 22nd is Joe Kinley from West Chester University. He will be speaking to us about West Chester University's 150th anniversary and the community events along with what the University is doing to celebrate.

Thank you Doug for a wonderful and informational presentation!

EVENTS CALENDAR

Aug 21	Community Warehouse
Sept 30	Pulled Pork Event at Boy Scout Facility

COMMUNITY WAREHOUSE DONATION DAY

Mark Your Calendar! Saturday, August 21 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.

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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