



## Rotary Club of West Chester Quarterly Outreach. **September 15, 2022**



### Recent Club Events

The Rotary Club of West Chester is active! Members and their families planted 100 trees, celebrating the club's 100th anniversary (1921-2021).

In June, members manned a table at West Chester's Turks Head Music Festival, handing out updated brochures, and providing information about the club and its activities.

A golf outing in June attracted a large gathering, who enjoyed socializing after golfing.

Members celebrated the acquisition of his diploma by a student who we sponsored through our International Service Committee. Jim Gasho, a member since 1985, golfed his age, 62 holes, in one day! Friends donated funds to the club's foundation based on his golfing, which will benefit local and international charities.

The country club placed our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary plaque, mounted on a rock, in a garden next to the pro shop.

Incoming president Melissa Baxter was part of the 4 club induction of the West Chester Rotary clubs conducted by our District 7450 Governor.

Melissa received the traditional gavel from outgoing president, Steve Brown; he received a plaque noting his service. Three high school graduates, representing Rustin and East High Schools, received scholarships for outstanding volunteer services, on behalf of our club, the Sunrise and Passport clubs.



### Upcoming Club Events

One of the most popular, tasty and interesting Rotary events is returning after a two year hiatus due to the pandemic. The **Rotary Club Chili Cook-off** will return to West Chester for its 20<sup>th</sup> year on **Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>**! It will be easy to find due to the tantalizing smell of chili wafting through the air. Be sure to put the date on your calendar because it is a popular event. We've seen *thousands* of people show up to taste 40 or 50 different kinds of chili!

Some chili is provided by restaurants, some by businesses, some by non-profits, and some by individuals who just like to cook, and share their special chili. And, it's a family affair. You will see families with children (*no dogs please*) hungrily wandering from booth to booth.

Wristbands will be available for just \$15. And, there will be other food vendors there selling ice cream, kettle corn, even art and jewelry. Something for the tiniest tot to the entire family! And, all proceeds go to local charities.

If you want to participate, **go to the Rotary Club Chili Cook-off page** on the website for details.

**See you on Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>!**



## Club Member Personality

What do Jesse James, the Oklahoma land rush, Orville Wright and the Enola Gay have in common? The answer - Bill Winters! Meet Bill (William) Winters of West Chester, husband, father, grandfather, Rotarian - and so much more!

Bill Winters' ancestors have a storied past - Having participated in the Oklahoma land rush and having ties to Robert Ford who was married to his great, great aunt Minnie. Ford was the man who killed gunslinger Jesse James of the old west.

Bill was born and raised in Wichita, Kansas. His father was a civilian engineer for the Air Force and was instrumental in building the radar used on the Enola Gay. Bill's dad also met Orville Wright at Wright Air Base in 1948!

Bill attended college at Stanford University where he majored in Physics and Statistics. Bill then joined the Marines where he served our country as a jet fighter pilot, retiring as Colonel after 30 years. (Just ask him about some of his "flying" stories) He worked at Scott Paper as a quality control manager, retiring after 20 years. Not one to let grass grow under his feet, Bill continued to serve and aim high by pioneering the Collegium Charter School (CCS) in the 1990s and its success continues to this day!

Bill is an avid golfer, prolific reader, and as a Rotarian, is service minded and gives of his time to help others, but most



## A Bit of Club History

On March 18, 1921, A meeting of professional men was held at the Green Tree Club in West Chester to discuss the possibility of forming a Rotary Club. The three gentlemen who called the meeting were Dale Andrews, Fred Wahl and Alger Whitcraft. Dale Andrews presided at this meeting.

The first order of business was to elect a board- the following slate was presented:  
 President- Alger Whitcraft  
 Vice President- Dale Andrews  
 Secretary- Fred Wahl  
 Treasurer- Samuel Cloud  
 Sargent at Arms- Jay Jefferis  
 Board- CM Burdette  
 Board- Laurence Sharpless  
 Board- SC Schmucker  
 Board- Wm Dean

An initiation fee of \$25 was set with annual dues being \$20. The initiation would be waived for charter members. Other charter members were WF Mitchell, R. Lorgus, Joseph Oat, George Huey, CP Martindale, Geary Stroud, Albert Hoopes, Harry Walters, M.B. Dean, S. Benson, JL Meredith Jr., N R Rambo, and B. Reed Henderson.

The following committees were formed: Fellowship, International Relations, Entertainment, Boy's Work, Publicity, Educational, and Public Affairs.

On June 4<sup>th</sup> President and Mrs. Warren G Harding passed through the borough. All members of the club turned out to greet them and Mrs. Harding was presented a bouquet of flowers from President Whitcraft.

Early business included- reaching out to the West Chester Board of Trade in their

of all Bill Winters loves living in West Chester, Chester County, PA! Hats off to Bill Winters!!!

efforts on building a concrete highway from Philadelphia to West Chester (Later Route 3).



## Cocktail of the Quarter

### “Cheers!”

We Rotarians know that service above self is essential for giving back to our communities – but we also know how to relax at the end of a long day. And what better aid to that relaxation than the classic Margarita cocktail? This icy mixture of tequila, orange liqueur and lime is a perfect companion to a late summer afternoon. Legend has it that the formula originated in Tijuana Mexico in the 1920s, and is part of a category of drinks called ‘Daisies’ – which are spirit, citrus and sweetener. Margarita means Daisy in Spanish so this legend may actually be true! Salting the rim (slide a lime wedge around the rim and then roll the glass in a plate of Kosher salt) is optional for some, but always the rule at the Sundwall home bar. Here’s my recipe for the perfect Margarita.

#### **Margarita on the Rocks**

Salt a rocks glass (or the Rotary tumbler shown here!)

2 oz Tequila (a good choice is Jose Cuervo Blue Agave)

1 oz Cointreau or Triple Sec

1 oz lime juice (squeeze it fresh!)

½ oz simple syrup or Agave syrup

Shake, strain over ice and garnish with a lime wheel or wedge

*(For the frozen Margarita variation, put all ingredients except the garnish into a blender with 6 oz of ice; blend until smooth.)*



## Spotlight on One of our Non-Profits

Each year, our Community Philanthropic Committee (CPC) selects about a dozen charities who have applied for club grants funded by our Rotary Chili Cook-off. One charity chosen by CPC is Home of the Sparrow, whose executive director is a club member and past president, Michelle Venema!

Home of the Sparrow has remained focused for 25 years, supporting women of Chester County facing housing insecurity, to secure housing, achieve long-term stability, and chart new paths for the future.

Women seek financial support, and someone who will listen and hear them. Staff hears of trauma a woman is experiencing/has experienced. Case managers are trained in trauma-informed case management practices. When a woman enters one of the programs, Home of the Sparrow addresses her housing instability, and begins addressing all her needs. Advocating means contacting the many Home of the Sparrow partners in the county to “wrap” a woman in programs/services. Self-advocacy is difficult to learn and/or activate. If she has children, multiple jobs, and is deciding to pay rent or buy food, she hasn’t time to call agencies to inquire about services.

Home of the Sparrow respects each woman’s unique situation, and *meets her where she is*; no judgment, only a focus on solving immediate needs, addressing pressing concerns, and creating an action plan toward self-sufficiency.

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