



Swarthmore Rotary Cog Notes

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July 1, 2021

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- Maria Michael Zissimos
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- Heather Saunders
President-Nominee
- Francy Cross
Assistant Governor

Meetings and Events

July

- 1st - [Club Meeting](#)
Speaker: Ben Yagoda, Guggenheim Fellow
Subject: A Twist at the End—The Surprising Life and Works of O. Henry
- 5th - [Swarthmore Independence Day Parade and Celebration](#)
- 8th - [Club Meeting](#)
Speaker: Dr. Kathryn Jones, Club President
Subject: The Chester Trades Education Project
- 15th - [Club Meeting](#)
Speaker: Martha Perkins, Owner, Gallery on Park
Subject: A Live Tour of the Gallery on Park

Table Grace

By Frederick E. Christian

Lord God of the nations, we pray for peace in our troubled world. At times it appears that everything that was nailed down has come loose.” Forgive us for any misuses of the liberties that we enjoy in this great land and make us mindful of how blessed we are. 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?

Independence Day Celebration (Monday, July 5th)

From Kathryn Jones:

We are back to a live Independence Day celebration in Swarthmore and we need Rotarians help. The Rotary Club of Swarthmore has been hosting a lemonade stand on July 4th for MANY years. The stand raises money for Polio eradication.

The lemonade stand will start at 8:30AM and end at 12:30PM. Please sign up for a 90 minute slot. 8AM to 9:30AM, 9:30AM to 11AM or 11AM to 12:30PM. Signing up for multiple slots is encouraged.

Parade

Also, if you can't do the lemonade stand please come for 30 minutes to join your fellow Rotarians to March in the Independence Day parade. The parade starts at 10AM and should be over by about 10:30AM. Ceremonies and award presentations will follow.

To register to volunteer, see Kathryn Jones's email of June 26.

Induction Ceremony

Kathryn Jones was inducted as Swarthmore Rotary 2021-2022 President in the first in-person meeting of the club in 15 months. Heather Saunders, the President-Elect, conducted the ceremony that saw the traditional passing of the Scottish chalice from outgoing President Bill Hale to Kathryn.

The 2021 Swarthmore Rotary Service Award recipients were also announced.

Vocational Service Award

The Vocational Service Award recipient for 2020-21 is Jane Billings, Swarthmore's Borough Manager. This award recognizes her 32 years of service, achievement and public action on behalf of the Borough. Jane came to Swarthmore from California and made the adjustment well. After 25 years on the job, the Pennsylvania State

Service Quotation

We cannot live only for ourselves. A thousand fibers connect us with our fellow men. ~Herman Melville

Rotary Celebrations!

Birthdays

No Birthdays Found

Wedding Anniversaries

No Wedding Anniversaries Found

Years of Service

Gudmund R Iversen
07-01-1985
36 Years
Penelope Reed
07-01-2017
4 Years

Association of Boroughs awarded her its Carol Sambol Award for being “an exceptional public servant.” She earned the respect of all who knew her well and the full attention of anyone in the Borough who ever needed a permit. When Jane retires as Borough Manager next year (2022), she will have been the Borough’s last manager of the 20th century and its first manager of the new century. To paraphrase a comment she made a few years ago, “thirty-two years is a lot of sewer blocks, police contracts and missed trash collections... You cannot find anyone luckier or happier than I to have had the job.” Her retirement is a huge loss to the Borough, but we are fortunate to have had her working for us for these past many years.

Happy Dollars

pledge \$3,892

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

Community Service Award:

The Community Service Award recipient for 2020-21 is the Swarthmore Senior Citizens Association. President Nancy Daniel and Past President Linton Stables accepted the award as representatives of the Association. The Swarthmore Senior Citizens Association is a civic organization whose activities are open to all who reside in Swarthmore and the surrounding communities. It promotes the well-being of seniors, as well as others in the community, by providing a welcoming environment for social interaction, learning opportunities, and a variety of activities and programs. SSCA has become an integral and active part of the Borough of Swarthmore. The Gathering Place at 129 Park Avenue was established as a center for groups to gather and play games, which include bridge, canasta and scrabble; work on crafts; meet for programs; and hold discussions. The Gathering Place is now coming back to life with in-person activities for those who have been fully vaccinated for COVID-19. Other programs sponsored by SSCA that bring people together include “Friday Friends”, “Lunch and Learn” and “Walks and Trails”, which gets people outside and walking around. SSCA also supports the Food Pantry at St. Katherine Drexel through its Pantry Staples Program. During the pandemic, the Association has been dedicated to keeping seniors healthy and engaged, and the work it has done this year has been astounding. They have had daily e-newsletters, which include updates about the virus, information about where vaccinations could be obtained, and interesting on-line activities. They have held two vaccination clinics, and virtual health and wellness fairs. They also do regular Zoom programing and social times.

Thanks to Betty Ann Flynn and Ken Foulk for the following photos, which were taken by Ken.





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