



Swarthmore Rotary Cog Notes

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- Kathryn Jones
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- Barbara Amstutz
Grants Committee Chair
- Maria Michael Zissimos
iPast President
- Heather Saunders
President-Nominee
- Francy Cross
Assistant Governor

Service Quotation

Nobody made a greater mistake than he who did nothing because he could only do a little. Edmund Burke

Rotary Celebrations!

Birthdays

Maria Michael Zissimos
May 24th

Wedding Anniversaries

No Wedding Anniversaries
Found

Years of Service

Meetings and Events

May

20th - [Club Meeting](#)

Speaker: Dr. Mark Hopkins, Director, Moody's Analytics

Subject: "Building Back Better: Will Biden's Plan Lead us to Fiscal Collapse, or Save Us From It?"

27th - [Club Meeting](#)

Speaker: Richard Shimko, head of the scholarship committee

Subject: Club Addresses from Scholarship Recipients

June

3rd - [Club Meeting](#)

Speaker: Congresswoman, Mary Gay Scanlon

Subject: TBD

Table Grace

By Frederick E. Christian

Lord God, we are aware that life is lived but one day at a time, so we reach our goals. Grant us, too, the longer view that we may not be so bound to the present that we lose sight of the larger purpose. Thank you. Lord, for the gift of life today. 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?

Club News

Ann Seidman reported that three persons have applied to join Swarthmore Rotary: Dave Firn, Theresa O'Malley, and Ann Green.

President Bill Hale solicited nominations for our two service awards.

Bill said President Elect Kathryn Jones and President-Nominee Heather Saunders are considering an in-person installation meeting. It would be an outdoor lunch at the Inn at Swarthmore at noon.

The Inn said they could provide a small tent in case of rain. Bill took a poll of members who were on the Zoom program and six favored the outdoor in-person meeting and one voted for a Zoom meeting. Bill said only club members would be able to attend the in-person meeting, no guests or spouses. An email will be sent to each member soliciting their vote on their preference of either an in-person meeting or a Zoom meeting.

Last Meeting Summary

MacDara King is the Executive Producer of one of the longest running shows on TV: PBS's series Great Decisions. Great Decisions is produced by the Foreign Policy Association (FPA). The FPA was founded after World War 1 in 1919 to inform the citizens of the United States on foreign policy

Happy Dollars

pledge \$3,317

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

Theresa O'Malley, Jim
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Dave Finn

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issues. Currently they produce a television show, it originally had been on radio. The show originally aired on NBC. However, the FPA decided that PBS was a better fit.

For Rotarians who like to talk about foreign affairs, FPA offers the option to start or join a local discussion group. They publish a briefing book for each season of shows. The briefing book cost \$32 for one season. If you're interested in starting or joining a discussion group, see the separate article below.

MacDara said his team interviews about 100 experts for each half hour show. They try to get a variety of opinions. Their goal is to facilitate informed discussion in the American people.

Interested in Joining a Discussion Group?

According to the PA's website, fpa.org, the nearest Great Decision discussion group is in Media. It is called the Bowling Green Great Decisions. The website states that the group is accepting new members. The contact is cfanconi1@verizon.net.

The website also gives details about forming a new discussion group.

Description of Great Decision programs

Here are summaries of four of the Great Decision programs for the 2021 season from the FPA website, fpa.org:

What are some of the lasting effects that the pandemic could have on global supply chains and trade?

The shutdown of global supply chains due to the Covid-19 pandemic brought to the fore an issue with the high level of global economic interdependence: what happens when one country is the main source for an item, say face masks, and then can no longer supply the item? Countries suddenly unable to meet the demand for certain supplies are faced with growing calls for economic nationalism. What are some of the lasting effects that the pandemic could have on global supply chains and trade? How would this affect national security?

Is using military force a viable foreign policy option for 2021 and beyond?

The Persian Gulf remains tense as the rivalry between the regional powers of Saudi Arabia and Iran continues. Tensions escalated in early 2020 as the United States began to intervene in the Gulf, launching an airstrike that killed two Iranian military commanders. What are the historical influences that have led to these tensions? What role, if any, should the United States play? Is using military force a viable foreign policy option for 2021 and beyond?

With negotiations between the two entities continuing to stall, what does the future of Europe and the UK look like?

With the "Brexit transition period" coming to an end this year, the United Kingdom will formally leave the European Union at the start of 2021. With negotiations between the two entities continuing to stall, what does the future of Europe and the UK look like? Will the UK survive a possible Scottish vote to leave? Who will step up and take command of Europe now that Angela Merkel is out of the spotlight?

With Russia and China already miles ahead with their Arctic strategies, can the U.S. catch up?

U.S. President Donald Trump left many scratching their heads when it was rumored that he was looking to purchase the large island nation of Greenland from Denmark. While any potential deal seems highly unlikely, the event shows the changing opinion within the U.S. government toward engagement with the Arctic region. Because of climate change, large sheets of arctic ice are melting, exposing vast stores of natural gas and oil. With Russia and China already miles ahead with their Arctic strategies, can the U.S. catch up?