ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester

District 7450 www.WestChesterRotary.us **Week # 9 August 29, 2024**

CLUB MEETING ~ August 22 2024
Minutes by Anne Driscoll

Call to Order by President **Catherine Friedman**
Pledge of Allegiance led by **Suzette Webb**
Invocation offered by **Bob Frame**

GUEST

Christine Zaccarelli, who has been approved for membership, guest of **Chelle Venema**

ROTARIAN OF THE MONTH

President **Catherine Friedman** presented **Randy Lindel** a certificate for July Rotarian of the Month. Congratulations and well deserved!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

QR are codes for our social media sites are available at each table making it easy to access them. Please "like" and "share" theses sites.

The next **Community Warehouse Project** Drop-Off Day is Saturday September 21,. Any drop off on any day is also welcome, they are usually there from 9am to 1pm.

We are still looking for our **Christmas Parade Float Artistic Director**. Contact **Mac Neilon**.

If you have an event coming up, it can be represented on screen by slide at our meeting!! Send info to President **Catherine Friedman**.

Keep up to date on our District by accessing the **District Newsletter** online at rotarydistrict7450.org

HAPPY BUCKS

Anna Salahuddin - happy her daughter started college

Sue Casso Rogers - happy to announce the opening of a new business in town, Turks Head Wine - please drop in to this beautiful new facility and encourage their success

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TODAY'S PROGRAM ~ August 22
Derek Fiorenza of Fiorenza's Friends for Food "F4"
Plans for 2024 Chili Cook-Off

NEXT WEEK ~ September 5
Rick Stevenson
Visiting the Olympics

~ PROGRAM ~

Rebecca Lagravinese
Lavazza: Awakening a Better World Every Morning

Rebecca Lagravinese is a Sr. Manager, Learning and Development at Lavazza Covffee. Her job includes spearheading initiatives that cultivate a culture of continuous growth and improvement within the organization.

With over 10 years of experience in leadership development, Rebecca is dedicated to designing and implementing innovative training programs that align with the strategic goals of the company. Her efforts have been instrumental in driving key programs such as new hire orientation, leadership development, and talent development, all aimed at fostering a dynamic and skilled workforce.

Rebecca took us on a wonderful trip through the workings of Lavazza Group and Global coffee organization. Lavazza is a family name and Lavazza coffee was started by Luigi Lavazza, who opened the first store in Turin, Italy in 1895. Luigi was very innovative and had a passion for his work, and soon began to study the art of blending coffee. He took a trip to Brazil and saw great potential for creating new versions of coffee. In fact, the Lavazza coffees that are consumed today are the result of Luigi's idea to combine coffees from various areas of the world.

The Lavazza shop grew to be a popular small business, and by 1927, Luigi Lavazza S.p.A. was founded. The company was made up by Luigi's family, including his wife and three children.

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Happy Bucks continued

Catherine Friedman - happy to travel to Delaware and celebrate her mother's 81st birthday

Doug Meis - happy to celebrate **Suzette Webb** and her upcoming birthday. We won't mention the Pledge of Allegiance

Bob Frame - happy to see his stepson settle into Temple

Connell O'Brien - happy to be at his first official meeting as a new member

Andrew Stump - happy for the success of his non-profit

RECLASSIFICATION TALK

Sue is from West Chester, as was her father, grandfather and great grandfather. Her great grandfather was a charter and founding member of the West Chester Country Club (even thought he did not golf). But her father, grandfather and uncle were all good players. Sue is a great golfer as well even though she is too modest to take credit.

Sue is the oldest of 3 girls. As a family, they spent a lot of time in Stone Harbor. They were involved in sports including swimming right here at the Country Club. Sue was a cheerleader at Henderson High School and Susquehanna University.

Sue went on to have a wonderful career. She was qualified as a teacher but instead went to work in customer service with a local company, Denney Reyburn, for 7 years and then on to a 25 year career in customer service and sales. She then started her own successful company in promotional products.

She travelled with her first husband for his work. They lived in Wallingford, Concordville and Princeton, NJ. He passed away very young and Sue returned to West Chester. She joined Rotary, along with other professional clubs. She was president of Rotary and became Assistant District Governor. She has been a Rotarian for over 32 years and has been our most valued Secretary for over 10 years.

Rotary opened another important part of her life when she met Incoming President of the Frankford Rotary, **Robert W. Rogers**, and fell in love. They were married in 2008 and since then they have worked together restoring their historical house, playing golf, traveling and relaxing with a glass of wine on their Matlack Street front porch. Please join them if you're walking in the Borough most any day at 5:00 o'clock. Cheers!

50-50 RAFFLE

Andrew Stump won 50/50 (no queen of spades was chosen)

Anne Driscoll won a basket of Lavazza Coffee and **Michelle Venema** won a beautiful Lavazza Calendar - compliments of our speaker.

Lavazza Coffee continued

Today Lavazza employs over 10,000 employees worldwide in over 140 countries! Quality is their number one concern and they serve over 33 billion cups of coffee a year. They are very invol ved with community and have sponsored many charitable organizations as well. Their presence is felt in sports, US Open, the arts, The Guggenheim Museum, etc.

Thank you Rebecca for a great presentation and for awakening us each morning with your fabulous coffee!

ROTARY TRIVIA CHALLENGE

Where can one find a copy or our club's by-laws and what is the year of the latest update? [Submit your answer in the box on the speaker's table. A random drawing of all correct answers will be made each month for a "great" prize.]

SEPTEMBER DINING PROMOTION

Iron Hill Brewery will donate 20% of food sales on Wednesdays in September to our Rotary club. See details in the next *News You Can Use* on Mondays. You can download a coupon there or from the club website.

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