



Swarthmore Rotary Cog Notes

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SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

April 21,
2022

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Meetings and Events

April

21st - [Swarthmore Weekly Club Meeting](#)

Speaker: Rob Zarbo, owner Ship Bottom Brewery

Subject: The New Business in Town

28th - [Swarthmore Weekly Club Meeting](#)

Speaker: Melissa Lyons, Director, Public Health Director, Del. County Health Department

Subject: (Hold for title)

30th - [Adopt-A-Highway Clean Up](#)

May

5th - [Swarthmore Weekly Club Meeting](#)

Speaker: hold for Adrienne Benally, a professor of Environmental Studies at SC

Subject: Waiting for Title

Table Grace

By Frederick E. Christian

Help us, God, to avoid despair by taking the longer look at life. Keep ever before us all the dream of world understanding and help us to take heart from every deed of kindness and compassion that we see day by day. Make us thankful for these gifts of your bounty. 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?
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Club News

Greg Brown presided at the meeting.

In addition to the Club events listed below, the following events sponsored by other organizations were announced:

April 26 – Chester Rotary is having a Mingle Fest at Pizzeria Uno (across from Widener University), starting at 5:30 pm.

May 12 – There will be a screening of the movie “Mission Joy”, on May 12, 7 pm, at the PACC. The movie features Bishop Desmond Tutu and the Dalai Lama discussing how to deal with trauma. Donations to help Ukrainian refugees will be collected.

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Service Quotation

"If you knew what I know about the power of giving, you would not let a single meal pass without sharing it in some way."

Buddha

Rotary Celebrations!

Birthdays



Susan
Larson
April 22nd

Wedding Anniversaries

No Wedding
Anniversaries
Found

Years of Service



Arthur G.
Baker
04-23-2004
18 Years

Happy Dollars

Club events (supplied by Kathryn Jones):

April 21st and 28th - Club meetings will be in person at the Inn.

April 26th - 85th Anniversary of the Rotary Club of Swarthmore

April 23rd - Service Day in Chester. Please let Lori Markusfeld know if you are interested in attending. The clean-up is from 10am-2pm.

April 30th - Service Day in Swarthmore. Please sign-up for our Adopt-a-Highway clean-up along Yale Avenue. See Dave Firn's email from March 27th for details on how to register for "Rotary at Work Day."

May 13th - World of Work at the Swarthmore-Rutledge School (SRS). Josh Twersky is asking for volunteers. We will need many Club members on this date to support this cherished tradition with the 5th graders!

May 14th from 4pm-8pm - Rotary CTEP Block Party.

September 18th from 12pm-4pm - Rotary Fun Fair. Planning meeting scheduled for 1:30pm-2:30pm on April 28th after the Club meeting at the Inn.

Last Meeting Summary

In the words of Rotarian Maria Zissimos, the Chester Housing Authority made a tremendous commitment 15 years ago to convert a crime-ridden empty lot into a farm. The Authority had many other uses for the money. Natania Schaumburg told us that the commitment was a success in many ways. Natania has been the farm manager at Ruth Bennett Community Farm for the past five years. She said the Farm has provided food to the local community and work experience for Chester teens.

Natania describes this portion of Chester as a food desert. There are few readily accessible places to buy fresh vegetables. Most years the Farm operates a farm stand and sells the vegetables that it grows. Because of Covid, the past two years the vegetables have been given away. Natania told us that the Farm produces 30,000 pounds of vegetables annually. Every summer for 8 weeks, the Farm hires a work crew of Chester teens. Natania said the summer work not only gives the teens work experience, it also gives them experience in public speaking because she has them lead guided tours for the public.

The Farm also produces cut flowers, which are sold at Philadelphia Food Works in Philadelphia. The sale of the flowers brings in \$20,000 to support operations at the Farm. The Farm also gets funding from the Housing Authority and private grants.

pledge \$3,519

2020-21 : \$3,892

2019-20: \$3,344

2018-2019: \$3,845

Guests Last Meeting

Patrick Gunnin

Natania praised volunteers that support the operation of the Farm. Swarthmore Rotarians have the opportunity to help this Saturday, April 23, as described in the following section.

Youth Farm Crew



Ruth Bennett service project

Ruth Bennett Service Project, April 23 from 10 am to 2 pm.

Attire

Dress appropriately for the weather and bring layers. Wear closed toe, sturdy shoes and clothes that can get dirty. Gloves are provided. Bring your own water bottles

Projects vary, but may include:

- building raised beds
- wheelbarrowing, filling beds with soil and compost
- clearing debris
- building projects
- leveling areas
- weeding



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