



Swarthmore Rotary Cog Notes

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May 5, 2022

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Meetings and Events

May

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

Speaker: Adrienne Benally, assistant professor, Environmental Studies, Swarthmore College

Subject: Indigenous Perspectives on Environmentalism

12th - [Swarthmore Weekly Club Meeting](#)

Speaker: Susie O'Donnell, SEAC, and Jennifer Pennington, Horticultural Society President

Subject: Home Eco-Audits: Restoring Wildlife habitat one backyard at a time

19th - [Swarthmore Weekly Club Meeting](#)

Speaker: Club Assembly

Subject: Club Assembly

Table Grace

By Frederick E. Christian

Father, you have given us many precious gifts, not the least of which are our friends. For the open door that Rotary offers us into lasting friendships, we thank you. We ask that each one of us be worthy of the gifts of caring concern shared here. Receive our thanks for this hour of fellowship, that we may be better equipped to serve you and our community. 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

This meeting's speaker no-show is a notable reminder of the hard work that Hillard Pouncy has been doing to line-up speakers every week. I appreciate Hillard's work and thank him for his effort.

In the absence of a speaker, we got to hear remarks from two new members, Pat Gunnin

Kenneth J. Wright
Club Director
Greg Brown
President-Nominee
Cathleen Darrell
Attendance
Secretary
Richard Shimko
Bulletin Editor
Karen Aleta
Mazzarella-Russo
Assistant Governor

and Sarah Pita, and one potential member, Jane Billings.

Club Activities

Ukrainian Relief Fund – see Kathryn Jones’ email of 4/26/22 for details on how to help Ukrainian refugees.

Swarthmore Rotary Service Awards – see Kathryn’s email of 4/26/22 for details on how to nominate a person or organization for a Service Award.

Club Events

May 5th and 12th - Club meetings will be via Zoom.

May 19th - Club Assembly will be in person at the Inn. Please bring \$20 cash for lunch.

June 23rd – Induction dinner at Tyler Arboretum.

May 12th Movie Night in Swarthmore

The Rotary Club of Swarthmore is hosting a public screening and discussion of the documentary film "Mission: JOY" at the new Park Avenue Community Center. Program begins at 7 pm.

May 13th World of Work at the Swarthmore-Rutledge School (SRS)

Josh Twersky is asking for volunteers. See Kathryn’s email of 4/28/22 for details.

September 18th from 12pm-4pm Rotary Fun Fair

The Club celebrated its 85th birthday with a blue and yellow cake. The article that follows has information about the Club’s first meeting.



Service Quotation

You must be the change you wish to see in the world."

Mahatma Gandhi

Rotary Celebrations!

Birthdays

No Birthdays Found

Wedding

Anniversaries



Brian H. Craig
May 6th



Barbara Whitaker-Shimko
May 7th



Richard Shimko
May 7th

Years of Service

No Years Of Service Found

Swarthmore Rotary's First Meeting

In a prominent location on the front page of the April 9, 1937 edition of the Swarthmorean was an article of interest to Swarthmore Rotarians. It is reproduced in its entirety below.

“FORM ROTARY CLUB IN SWARTHMORE – John E. Michaels Named President by Fourteen Other Local Organizers – Steps for the organization of a Rotary club in

Happy Dollars

pledge \$3,670

2020-21 : \$3,892

2019-20: \$3,344

2018-2019: \$3,845

Guests Last Meeting

Jane Billings

Swarthmore were taken April 1 by a group of fifteen local business and professional men who met at the Ingelneuk with representatives from the Chester and West Chester clubs. This action unites Swarthmore with the more than 4,000 cities all over the world where Rotary clubs have come to play a leading part in the progress and development in the life of the community.

The new club is sponsored by members of the Rotary club of Chester, who have been anxious for some time to have this Borough represented in the world-wide organization.

Those present at the meeting, April 1, when it was decided to have a Rotary club in Swarthmore are John E. Michaels, who was elected President; Charles R. Russell, vice-president; Edward L. Noyes, secretary; F.A. Patman, treasurer; N. Walter Suplee, sergeant-at-arms; John H. Pitman and George B. Heckmen, board of directors; Emanuel M. Buchner, William S. Hoffman, Richard C. Ammerman, Elric S. Sproat, William F. Lee, Harold E.B. Spright, Wayne Mosteller, and Clarence E. Hannum.

The new club will have its regular weekly meetings at the Ingelneuk.

As soon as the new club has been admitted to membership in Rotary International (the central organization of which all clubs are members) by vote of the international board of directors, its charter as a Rotary club will be delivered by the Chester club and George E. Brown, of Ocean City, who is governor of this, the fiftieth district of Rotary. Delegations from all the other Rotary clubs nearby are expected to attend this event.

The motto of Rotary "Service above self – He profits most who serves best" is interpreted in Rotary four ways – service to the club to make it strong and active; service in one's own vocation; service in the community; and service to the world as a world-citizen."

As a matter of interest, here some of the other features of the April 9, 1937 edition of the Swarthmorean.

The only photo (other than ads) in the newspaper was one of the lead actress of the Players Club production of "As husbands go". Her name was Mrs. A.P. Whitaker of Riverview Road (no relation to current resident).

The paper was full of short personal items. Here is a typical one. "Mr. and Mrs. Harold Griffin, of Rutgers Avenue, entertained at cards last Saturday evening".

The Giant Tiger grocery store on Baltimore Pike advertised only canned fruits and

vegetables. An example: canned peaches for 13¢.

The Swarthmore Garage on 401 Dartmouth Ave. had a large advertisement for the Studebaker Dictator. The ad stated that “We’ll convince you that the Dictator is a better buy”. Apparently, dictators had a more positive image in 1937.

CTEP Tool Kit Ceremony 4/28/22

By Kenneth J. Wright

A party was held in Chester at the Ruth L Bennett CTEP Hub to celebrate the achievement of eight of our cohort 1 students who have successfully completed the first courses in their Carpentry curriculum. They now qualify to receive their tools and tool bags so that they can complete their courses at DCCC. Rotary is providing the tools and tool bag since it is a major expense for our students and one which they must have to complete their courses.

Present at the event were President **Kathryn Jones** and President **Veronique Young**, Rotary Club of Chester; **Karen Kozachyn**, Dean at DCCC whose professors teach the courses; **John Linder** and several of his Riverside Futures members who find our students and teach them how to be a success in college; **Maria Zissimos** and others from Chester Housing Authority who provide the classroom at RLB; and several Rotary Club of Swarthmore CTEP members.

The students received a CTEP Student Appreciation Award certificate, their tools and CTEP tool bag and everyone enjoyed the Pizza and discussions that followed. A good time was had by all!

