



Swarthmore Rotary Cog Notes

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June 3, 2021

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Service Quotation

Not only must we be good,
but we must also be good
for something. Henry David
Thoreau

Rotary Celebrations!

Birthdays

- Theresa O'Malley
June 5th
- Penelope Reed
June 8th

Wedding Anniversaries

- Raymond F. Hopkins
June 5th

Years of Service

Meetings and Events

June

3rd - [Club Meeting](#)

Speaker: Tony Kirwan, Chris Armstrong, David Lyons, I Pledge (Dublin, IRL)
Subject: Funding Charities and Nonprofits in a Changing Digital Landscape.

10th - [Club Meeting](#)

Speaker: Pat Francher, Swarthmore Farmer's Market Manager, and Jon Gly, Farm to City
Subject: This Year's Farmer's Market

17th - [Club Meeting](#)

Speaker: Karen Mazzarella-Russo, Gundaker President 2020-21
Subject: Gundaker Foundation Scholarships

Table Grace

By Frederick E. Christian

“This is the day which the Lord has made.” So spoke a poet of old. We are not told what kind of a day it was: sunshine, rain, hot, or cold. Teach us, Gracious Lord, to be thankful for each new day as it unfolds out of your bounty and help us to employ it well to enrich your world. 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

President Bill Hale reminded us about the food pantry donation take-out dinner on June 10.

Dinners will be available for pick-up at the Inn at Swarthmore between 6 pm and 8 pm. A minimum donation of \$25 for a meal or two should be paid by check made out to a particular food pantry. A list of food pantries is on <https://www.fcsc.org/programs/emergency-food/>, in addition to the Media Food Bank and CityTeam Chester. The checks can be mailed beforehand to Swarthmore Rotary, P.O. Box 4, Swarthmore. Checks also can be brought to the meal pick-up. In either case, email wchale@comcast.net by June 6 indicating which meal is being requested: chicken and rice, pulled-pork with macaroni and cheese, or vegetarian bean chili with corn bread.

Last Meeting Summary

INTRODUCTION OF STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Mira Patel

Mira was introduced by Barbara Whitaker-Shimko. In addition to Mira's work to reinvigorate the School's Diversity Trainers program, she was also a reporter for The Swarthmorean and the Student Representative on the Wallingford-Swarthmore School Board. Mira will be attending Georgetown University in the fall.

The following are excerpts from Mira's essay. She is describing her response to anti-immigrant signs posted by some fellow students:

“My assertion that isolating the girls was counterproductive to moving forward resulted in an invitation for

Happy Dollars

pledge \$3,532

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

Susan Yavor

me to address the community at our public forum. Sustainable solutions were also needed, and in the months that followed, I enlisted the help of friends who shared my concerns to reinvent the school's inactive Diversity Trainers program. Previously, the group held bi-annual meetings, but during our weekly sessions, outdated activities were transformed into relevant ones using Teaching Tolerance resources. Empathetic conversations needed to be supported district-wide, and after recruiting seventy-five peers to come to our training sessions, we established peer mentorship programs K-12. Over the next year, I also helped teachers combat ignorance with education by developing the anti-bias curriculum for our 9th and 10th-grade health classes. While the lessons promote self-discovery, they especially validate the experiences of underrepresented students like myself, giving us confidence to go forth with meaningful, open discussions. As a child living in rural Georgia, I struggled to embrace my own identity. Back then, it was impossible to ask myself Benjamin Franklin's noblest question "What good may I do in it?" I found the answer in my own self-empowerment when that hate crime threatened to divide our community and I saw an opportunity to contribute my perspective. Throughout high school, whether it's been through my participation in Congresswoman Mary Gay Scanlon's Youth Congressional Cabinet, or through sharing my opinion in The Swarthmorean and Teen Vogue, using my voice has strengthened my commitment to ensuring that others can contribute their voices too.

Stephen Yavor

Stephen was introduced by Betty Ann Flynn. In addition to the activities Stephen describes in his essay, he was also part of the High School's Robotics Team. He will be attending the Rochester Institute of Technology this Fall.

Below are excerpts from Stephen's essay:

"I have recently completed my journey in scouting by obtaining the rank of Eagle Scout. I have been actively involved in scouting ever since I joined as a Tiger Scout eleven years ago. Over my years in scouting I have learned numerous skills in a diverse range of fields and I have served in several leadership positions. I served as a Patrol Leader where I was responsible for managing the advancement and training of eight to ten scouts. As an Assistant Senior Patrol Leader I planned troop meetings and activities and organized monthly senior scout meetings to develop these plans and to plan our monthly camping trips.

Scouting has also introduced me to more opportunities to serve my community. ... One of my favorite projects was assisting my friend Johnathan as he constructed the shed in the Swarthmore Library's parking lot. I also assisted with several other Eagle Scout projects including resurfacing the track at Cades, and conservation projects at Ridley Creek State Park, John Heinz National Wildlife Refuge and Mount Moriah Cemetery. During Covid I was able to assist with a food drive that collected and donated food to a local food pantry. ..

I have been a volunteer firefighter for Swarthmore Fire and Protective Association ever since I turned 14. I have accumulated over 1,000 hours of service. I have participated in trainings, responded to emergency calls, and run educational demonstrations teaching the importance of fire safety. The fire company recognized my attendance with an award as the 4th top responder.

The skills I have learned through my service have also benefited my own family. I was awarded (an honor) for saving my brother when he suffered a large laceration to the arm after running through a glass door. I used the lifesaving skills I had learned to control the bleeding and keep him distracted and positive, even though he was in shock. "

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