



# Swarthmore Rotary Cog Notes

P.O. Box 4, Swarthmore, PA 19081



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

March 24,  
2022

Shekhar Mehta  
RI President 2021-22  
Roger Taylor  
District 7450  
Governor

## Swarthmore Rotary Leaders

Kathryn Jones  
President

Heather Saunders  
President-Elect

Brian Casey  
Club Executive  
Secretary  
Webmaster

Brian H. Craig  
Secretary

Theresa O'Malley  
Treasurer

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Public Relations  
Chair

Carr Everbach  
Membership Chair

David Firn  
Club Director

Betty Ann A. Flynn  
Club Director

William Clinton Hale  
iPast President

Anne C. Hansen  
Club Director

Lori Markusfeld  
Service Projects  
Chair

Hillard Pouncy  
Club Programs Chair

Barbara Whitaker-  
Shimko

## Meetings and Events

### March

24th - [Swarthmore Weekly Club Meeting](#)

Speaker: The Swarthmorean's Editorial Team

Subject: The Newspaper's News

31st - [Swarthmore Weekly Club Meeting](#)

Speaker: Phil Coleman, Technical Advisor to the US Dept. of Energy

Subject: A Few Steps towards a De-carbonized Swarthmore

### April

7th - [Swarthmore Weekly Club Meeting](#)

Speaker: Vibhat Nair, CEO, and Alba Martinez, Mangolia Impact Solutions

Subject: Financial Health in America: What gets measured gets done

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## Table Grace

By Frederick E. Christian

**Lord, you have given us another day to use wisely or to squander as we will. Teach us how to redeem the time you give us in our own special way. Grant that we may strengthen the ideals of Rotary through our vocation or profession that this world may be a better place for all humankind. Accept our thanks for this food and by it, enable us to serve you in gladness of spirit. Amen.**

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## 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?

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## Club News

**Elizabeth Church presented the Rotary Moment. She told us about a**

Rotary Foundation  
Chair

Kenneth J. Wright  
Club Director

Greg Brown  
President-Nominee

Cathleen Darrell  
Attendance  
Secretary

Richard Shimko  
Bulletin Editor

Karen Aleta  
Mazzarella-Russo  
Assistant Governor

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**Rotaract Club in Ghana that worked with the residents of a small village to install a well. Before the well was installed, children had to walk miles to fetch water, causing them to be late for school.**

**President Kathryn Jones gave us the Club meeting schedule. We will meet at the Inn the last two weeks in March. We will meet on Zoom the first two weeks in April.**

**Kathryn said the Club members donated more than \$280 to the Chester Bingo event.**

**Tell Lori Markusfeld if you are interested in participating in a service project in Chester, Saturday morning, April 23. It will be an outdoor clean-up project.**

**Other events: April 30 – Adopt-A-Highway; May 13 – World of Work;; May 21 – Block Party.**

**Kathryn reminded us that April 26 is the 85<sup>th</sup> birthday for the Club. She is soliciting suggestions for a way to celebrate.**

**Kathryn announced that Sarah Pita will be heading the Ukrainian Relief project. She is investigating ways for the Club to help Ukrainian refugees.**

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## Service Quotation

The time is always right to do what's right.  
~Martin Luther King Jr.

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## Rotary Celebrations!

### Birthdays



Brian H. Craig  
March 28th



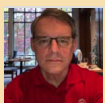
Anthony Coschignano  
March 30th

### Wedding Anniversaries



Dan Honig  
March 28th

### Years of Service



Brian Casey  
03-27-2009  
13 Years

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## Last Meeting Summary

**When Bill Webb, the new Swarthmore Town Manager, told his friends that he was going to work for Swarthmore, they said he would be sorry. They told him that Swarthmoreans felt entitled and were difficult to get along with. With a few months on the job, Bill believes that they were wrong. He describes Swarthmoreans as having a sense of community. He feels the town has character. Bill wanted us to know that we can stop in to his office to see him**

## Happy Dollars

pledge \$3,054

2020-21 : \$3,892

2019-20: \$3,344

2018-2019: \$3,845

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## Guests Last Meeting

Patrick Gunnin  
Dan Snyder

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anytime. He is aiming for open access and transparency.

Bill reviewed some of the current and projected projects in town. SEPTA is planning to do construction at the train station in 2023 to bring it into compliance with federal disability regulations. PECO is planning power line modifications that may require tree removals. The plan will be presented to the public for comment when it is more developed.

Bill reported that he rejected the Park Avenue building development because the plan was not in compliance with zoning regulations. The developer is revising the plans. Bill said the process of approval for a project of this type is: the Town Manager reviews the plans for zoning compliance, then it goes to the Planning Commission for approval. After that, the plan will be submitted to Borough Council for approval of the demolition plan.

Bill stressed the importance of volunteers in the life of the Borough. The governing of the Borough is done by volunteers on the Borough Council and the various town committees. He invited us to consider volunteering for a committee. If we are unable to do so, Bill requested that we be nice to the volunteers who are on the Borough committees. He said it is OK to yell at him. He gets a salary.


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## Ukrainian Relief Fund

Sarah Pita provided the following:

Rotary District 7450's Gundaker Foundation is partnering with Rotary District 2231 in Poland to help refugees from Ukraine. As of March 22, Poland has received over 2.1 million Ukrainian refugees. With seemingly no end to the conflict in sight, these innocent victims of war are likely to be in Poland for a while.

Rotary District 2231 includes 79 clubs all over Poland. The clubs are helping Ukrainian refugees in their communities and responding to overwhelming needs as they develop. District 2231 will distribute your donations to Rotary clubs that are helping Ukrainian refugees. Fund use in Poland will be subject to the same high standards of reporting and



**accountability as grants awarded through Rotary.  
Donate by mailing a check to the Gundaker Foundation at PO Box 812,  
Springfield, PA 19064-0812. Make the check out to Gundaker  
Foundation, with "Ukraine Relief Fund" on the memo line.**

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