



The Exchange Club of West Chester

“CHATTER”

September 4, 2025, Meeting



September is Baby Safety Month

Meetings

The Exchange Club of West Chester meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at West Chester Golf & Country Club, 111 W Ashbridge St, West Chester, PA at 6:30 p.m.

Our next meeting is Thursday, September 4, 2025

ABSENCE / GUESTS

If you will not be at a meeting, please e-mail Bob House at rghtwx@verizon.net to be excused or to add guests. If necessary, you can call Bob at 610-504-9832. In order to be excused (and therefore NOT billed for your meal), you need to make this call by noon (12PM) on the day (Wednesday) prior to the meeting. Any member currently on a leave of absence, or a designated “At Large” member, must notify Bob if they will attend the meeting.

September 4th Meeting

Your Editor has received no word about speakers for this week’s meeting, so once again, it’s pot luck, folks! Come on out and enjoy the summer fellowship of our club!

August 7th and 21st Meetings

Although our August meetings did not feature any speakers, we did present a check to Act in Faith, represented by Jaque Rothera. This donation will assist Act in Faith with their food pantry supplies.

At the August 21st meeting those assembled talked more about the Restaurant Festival and logistics involved. The festival will take place on September 21st this year and we pray for excellent weather. ALL members are requested to participate in some manner. Bob House chairs this committee.

It's Time to Hit the Road, Jack!

We are looking for ideas for a club outing in the near future. If you have any thoughts on this or would like to suggest an idea for an outing, please contact Ed Kerollis. You can reach him at 484-459-8614. Possibilities include Longwood Gardens, The Antique Ice Tool Museum and the West Chester Railroad.

We also need program speakers for upcoming meetings. October has fire prevention week and November is One Nation Under God month. So maybe something along those lines would work well...

50/50 - Ya Gotta Be There To Win!



Professional Drawer Bill Camlin struck out again! Bob House also took a shot but missed. The pot currently stands at \$202.

Calendar of Events

- ❖ September 4th – Regular meeting
 - ❖ September 18th – Regular meeting
 - ❖ September 21st – **Restaurant Festival**
 - ❖ October 2nd - Regular meeting
 - ❖ October 16th – Regular meeting
 - ❖ November 6th – Regular meeting
 - ❖ November 20th – Regular meeting
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Exchange Education

From Your VFR – Steve Douglas

Exchange National Headquarters

Ever since its incorporation as The National Exchange Club in 1917, the headquarters of Exchange has been located in Toledo, Ohio, just an hour's drive from Detroit, MI, where the first Exchange Club was launched in 1911.

Why Toledo and not Detroit? No one knows for sure, but it was probably due to the dogged determination and persuasiveness of Herold M. Harter. Harter was a Toledoan, and a member of the Exchange Club of Toledo, the second Exchange Club formed in 1913. It was Harter's dream to see Exchange grow into a large national organization. During the incorporation in 1917, Harter was named national secretary, equivalent to the recent executive vice president position (before the board created the CEO position). His remarkable and lengthy tenure ended with his retirement in 1962.

Prior to 1957, when the National Exchange Club building was completed and occupied, business was conducted from leased office space in downtown Toledo. Groundbreaking ceremonies for what would be Exchange's first wholly owned headquarters building took place on March 27, 1956, 45 years to the day after the birth of the first Exchange Club. The building had been designed by the late John N. Richards, a well-known partner of the architectural firm, Bellman, Gillett and Richards. He also was a long-time member of the Exchange Club of Toledo.

The "U" shaped design of the building allows for a central courtyard known as The Court of Honor, dominated by a cast aluminum statue entitled "Birth of the Atomic Age," by noted sculptor Marshall Fredericks. Across the open end of the courtyard stand seven huge, polished, agate granite pylons, bearing the engraved names of Exchange leaders, and a large Exchange emblem.

Situated in suburban west Toledo, it originally provided 16,000 square feet of office space. A 1970 addition provided an additional 3,000 square feet. The building and its staff of professionals are there to serve the needs of Exchangites and their clubs who work to carry out Exchange's service objectives.

The National Exchange Club Court of Honor



The Court of Honor set for an Induction Ceremony



Your Editor (shown with family) was inducted into the Court of Honor in 2011
Fellow club member Al Livingston was also inducted in 2011

2025 – 2026 CLUB OFFICERS

Scott Sanders – President
Bill Camlin – President Elect
Bob House – Secretary/Treasurer
Ed Kerollis – Immediate Past President

Steve Douglas – Assistant to the
Treasurer

2025 – 2026 CLUB BOARD OF DIRECTORS**1-YEAR TERM**

Jim Miller
Helen Xu

2-YEAR TERM

Dennis Murtagh
(Vacant)

VOLUNTEER FIELD REPRESENTATIVES

Steve Douglas (West Chester)
Anne Marie Logue (Gettysburg)
Kara Wright (Hanover)

2025 – 26 NATIONAL/DISTRICT OFFICERS

National President – Joe Dudek (Norwalk, CT)
Region 11 Vice President – Kara Wright
(Hanover, PA)
Mid-Atlantic Dist. President – Ron Sciandra
(Erie-Niagara, NY)

Website: <https://west-chester-exchange.memberday.org>

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Exchange Club Family Center website: www.familyservice.us/ecfc

NEC website: <https://member.nationalexchangeclub.org/>

District website: <https://exchangeclubsmidatlanticdistrict.org/>

**Vision**

A strong America, safe communities, and unified people.

Mission

Exchange, inspiring communities to become better places to live.

Motto

Unity for Service.