



Swarthmore Rotary Cog Notes

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October 27, 2022

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District 7450 Governor

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Meetings and Events

October 27th (Inn)
[Swarthmore Weekly Club Meeting](#)
Speaker: David Houtz, District Governor
Subject: Imagine Rotary

November 10th (Inn)
[Swarthmore Weekly Club Meeting](#)
Speaker: Marsha Benovengo
Subject: Casting for Recovery

November 3rd (Inn)
[Swarthmore Weekly Club Meeting](#)
Speaker: Judy Wicks, White Dog Cafe
Subject: Regional Economies: Uniting Rural and Urban Communities to Confront Climate Change

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?

Service Quotation

"Never forget that you are one of a kind. Never forget that if there weren't any need for you in all your uniqueness to be on this earth, you wouldn't be here in the first place. And never forget, no matter how overwhelming life's challenges and problems seem to be, that one person can make a difference in the world. In fact, it is always because of one person that all the changes that matter in the world come about. So be that one person. "
R. Buckminster Fuller

Club News

George Whitfield presided.

Anne Hansen promoted Rotary's fight against polio and beer drinking by handing out cans of Purple Pinkie Pale Ale. The brewer, Locust Lane Craft Brewery in Malvern, will donate to the Rotary fight against polio for each can sold. Anne gave a short history of Rotary's efforts to eradicate polio. She stated that if we don't finish the job of eradication, polio can come roaring back.

Carr Everbach reported that video recordings of the meetings are available by contacting him.

Pat Gunnin told us Art Baker is retiring from the club.

Last Meeting Summary

By Sarah Pita



The title of Vudi Xhymshiti's talk was "I'm in Ukraine and this is my choice", to which he later added "I am here to stay". Vudi is a photojournalist, originally from Albania, now based in London.

Vudi related what he is seeing in Ukraine, supporting his story with his photographs. He claimed that Russians are targeting civilian areas with rockets and artillery to demoralize the populace. The bombardments can occur at any time of the day or night. He showed a photo of a woman in front of her completely destroyed house. She had told him that a rocket hit her house while she was on a brief walk to get some air.

Vudi has visited areas of Ukraine that have recently been liberated from the Russians. He said almost all of

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Rotary Celebrations!

Birthdays

Carr Everbach
November 1st

Wedding Anniversaries

Kathryn Jones
November 1st

Years of Service

Dennis Hoffman
11-01-1988
34 Years

Kenneth J. Wright
11-01-1998
24 Years

Joseph Patrick Lesniak
11-01-2012
10 Years

Elizabeth Church
10-29-2020
2 Years

Guests Last Meeting

No guests

the houses are unlivable and the populace appears devastated. He described them as “crying inside”.

In response to a question, Vudi stated that Ukrainians believe Western nations should do more to help their country. He also feels that they are suspicious of the Western press.

Although he is staying in Ukraine, Vudi expressed concern that the media, in general, is losing interest in the war in Ukraine. Vudi requested financial assistance to support his work in Ukraine. Donations cover living expenses for himself and his assistants. He also needs to purchase a new van. We can donate on his website <https://vudixhymshiti.uk/>. His website has many disturbing photos of the conflict in Ukraine as well as other recent battlegrounds. Some of the photos are reproduced below.



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