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Speakers

August 25th

[OFF-SITE](#)

Urban Promise 2401 Thatcher Street, Wilmington, DE 19805 7:30 - 9:00 AM

Events

August 25th, 7:15-8:30 AM

[4th Friday Volunteer Day - Urban Promise](#)

Speaker: OFF-SITE

Subject: Urban Promise 2401 Thatcher Street, Wilmington, DE 19805 7:30 - 9:00 AM

Birthdays



[Theodore \(Ted\) Dwyer Jr.](#)
August 25th



[Jack C. Barr](#)
August 27th



[Xavier J. Decaire](#)
August 31st



[Michael A. Malchione](#)
September 5th



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Years of Service



[Nancy Reilly Michener](#)
9 Years



[Trevor Peirce Turner](#)
1 Year

Committee List 2023-24

This Week's Meeting

**Offsite at Urban Promise - 7:30
Light Breakfast - Help Them
Prepare for the School Year**

Also - Ted Dwyer's Birthday!

Upcoming Greeters

Doing a little better on greeter attendance. Please try and swap with someone if you can't make it. If you have no intention of attending meetings please give Rob a shout so he can modify the greeter list accordingly.

Sept 1: No meeting - Happy Labor Day

Sept 8: David Andrews, Jim Vachris, Tony Vassalotti

Sept 15: Desmond Baker, Jack Barr, Alicia Bryson (you can do it!)

Oct 6: Jim Cloonan, Wes Davis, Xavi DeCaire

**Anne Eidschun, caregiver and whirlwind of
wonderful energy**

By Austin Publicover on Tuesday, August 22, 2023



None of us is getting any younger! And it's not that we don't plan to fail, we fail to plan, especially when it comes to caregiving. Anne Eidschun, CFP, shared the lowdown on caregiving with CRCC. CRCC was delighted to have Anne Eidschun as the guest speaker. A whirlwind of wonderful, passionate energy, Anne was the director/owner of Griswold Home Care for ten years, was past president of Wilmington Rotary Club, is a musician and an avid golfer, and has a rescue dog named Buddy.

None of us is getting any younger! And it's not that we don't plan to fail, we fail to plan, especially when it comes to caregiving. Everyone is touched with the concept of caregiving, but the worst case scenario is being discharged from the hospital without a plan. In fact, in this particular case, the right buzz word is "safe discharge", because if you or your loved one is being discharged from the hospital and is unable to be autonomous, and you have no plan, then you're smack dab in the middle of a crisis. Anne also covered the post-Covid staff shortage... in fact, more than 90 people have applied to open up home care companies in Delaware alone. With hundreds of care companies already in existence, Anne wondered where these new companies would find staffing. The pay rates can be competitive, with \$20 to \$25 per hour for self-employed caregivers and \$32 to \$37 per hour for those from an agency. Caregivers, naturally, go toward the money. And on the other side of the relationship, some clients can get frustrated and want to fire the caregiver or the agency. Anne takes tremendous pride in troubleshooting & resolving the core issue so that a caregiver isn't fired, as the same issue typically pops up with the new caregiver or agency.

On screening or hiring a caregiver, Anne favors the in-person interview with a hand-written application to make sure the candidate can read & write. There's a competency test, a two-step tuberculosis test, a physical, a criminal background check (including allegations of child abuse), and quite a few other gauntlets for a quality caregiver to pass through prior to being hired at an agency. Weirdly, CPR training is not required. But life skills are a must: from meal prep to super market runs to laundry, caregivers can really take the load off a family.

Anne also had a helpful handout, which included these smart questions:

- Is your agency licensed by the state? What services are provided according to the license, and what can the agency or their caregivers not do?
- How would you help me decide on the care plan and the hours needed?
- What if I don't like the caregiver that is sent to my home for assistance?
- What are the fees, how does the caregiver get paid, and are there minimum charges?
- What happens if a caregiver calls out sick or doesn't show up?

Anne exhorted us to do our homework now, before we or our loved ones need a caregiver. She spoke of the necessity & benefits of having one person be in charge of selecting a caregiver (rather than a committee of opinionated family members), of respectful communication being key to the

success of the caregiver – client relationship, and of the three levels of caregiving (e.g. non-medical, home health, and skilled).

Anne's expertise, joy, and passion were infectious. And for Rotary members, for whom "service above self" is the guiding principle, Anne's informed advice can be summed up with another adage: charity begins at home. When we plan, we succeed.

Anne's lovely energy embraced good humor, too, and she shared some zingers taken from medical and non-medical care notes:

- Discharge status: alive but without my permission
- On the second day the knee was better, and on the third day it disappeared
- While in the ER, she was examined, X-rated, and sent home
- She has no rigors or shaking chills, but her husband states she was very hot in bed last night
- The patient refused autopsy
- The patient has two teenage children, but no other abnormalities

Although retired now, Anne's gracious, parting offer was to be our "800 number" for insight into non-medical home care. annerotary@yahoo.com

Thank you Anne for sharing your knowledge and amazing energy!

SEPTEMBER 9, 2023 CAMBRIDGE DUCK RACE FESTIVAL AND SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Cambridge Rotary along with the Cambridge Rescue Fire Company is having their Annual Duck Race Festival on Saturday, September 9, 2023! [Click here for the Sponsorship Form!](#)



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Club Meeting

Caesar Rodney of Wilmington
Meets at University and Whist Club - Washington Room
805 N Broom St.
Wilmington, DE 19806
Time: Friday at 07:15 AM