

ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester

District 7450

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Week # 3 July 17, 2025

CLUB MEETING ~ July 10, 2025

Minutes by Joe Driscoll

Call to Order by **Past President Catherine Friedman**



The Pledge of Allegiance was led by new member **Tom Rowlands**

An Invocaton was offered by **Phyllis Dunn**

GUESTS

Soon-to- be-inducted, **William Pasquale**, sponsored by **Mark Sammarone**



Maggie Stanton, a co-speaker for today's meeting, hosted by **Phyllis Dunn**

Guest speaker, **Shannon McDonald** with her husband, **Chris McDonald**

BIRTHDAYS

Chris McCawley received wishes from **Bob Frame**



Bill Friedmann by **Mike Karwic**

Charles Streitwieser by **Randy Lindel**

Steve Quigley by **John Schwab**

ROTARY TRIVIA CHALLENGE

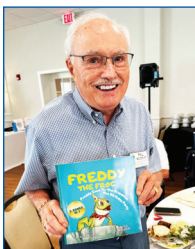
Rotary Trivia Challenge for June: What was the first non-English-speaking Rotary Club? When was it founded?

Answer: Havana, Cuba in 1918. **Diana Liberi** won a "fabulous prize" for the correct answer! And thanks to **President Catherine** for an enjoyable and educational Rotary trivia trip this past year.



HAPPY BUCKS

Paul Woodruff expressed happiness over the arrival of his 18th great grandchild. Also, happy about his fourth **Freddie the Frog** children's book just released on Amazon.



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TODAY'S PROGRAM ~ July 17
Club Business / 2025-26 Strategic Plan

NEXT WEEK ~ July 24
PDG Dwight Leeper
Senegal Water Project Update

~ PROGRAM ~

Shannon McDonald & Maggie Stanton
West Chester Public Library

Shannon McDonald, Vice President of the West Chester Public Library Board, and a practicing attorney here in West Chester, along with **Maggie Stanton**, Director of the Library, jointly presented highlights about the historical library located on North Church Street here in the Borough. Besides being a traditional resource for lending books, Shannon offered the many other amenities the Library offers to area residents and library members, including this extensive list:



- Event space
- Trivia nights
- Book club
- Hot spot rental to access the internet
- Story times
- Chess Club
- Family passes for up to six people to area museums
- Audio books
- Technical troubleshooters for social media available on Wednesdays
- Numerous volunteer opportunities, including the Holiday Home Tours



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Happy Bucks continued

Brian Fahey happy to announce the Secret Gardens of West Chester walking tour on Sept. 6, benefitting West Chester Friends School as well as his recent time in Trieste, Italy, where he saw numerous Rotary signs sponsoring special tourist sites.

Connell O'Brien was happy because Jake's Bar is still open following a fire above the bar.

Bill Friedmann just returned from a WW II site tour in Europe.

Mike Karwic was happy he would be running in a 5K race at Blue Mountain.

Catherine Friedman happily presented the club with a new Rotary gavel to ring in our meetings – thus retiring the Exchange Club gavel we've used for many years.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Steve Bayles has been chosen by the Board to be the club's Vice President to serve in the presidential succession line behind President-Elect **Mike Louis**'.

Be on the lookout for a **Rotary Club of West Chester survey** from the Fellowship Committee seeking input on new social event ideas.

A reminder that **club dues** are now due for payment.

THANK YOU

Special thanks to **Dave Wood** and **Doug Meis** for their recently concluded service on our club's board of directors.



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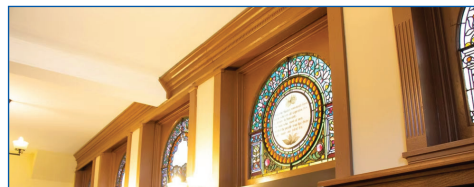
Prospective member **Ken Marx** had the winning ticket for \$13.00, but did not pull the elusive Queen of Spades. The current pot at \$291.00.



West Chester Public Library continued

- And, while Braille books are currently not available, Shannan's husband, Chris, is working on providing Braille signage inside the library.

The West Chester Public Library is part of the Chester County library system which includes 18 libraries county-wide. Your West Chester library card includes priveleges at all the County facilities.



Beautiful stained glass windows are a unique architectural feature of our historic library building.

New Rotary International Theme

UNITE FOR GOOD

RI has introduced a new theme – **Unite for Good** – that is intended to replace the annual Presidential Themes and last for many years. The new theme emphasizes the power of human connection to create positive change. It encourages Rotarians to work together, welcome new members, collaborate on service projects and expand Rotary's global impact.

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