Rotary Club of West Chester

ROTARY VOTARY

District 7450 www.WestChesterRotary.us Week # 18 October 29, 2026

CLUB MEETING ~ October 22
Minutes by Doc O'Copnnell

President Michael Louis opened the meeting

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Shellia Coleman**

An "World Series" invocaton was offered by **Doc O'Connell**

VISITING ROTARIANS & GUEST

Rotarian **Mark Rudiger** from the Westtown-Goshen (We-Go)club promoting their Oct. 30 Halloween Train Ride fundraiser - go to https://wegorotary.org/fund-drives

A guest was **Hiruy Berhane**, an attorney with MacElree Harvey.

MEMBER ROTARY ANNIVERSARIES

Jeff Fullerton - 3 years
Anne Driscoll - 5 years
Joe Driscoll - 5 years

HAPPY BUCKS

Ryan Dodds reported that the Fellowship Committee is planning monthly networking / Happy Hour socials starging in January.

Michelle Venema was happy for the Home of the Sparrow's fund-raiser fashion show, "The Power of the Purse," on October 29, and that her nephew landed a plane on an aircraft carrier (in a simulator with his pilot uncle).

Ernest Zlotolow was happy to have finished installing 6 school generators in Argentina and to be funding scholarships there. A full report coming soon.

John Schwab thanked all those who helped make our chili and Rotary info table a great success at the Chili Cook-Off.

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TODAY'S PROGRAM ~ October 29
PDG Paul Quintavalla on Rotoplast

NEXT WEEK ~ November 5
To be announced

OCTOBER 22 PROGRAM - Club Business

Derek Fiorenza from F4

Derek Fiorenza of F4 reported on the great success of this year's Chili Cook-Off on Sunday and thanked our club for starging this wonderful community event. Since taking the event over three years ago, F4 has continued to develop the program and involve other community groups.

Funds raised from the Cook-Off further F4's mission of addressing food insecurity in our community. He noted that 47 million people go hungry every day now, and food banks and shelters do God's work by working together, as does the Rotary.

Phil McFadden - International Service Report

The International Committee report included our ongoing help with an East Caribbean literacy program, a pilot program for youth volunteers in Costa Rica and support for a maternity hospital faciltiy in Uganda withy a total budget of $175,000. Programs updates with our sister Rotary club in Tigre, Argentina will be presented in a meeting program in a few weeks.

Pulic Image Commitee Update

Committee co-chair **Randy Lindel** provided updates from this P.I. Committee (renames from Communications Committee). An effort to attract new members called **"Why Join Rotary"** has been implementd on

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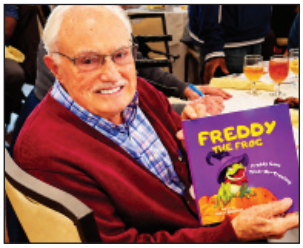
Happy Buck continued

Anthony Southerland was happy to root for a Dallas / Eagles tie on MNF!



Paul Woodruff commented that, in his opinion, Ernest IS the "Rotarian of Rotarians"! He was also happy that his newest "Freddy the Frog" children's book is now on Amazon!

"Steve Martin" Brown, not to be upstaged by Paul, was happy to announce his "newest" adult book, "Freddy & the Trailer Park Cutie"

ANNOUNCEMENTS / CLUB CALENDAR

Partnering with the Passport Rotary Club, we have a **paid intern from WCU** who is helping with planning, social media and other tasks. **Tom Rowlands** was responsible for getting the intern.

President Mike mentioned that the **F4 WAWA Food Collection** sign-up sheets were being distributed. The program will be on the first Sunday of the month. We need 3 more volunteers.

Additional locations for **Sports Equipment Donation Bins** are needed.

Phoebe Kitson-Davis spoke about **Stockings for Soldiers** starting up and shared a list of needed items members can bring to Rotary.

Steve Bayles, plans to go to the **Rotary International Convention in Barcelona** next year and hopes other club members will join him on this great trip.

Nov. 8 - WC Veterans Parade - looking for Rotarian veterans - contact Sue.

Nov. 21 - **"Hanging of the Greens"** in downtown and Nov. 26 **"Turkey Trot"** - volunteers needed - contact Sue.

TRIFECTA DRAWING

Mark Sammarone had the winning ticket for the **2nd strights week** - for $12; however, he did not pull the winning Queen - for the 2nd straight week!!

Public Image Committee continued

our club website and in other materials. A click on a new "Why Join Rotary" graphic on the website takes you to a new page that includes a "sidebar" where seven club members tell "Why I Joined Rotary."

Club members are encouraged to send a paragraph or two abou why they joined Rotary to P.I. Committee Co-Chair Liz Janoski for inclusion in future editiions of "Why I Joined Rotary."

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