

ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester

District 7450

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Week #21 November 21, 2024

CLUB MEETING ~ November 14, 2024

Minutes by Anne Driscoll

Call to Order by **President Catherine Friedman**

Pledge of Allegiance led by **Christine Scott**

Invocation offered by **Carol Hanson**

GUEST

Pattie Diggin hosted by **Paul Woodruff**



BIRTHDAY

Mike Louis wished **Alyssa Pennypacker** a happy birthday.



NOVEMBER ROTARY TRIVIA CHALLENGE

How many U.S. Presidents have been Rotaryians and who were they? Submit your answer in the box on the speaker's table or email it to **President Catherine**. A random drawing of all correct answers will be made at the last meeting of the month (next week) for a "great" prize.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dine Around fellowship gatherings are off and running, with more to come

Rotary Apparel : The apparel is on sale now. The last day to order is November 22. Go to <https://www.getbluedog.com/rotary-wc-apparel/products/> or contact **John Schwab** with any questions

Community Warehouse Volunteers welcomed Saturday, November 16. Volunteers appreciated anytime



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TODAY'S PROGRAM ~ November 21

Club Business

Classification Talk: **Brian Kramp**

NEXT MEETING ~ December 5

West Chester Friends School Choir

~ PROGRAM ~

Mark Sammarone & Bill Ronayne
The Rotary Foundaion

Bill Ronayne spoke about the Rotary Foundation, explaining that it serves as "the base on which we build" and is a volunteer-only organization.

Bill also presented a video celebrating 100 years of Rotary's global impact, showcasing key initiatives including:

- Polio eradication efforts through the vaccination program.
- Providing clean water to rural and drought-stricken areas.
- Offering scholarships, training, and supporting human needs worldwide.



Mark Sammarone followed by discussing the different ways Rotary members can give back to the Foundation. He highlighted the variety of donation options available:

- Polio-specific donations, supporting the continued fight against polio.
- Disaster relief donations, ensuring support reaches areas in urgent need.
- Endowment giving, where donations are shared both locally in the district and globally.

Mark and Bill encouraged members to visit the Club Runner app or myrotary.org for information on how to donate.

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Announcements continued

Thanksgiving gathering on Tuesday, November 26, at Side-bar, West Chester

No Rotary meeting on November 28 - Happy Thanksgiving

Rotary Christmas Parade Volunteer: Sign up to march on December 6!! Contact **Chelle Venema** for questions and to sign up

The Rotary Holiday Party is on Thursday, December 19 at Glenda Brion’s home: Please be sure to respond to evite

District Newsletter: Stay informed by accessing the District Newsletter online.

HAPPY BUCKS

Suzette Webb “Connors”: Happy to go to the Eagles game tonight and happy to go as **Mrs. Connors**, newlywed. We wish her every happiness!

Bob Frame: Happy his wife Allison had her last day in Philadelphia, as she assumes a new job as Director of Philanthropy at the YMCA.

Paul Woodruff: Happy his grandson has moved and started a new business - but he will be missed.

Joanne Tadeo: Happy and grateful for dear friends **Patty Jefferis** and **Jeannie McGinn**.

Kyle Rheiner: Happy to be back in his own bed.

Connell O’Brien: Happy for the support for the Bike non-profit.

Christine Scott: Happy her oldest moved back from NYC,

Matt McKeon: Happy the political ads are over.

Chuck Heckenberger: Happy for moving day and celebrating Veteran’s Day at his grandson’s school.

Catherine Friedman: Happy her daughter will start a real job on October 2.



50-50 RAFFLE

John Schwab won the drawing but did not pull the Queen of Spades.

The pot is over \$350 now!



Rotary Foundation continued

Club Projects: They also emphasized the importance of the Foundation’s support of our own club’s specific projects:

- Hands Across the Sea Caribbean Literacy Project focused on improving literacy in the Caribbean.
- Water Pumps in Senegal, bringing sustainable water solutions to rural communities

Joanne Tadeo was awarded the Paul Harris +4 recognition for her generous contributions.

MEETING PHOTOS



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