



Swarthmore Rotary Cog Notes

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Service Quotation

"At the end of life we will not be judged by how many diplomas we have received, how much money we have made, how many great things we have done. We will be judged by "I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat, I was naked and you clothed me. I was homeless, and you took me in."
Mother Teresa

Rotary Celebrations!

Birthdays

Joy Charlton
December 18th

Meetings and Events

December

17th - [Meeting](#)
Speaker: The Silvertones and The CADES' "Golden Tongues"
Subject: Holiday Singing
24th - [Meeting](#)

January

7th - [Club Meeting](#)
Speaker: Viktoriia Zakharova, student Swarthmore College
Subject: Rotary Grant Report

Table Grace

By Frederick E. Christian

Teach us, O God, during this season whatever our religious preference or persuasion, that life is full of the unexpected, that we may never despair. Help us to see Rotary and its ideals as one sure way to keep a light burning in dark days. Bless now the bounty of this hour to our good and keep us faithful to the best we know. Amen.

4 Way Test

Of the things we think, say or do

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Last Meeting Summary

Corey Long saw a need, thought he could help, committed himself, and has made a change. He is a good role model for Rotarians. Corey gave up his career in entertainment to found "Making a Change Group" (MACG). Corey started his talk by reviewing some of Chester's problems. Rotarians, of course, are very familiar with many of them. MACG's work is described below.. It can be summarized as: 1) youth development, 2) family support, and 3) community engagement. Maria Zissimos told the group that U.S. Representative Mary Gay Scanlon has named Corey as her first Local Hero. The announcement is included below.

Corey Long and Making a Change Group

On Dec. 10, Congresswoman Mary Gay Scanlon made the following announcement on her Facebook page:

I launched the #PA5Heroes initiative to showcase the local heroes going above and beyond to help our community. We have been so inspired by the flood of nominations! I'd like to showcase our first local hero.

Corey Long is a Local Hero

Dennis Hoffman
December 22nd
Barbara Amstutz
December 26th
Greg Brown
December 28th
Rudolf S. Amann
January 4th
William Clinton Hale
January 6th

Wedding Anniversaries

Greg Brown
December 31st
Kenneth J. Wright
January 1st

Years of Service

Anne C. Hansen
12-29-2000
20 Years
Stephen B. Laxton
12-29-2007
13 Years
Lori Markusfeld
01-01-2017
4 Years

Happy Dollars

pledge \$1641

2020-21 Happy Dollars
for Polio Plus Fund
(\$3 to fully protect one child)

2019-20 total: \$3355
2018-19 total: \$3,845
2017-18 total: \$4,515

Guests Last Meeting

Devin Davis, Veronica Woods,
Heidi Carp, James Emrich, Kim
Schmucki, Hilda Campbel,
Stephen Lehmann, Karen
Vesely, Elaine Humme, David
Rudd, Tamara Wilson

Since founding the Making a Change Group in 2014, Cory has been working tirelessly with the youth of Chester to help them develop the skills to build constructive lives in the face of very serious challenges. In recent years, he has expanded this mission to support families and to build relationships with other community organizations. Cory is widely acknowledged as an enormously positive force in Chester, and I can't think of a local hero more deserving of this recognition.

From makingachange.org:

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT (TEAM MAC) is Making A Change Group's youth development program. Using The Search Institute's 40 Developmental Assets for children and youth, Team MAC focuses on building resiliency. Through Team MAC, participants discover who they are, cultivate the skills that need to shape their own lives, and learn how to engage with and contribute to their community. The goal is to provide program participants with relationships and real-world experiences that they would otherwise not be exposed to, with the parallel intent of dissuading them from participating in crime, drugs, and violence.

CONNECTED FAMILIES was created to engage and educate families of the youth who participate in Team MAC. The goal is to provide a system of consistent support and community resources that will aid each family unit. Through this initiative, families are provided with external supports as well as programming focused on personal development, adult education, training, counseling, and activities to benefit the overall wellbeing of each household. Prior to the onset of COVID -19, Connected Families also featured monthly community dinners, which facilitated the meeting of health, wellness, and nutrition needs.

CONNECTED COMMUNITIES builds partnerships with other social-service organizations, schools, businesses, government officials and individuals that foster community-wide outreach, resource development and action. One of the most impactful initiatives within the Connected Communities program is a daily, live broadcast hosted on FaceBook. During the height of the COVID-19 pandemic this Spring and Summer, MAC stepped up via Connected Communities to provide food and other vital supplies to families in need, sponsored a violence-prevention initiative for youth (V-PRYDE) and supported trash remediation efforts.

CONNECTED VISIONS is a new program MACG is developing that will launch at the beginning of November 2020. Melding many aspects of its Team MAC and Connected Families initiatives, Connected Visions is designed to support families (adults and children ages 8 and older) as they envision and work toward achieving goals they establish for themselves – with the hope of addressing trauma, breaking cycles of poverty and achieving healthier lives as individuals and household units. Designed for thirty-five low- to moderate-income households and supported via a Community Development Block Grant from Delaware County, this program will offer more intensive engagement via case management that will include needs assessment and goal planning as well as access to a series of workshops.