

CLUB MEETING ~ September 3 Minutes by Doc O'Connell

President Michael Louis opened the meeting
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Brian Fahey**
An invocation was offered by **Gary Hess**

GUESTS

Amy Miller from the WC Senior Center and **Andy DeWese** from First Bank have both submitted applications for club membership. Welcome to "the queue."



birthday

Patty Jefferis wished a happy birthday to our one of our newest members **Dee Rogevich**



ROTARY AWARD



President Mike presented last year's **President Kyle Rheiner** with the **Rotary Club Excellence Award** recognizing those clubs that achieve key organizational goals.

HAPPY BUCKS

Brian Fahey was happy about the upcoming "Secret Gardens of West Chester"

Paul Woodruff was happy to visit with his family after their recent loss and to meet an old friend from the third grade!

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TODAY'S PROGRAM ~ September 17
Club Business / Classification Talks
Mahendra Pattni and Craig Scott
NEXT WEEK ~ Wed., September 24
Kristen de Marco, Executive Director
Gateway Horseworks

SEPTEMBER 3 PROGRAM Marian Moskowitz Chester County Commissioner

Our County Commissioner stated that, while the county has 42 departments and 2,800 employees, few know what we do! While Chester County is the fastest-growing county in the Commonwealth, the challenge is in determining what our future needs will be.



The County's AAA Bond rating puts us first again in the Commonwealth. We are the **ONLY** county with a Triple A Bond rating! This rating means lower interest costs, and when we refinanced recently, we saved \$6.4 million because of these lower rates!

The 911 System costs are shouldered entirely by the County budget, not by the Police budget, as also are Elections and Transportation costs.

From a Kensington row home, Marian was brought up by her single mom(working 3 jobs) with the help of food stamps; she knows firsthand that everyone cannot afford the same houses. House Bill 3.27 will provide emergency shelter for those in need of it. There is now no waiting list for the chronically homeless in Chester County!

Commissioner Moskowitz commented that she found out on a trucking company consulting assignment that "one cannot lead without trust!" Her assignment was to learn how to grow the business. The trucking employees were not at all responsive to her questions, perhaps because they feared for their jobs. Finally, she put on work clothes and said, "Teach me how to do preventative

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Happy Bucks continued

Catherine Friedman was happy to have “rolled” her kayak again while staying in it!



ANNOUNCEMENTS / CLUB CALENDAR

Laurie Ryan spoke of the Chamber of Commerce’s Annual Banquet and the “Welcome the Vets Home”, meeting at Saints Peter and Paul Church.

Reminded that **next week’s meeting** is on Wednesday at 5:30 at the WC Senior Center with the other three West Chester Rotary clubs and **District Governor Carol Lerner**.

Our **Reader Readers** project is restarting. Information about obtaining needed clearance for this project is in the *News You Can Use*.

We will begin **picking up food at Wawa** and bringing it to Firoenza’s on Sat. Sept. 19. Contact **Tim Kelly** to volunteer.



John Schwab asked for information table volunteers for the **Restaurant Festival** on 9/20 from noon to 5:30 and for the **Chili Cook-Off** on Oct. 11.

We still need a leader and volunteers for our **Christmas Parade float**. Contact **President Mike**.

Patty Jefferis announced that the **Murder Mystery Dinner** is sold out, and that our **Christmas Party** will be Friday, December 12th at the Halls’ home.

President Mike announced that the **sports equipment** sign-up sheet needs member and business volunteers for October.



BIG TRIFECTA DRAWING

THE “WINNAH” was **Christine Scott**, who won \$50 with her ticket, and OVER \$900 WHEN SHE PULLED THE QUEEN OF SPADES!!! Club Treasurer **Diana Liberi** presented Chris with the Jackpot Check on the spot!



Commissioner Marian Moskowitz continued

maintenance on this truck” Someone pulled out a lying dolly; she lay down on it, “scootched” under the truck, and waited.... and waited....(First one to blink loses....). Suddenly, two more men joined her under the truck and explained “preventative maintenance” to her! BINGO! The job of trust is done!

Finding skilled people is our greatest challenge going forward. We must create the transportation infrastructure. If one cannot get to work, there is no job. The Schuylkill River Amtrak Rail line should handle that by 2029. Commissioner



Moskowskitz said she was optimistic about the hard-working qualities of those in Chester County, i.e., the firefighter who gets up at 3 a.m and others like Rotarians who show great hope and effort!



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