



# Swarthmore Rotary Cog Notes

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June 1, 2023

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Happy Dollars

pledge \$3,647  
2021-2022 \$4,476

Rotary Celebrations!

Birthdays

Cathleen Darrell  
June 2nd

Wedding Anniversaries

## Meetings and Events

June 1st, 12:15-1:30 PM

Swarthmore Weekly Club Meeting

Speaker: Betsy Bolton, Alexander Griswold  
Cummins Professor of English Literature  
Subject: Poems based in the Crum woods and  
the surrounding region

June 15th, 12:15-1:30 PM

Swarthmore Weekly Club Meeting

Speaker: Viktoriia Zakharova, student,  
Swarthmore College  
Subject: Unplugging r-waste from Swarthmore

June 8th, 12:15-1:30 PM

Swarthmore Weekly Club Meeting

Speaker: WSSD Scholarship Recipients  
Subject: Hosted by Richard Shimko

## Service Quotation

"The Rotary Foundation is not to build monuments of brick and stone. If we work upon marble, it will perish; if we work on brass, time will efface it; if we rear temples they will crumble into dust; but if we work upon immortal minds, if we imbue them with the meaning of the spirit of Rotary. We are engraving on those tablets something that will brighten all eternity." Arch C. Klumph - 1929.

## 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.

There was an abbreviated business meeting to allow more time for the CTEP Progress Report. The progress report was given by:  
Kathryn Jones - former Swarthmore Rotary President  
Karen Kozacmyn - DCCC administrator  
John Linder - CEO Riverside Futures

They were joined by Three CTEP students:  
Tomi Jones  
Darrin Richardson  
David Carter

## Last Meeting Summary



It has been about two years since the idea for the Chester Trades Education Project (CTEP) was hatched. At

No Wedding Anniversaries  
Found

## Years of Service

Joshua Twersky  
06-02-2003  
20 Years

## Guests Last Meeting

Warren Sell  
Nina Patterson  
Art Sybrandy  
Sean McCormick  
Linton Stables

today's meeting, we saw the results of the hard work that the Rotary team led by Kathryn Jones did to make CTEP happen. We met three students, two of whom are almost finished with the program. Tomi Jones, a young Black woman, said the CTEP team helped give her the courage to try to do a hard thing. She wants to encourage others in Chester to take on challenges. Darrin Richardson, a middle-aged Black man, said he wandered into a presentation about CTEP. Darrin, who is 53, signed up when he found out that there was no age limit. David Carter, a middle-aged Black man, said he had unsuccessfully tried to get in other trade schools. He wants to start his own carpentry business in Chester. Tomi and Darrin have one more class, a paid internship. They will receive their certification this August.



We met two key members of the CTEP team. Dr. Karen Kozachyn is an administrator at Delaware County Community College (DCCC). DCCC provides the instructors, lab equipment, and certification. Tuition fees are covered by a grant from the Kelleher Connect Fund. Professor John Linder is CEO of Riverside Futures. This agency recruits and selects students for CTEP. Professor Linder teaches the Student Success class and provides mentoring throughout the program. They said they believe CTEP is helping Chester by not only increasing employment but also by building a pool of skilled tradesmen who will work in Chester.

Kathryn Jones told us that six students are still in Cohort I, which will graduate this August. Cohort II, which still has 10 students, started in September 2022. Cohort III is scheduled to start this September. There is space for 16 students in the latest class.

Cohort I had 12 students when it started, meaning half of the initial class dropped out along the way. When asked about this, Professor Linder gave "life happens" as the reason for the drop outs. He said CTEP is keeping in touch with the drop-outs and encouraging them to return. One specific problem that was discussed was transportation to the DCCC campus in Marple from Chester. Dr. Kosachyn said currently it is difficult to get from Chester to the DCCC campus.

The CTEP team plans to help the students with transportation and other problems. Kathryn said a van will be hired for the trip to and from DCCC. Since many of the students are attending evening classes after working during the day, food will be provided in the van. In addition to free tuition, each student is provided with a tool kit, donated by the Swarthmore and Chester Rotary clubs.

All three students thanked the clubs for the help that they had received. They also all said they want to pass on this help to others in Chester. The impact of our efforts to establish CTEP will spread beyond the individual students to the whole Chester community.

Here are some of the CTEP Team. Warren Sell and Nina Patterson are from Chester Rotary, John Linder, Ken Wright, Kathryn Jones, students Darrin Richardson, David Carter, and Tomi Jones, and Karen Kozachyn



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