



CLUB MEETING ~ August 13
Minutes by Joe Driscoll

President Michael Louis opened the meeting
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Carol Hanson**
Some thoughts for the day were offered by **Chuck Heckenberger**

VISITING ROTARIAN

Dennis Wallace from Greater West Chester Sunrise Rotary shared letters of gratitude from young ladies who participated in last year's Outward Bound excursion down the Delaware River. He put in \$20 happy bucks as a result.



GUESTS

Sue Flynn introduced her friend, **Heidi Harrison** from Immaculata University; **Rick Dunlap** hosted **Dr. Joe Fullerton** of Devereux.



HAPPY NEW MEMBER INDUCTION

Past President Jeannie McGinn conducted a new member induction for **Lori Gostkowski** and **Dee Rogevich**, both sponsored by **Laurie Ryan**. Lori and Dee have been attending our meetings for a while now, so we're glad it's now official. Welcome!



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TODAY'S PROGRAM ~ August 20
Club Business / Classification Talks
Anthony Southerland & Laurie Ryan

NEXT WEEK ~ August 27
Wendy Wallace
Care Center Foundation

AUGUST 13 PROGRAM
Mary Fischer-Nassib
President & Co-Founder
Sow Good Now

Mary Fischer-Nassib expressed gratitude for being present and acknowledged **Laurie Ryan** for her contributions to their organization.



Sow Good Now is a sports philanthropy founded in July 2018. It has grown from serving 90 to over 1,000 student athletes each year. The mission is to cultivate philanthropic athletes who can positively impact their communities, with a focus on the 200,000 underserved children in the Philadelphia region.

They emphasize the opportunity for high school and college student athletes to use their talents to give back while showcasing the values of discipline, commitment, and resilience inherent in athletics.

Essentially, Sow Good Now Plants seeds of goodness through student athletics. www.sowgoodnow.org



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ROTARIAN CITIZEN OF THE MONTH

President Michael Louis presented **Bill Ronayne** of Brandywine Valley Heating & Air Conditioning with a newly-established award, Rotarian Citizen of the Month, For the many outstanding contributions made by bill within the local community.



HAPPY BUCKS

Doc O'Connell happy to be back after some health issues



Chris Zaccarelli happy that her organization, CVC, is hosting its 3rd annual Cheers to CVC

Steve Bayles is happy to sponsor Alex's Lemonade Stand on Sept. 1 and needs some help

Carol Hanson noted the West Chester Rotary Club was highlighted in the club's governor's news letter as a recipient of a Global Grant for its efforts in philanthropy



Laurie Ryan expressed gratitude to Sue Casso-Rogers's weekly publication of the *News You Can Use* since she can't attend every meeting but likes being kept current

Connell O'Brien was happy to mark his second year as a rotarian.

ANNOUNCEMENTS / CLUB CALENDAR

August 23 - Friends Association 5K at Downingtown High School.

September 9 - West Chester Four-Club meeting with District Governor Carol Lerner at the West Chester Senior Center from 5:30 to 7:00, munchies and refreshments. Sign-up with Sue Casso-Rogers.

September 10 - No Club Lunch Meeting

September 30 - **Patty Jefferis** of the Fellowship Committee, announced that a **Murder Mystery Dinner** to be held on Sept. 30, 2026 at the Bierhaul in Thornton. It is a \$65 buffet. The program will be presented by the Chester County History Center.



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September/October - Club service project with **Habitat for Humanity** - looking for 15 volunteers to do three and a half hour shifts, either morning or afternoon.. There is no specific date yet. Sign up with **Mike Louis**.



Bob Frame is setting up a nine-hole golf outing

TRIFECTA DWING

Catherine Friedman won \$37 but did not pull the Queen of Spades. Now, there are only 11 cards left in the deck!



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Club members **John Schwab, Connell O'Brien, Sue Casso-Rogers, Bob Rogers** and **Mike Louis** promoted West Chester Rotary to this large community gathering on August 4th.



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