



Swarthmore Rotary Cog Notes

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January 19, 2023

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Happy Dollars

pledge \$1,944
2021-2022 \$4,476

Rotary Celebrations!

Birthdays

Martin Spiegel

Meetings and Events

January 19th
Swarthmore Weekly Club Meeting (Inn)
Speaker: Rachel Pasten and Beth Murray
Subject: Housing Affordability in Swarthmore

January 20th
Swarthmore Rotary presents Rotary Arts Project Park Avenue Community Center
Speaker: Penelope Reed
Subject: The Swarthmore Rotary presents new conversation series as part of the Rotary Arts Project
<https://thepac.center/events/rapapccpenelopereed>

January 26th
Swarthmore Weekly Club Meeting (Inn) Speaker:
Vijay Kapoor, chief of staff to the Receiver for the City of Chester
Subject: Chester, PA and Receivership

Service Quotation

But even with the inspiration of others, it's understandable that we sometimes think the world's problems are so big that we can do little to help. On our own, we cannot end wars or wipe out injustice, but the cumulative impact of thousands of small acts of goodness can be bigger than we imagine. Queen Elizabeth II, Christmas Message 2016

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

George Whitfield presided.

Anne Hansen reported that the Gundaker Foundation board (of which she is a member) approved Swarthmore Rotary's grant application for \$1,000 for First Stop Swarthmore. Swarthmore Rotary also contributed \$1,000. First Stop Swarthmore provides temporary housing and other services to migrant families. According to Anne, the Chester Rotary club is about to submit a grant application for a service project in the African country of Liberia. Swarthmore Rotary has been cooperating with Chester Rotary on this grant.

Dave Firm asked us to save Tuesday, February 14 for a service project at a food pantry in Prospect Park. Details to follow.

Ken Wright encouraged attendance at the RAP/PAC event on January 20. More details on the event are provided in the article below.

Elizabeth Church told us that January is Rotary's Vocational Service month. In Rotary, vocational service refers to the idea that Rotarians should pursue the highest ethical standards in their vocation.

Last Meeting Summary

By Heather Saunders

Carr Everbach told us that water has been a boon to the development of civilization over the millennia. He then said the way things are transpiring on planet earth, it might become the bane. Carr is a Professor of Civil and Mechanical Engineering at Swarthmore College.

January 20th

Wedding Anniversaries

No Wedding Anniversaries Found

Years of Service

No Years Of Service Found

Guests Last Meeting

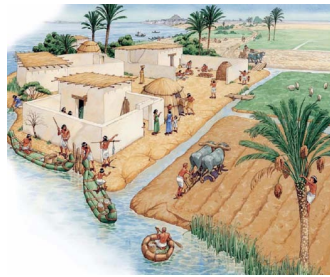
Jim Brown
Kate Sibley
Larry Seidman

First the boon. Carr explained that early humans experienced a “great leap forward” about 50,000 years ago when they moved from the interior of Africa to the coast. The coast had more food resources. More food led to the development of bigger brains. Later, early civilization developed in river valleys in the Middle East and China. The early civilizations were built on growing crops near the rivers. Growing crops, instead of hunting and gathering, produced a surplus of food. This became the basis for population increase, social hierarchies, technological development, and, ultimately, Tiktok.

Another result of having enough food (at least for those at the top of the hierarchies) was the desire for more stuff, particularly stuff that was new and unusual. This led to trade, a lot of which was on boats. Carr showed us examples of early boats, from the Phoenicians to the Greeks and Romans and then the Vikings. He said the Polynesians were amazing seafarers. They traveled across thousands of miles of the Pacific Ocean, finding the little islands they settled. He believes they discovered the American continent before Columbus.

Now for the bane. Carr said most major cities are located on ocean coasts. Sea levels are expected to rise because of global warming. He presented a map of the world showing land areas that are projected to be submerged by 2100. All of Florida and New York City are projected to be underwater. The world will survive. It will just be very, very different.

This cartoon from Carr's talk shows an early settlement with boats and irrigation ditches.



RAP PAC First Session



The first Rotary Arts Project event will be Friday, January 20 at the Park Avenue Community Center. The following is an excerpt of an article in the Swarthmorean.

“The Park Avenue Community Center (PAC) is introducing a new conversation series in collaboration with the Rotary Club of Swarthmore’s “Rotary Arts Project.” The new series, called “RAP @ PAC” endeavors to explore the creative spirit of local artist through thoughtful and evocative conversations. Join our moderators as we converse with local actors, writers, musicians, and makers about the elusive creative process and the spirit that drives them to create.

The first conversation will be with Penelope Reed, Director Emeritus of the Hedgerow Theatre.

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The moderator will be PAC Executive Director, Rosemary Fox.

Join the conversation on Friday, January 20, at 7:30 pm., at the Park Avenue Community Center, 129 Park Ave, Swarthmore. Tickets are \$10."

MLK Day of Service

Swarthmore Rotarians participated in the Martin Luther King Day of Service at Strath Haven Middle School on January 16. The team made Comfort Kits for the Headstrong Foundation.

Participants were: Ray Hopkin, Andrew Bunting, George Whitfield, Cathy Darrell, Marty Spiegel, Ann Seidman, Brian Casey, Carr Everbach, Heather Saunders. Also attending were the Rotary coordinators, Jane Billings and Jeannine Osayande.

Several Rotarians contributed photographs.



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