



Swarthmore Rotary Cog Notes



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Service Quotation

A time of crisis is not just a time of anxiety and worry. It gives a chance, an opportunity, to choose well or to choose badly.
Desmond Tutu

Rotary Celebrations!

Birthdays



Penelope Reed
June 8th

Wedding Anniversaries



Raymond F. Hopkins
June 5th

Meetings and Events

June 4 ZOOM Meeting
Speaker: John Zissimos, VP Creative, Brand, Media & Global Customer Programs, Google

Table Grace

By Frederick E. Christian

Lord of the nations and the eternal presence of those who seek freedom and love liberty, Inspire us to stand firmly for peace and justice for all. Let your spirit move us to pursue Rotary's ideals for healing the wounds of a broken world. Amen.

4 Way Test

Of the things we think, say or do

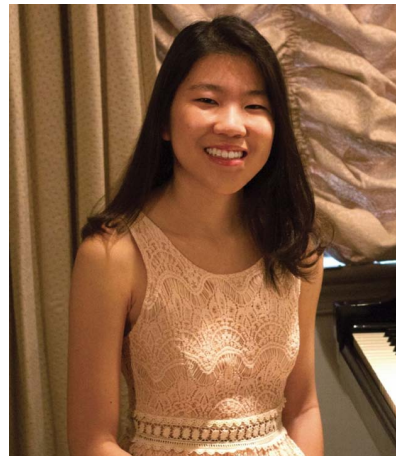
1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Last Meeting Summary

We met, via Zoom, two extraordinary Strath Haven High School seniors. The winners of the 2020 Swarthmore Rotary and Women's Clubs scholarships were Lauren Park and Johnathan Cresson. The scholarships are awarded to the applicants who best demonstrate their commitment to service to others. After being introduced by members of the Rotary scholarship committee, each student read the essay they had completed as part of the application for the scholarship. Excerpts from the essay are included below.

Lauren, who lives in Swarthmore, is planning to attend Swarthmore College this Fall. Last year she gave a piano recital at Swarthmore College. Johnathan, who also lives in Swarthmore, is planning to attend Lafayette College. His essay focused on his volunteering at the Swarthmore fire company. He also built the shed that is located in the Borough Hall parking lot as an Eagle Scout project.

Scholarship Recipients



Excerpts from Student Essays

Years of Service

No Years Of Service Found

Happy Dollars

\$2186 (pledge \$705)

2019-20 Happy Dollars
for Polio Plus Fund
(\$3 to fully protect one child)

2018-19 total: \$3,845

2017-18 total: \$4,515

2016-17 total: \$3,756

Guests Last Meeting

Seri Park (Lauren's mother)
Lydia Pastuzek

Excerpts from Lauren's essay

Through music, I have connected with individuals of all ages. Each month, I bring together elementary, middle, and high schoolers to perform music at Plush Mills and other senior centers. At elementary schools, I promote music education and lead games with the children, like identifying subjects in Bach fugues. While studying at Swarthmore College, I will engage with my community by delivering impromptu performances during lunch at Parrish Hall and coaching young artists in the Chester Children's Chorus.

Since sophomore year, I have investigated why Japanese and western restaurants charge more than Korean, Chinese, and other restaurants. My research finds that people respect cuisines of former colonial powers more than food from victims of colonialism, reflecting their unconscious prejudices against certain countries and cultures.

Serving my community has taught me about myself. To treat my scoliosis, I wore a back brace for three years, and I now lead support groups sessions for scoliosis patients and their families. From reflecting on my experience at these meetings, I have realized that I developed creativity and responsibility when styling brace-accommodating outfits and recording my treatment hours. Living in the close community of Swarthmore has shown me that people support each other by sharing their personal strengths and interests, and I will follow this model of service throughout my life.

Excerpts from Johnathan's essay:

I'm a volunteer firefighter with the Swarthmore Fire and Protective Association. My father has also volunteered for most of his life. My interest in the fire service stems from attending weekly trainings with him where, as a child, I wandered around in fire truck heaven. Therefore, it was only natural that I joined the fraternity when I turned 14. I quickly became one of the most active members, responding to calls whenever possible.

Currently, I'm an aid to the senior firefighters on the fire scene. I retrieve tools from the trucks, assist with clean-up after accidents, set up fans for ventilation, and other basic (danger-free) tasks. Throughout high school, I have accumulated 500+ volunteer hours in the fire service. In addition, I'm enrolled in the national firefighter certification course. The 188-hour class teaches the basics of firefighting and certifies me for live fire exposure. After certifying later this spring, I'll be permitted to enter burning buildings and engage in hazardous tasks.

There are two aspects that keep me drawn to the fire service. Mainly, the calls we receive result from an emergency (whether large or small) in the community. When a call comes in, I feel an urge to help in whatever fashion necessary. Especially with the current lack of volunteer firefighters all departments face, every volunteer is needed. I'm grateful my service can have such meaningful value for myself and community.

Happy Dollar Pledges

Note from Cathy Darrell:

President Maria would like everyone who has been pledging Happy Dollars to send the money to Sonya Pappas before the end of the year. I have the running amounts but I did say folks should, in the end, give what they thought was right. If anyone wants to contact me please let them know I'm happy to give them the amounts I have. Sonya's address is 11 Park Ave, Swarthmore.

I would also appreciate it if you would remind members that CityTeam is asking that anyone who wants to donate, please go to their website and donate either funds (<https://www.cityteam.org/chester-donate>) or items (<https://www.cityteam.org/chester/get-involved/donate-items>). Another reminder, CityTeam is not accepting clothing at this time.

Thank you card from Lauren Park

Thank you for selecting me as one of this year's scholarship recipients. I'm grateful for this opportunity to further my education, and I'm glad that I was able to meet members of the Rotary on Zoom! I wish you the best during these uncertain times, and I hope to continue connecting with the Rotary in the future.

Sincerely, Lauren