



Swarthmore Rotary Cog Notes

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September 24, 2020

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Service Quotation

"The most fortunate of us all in our journey through life frequently meet with calamities and misfortunes which greatly afflict us. To fortify our minds against the attacks of these calamities and misfortunes should be one of the principal studies and endeavors of our lives."
Thomas Jefferson

Rotary Celebrations!

Birthdays

George C. Whitfield Jr.
September 24th

Meetings and Events

September

24th - [Meeting](#)
Speaker: District Governor Kevin M. Katarynick, Club: King of Prussia
Subject: Club Address

October

1st - [Meeting](#)
Speaker: Kerry Saunter, Constitution Learning Center and Chair Voter Service, LWVPA
Subject: Elections and Get Out The Vote
8th - [Meeting](#)
Speaker: Greg Brown, VP Swarthmore College
Subject: Higher Education and Adapting to COVID-19

Table Grace

By Frederick E. Christian

Lord, show us how we may help mankind to attain nobler standards of humane living. We are plagued by the worst of our religions and beliefs and not the best. Inspire in us a greater concern for human rights and teach us the art of living in peace. 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

Joy Kieffer and her husband, Chuck Kieffer, founded LifeWerks in 1997, a food pantry they are continuing to operate in Nether Providence. Joy told us that although LifeWerks started as a food pantry, it now does much more. She described a teen-written magazine, a day-care program, and a snack bar for teens. Chuck is the minister at Foundry Church. That means much of the LifeWerks administrative work falls on Joy.

She listed with pride the organizations LifeWerks has attracted to partners with them. Some of the organizations are: the Delaware County Food Assistance Network (DIFAN), Philabundance, EatAmerica, Penn State Extension, and Kid Box. When Joy was asked how they were able to develop so many partnerships, she credited Chuck. She said he makes a lot of cold calls to solicit support.

Swarthmore Rotary has applied for a District Grant to provide funding for food staples for LifeWerks. See below for a status update from Bill. Joy said that individual Rotarians can help by giving donations and by volunteering. LifeWerks particularly needs volunteers to provide legal help, accounting, fundraising, and grant writing. Look at their website www.lifewerks.org, for further information.

LifeWerks District Grant

Bill Hale provided the following information about the District Grant Swarthmore Rotary requested for LifeWerks:

President Elect Bill Hale wrote and submitted a District Grant Request online via

Wedding Anniversaries

No Wedding Anniversaries Found

Years of Service

No Years Of Service Found

Happy Dollars

pledge \$822

2020-21 Happy Dollars for Polio Plus Fund (\$3 to fully protect one child)

2019-20 total: \$3355

2018-19 total: \$3,845

2017-18 total: \$4,515

Guests Last Meeting

Linton Stables (SSCA)

DACdb on May 27, 2020 for the Rotary Club of Swarthmore to help support the Lifewerks Food Pantry. The pantry is located in the basement of the Foundry Church in the Garden City section of Nether Providence. We asked for \$2,000 from the District with \$2,000 to be matched by our club for a total of \$4,000. Martha Bowman, Chair of the District Grants Subcommittee informed us on June 19, 2020 that the Subcommittee had met and, due to the large number of very fine grant requests this year, they were able to approve a match of only \$1,500 for the project. She asked if we could move forward with the lower amount and we replied that we could. The District included this grant request in the Spending Plan they sent to The Rotary Foundation for approval. Apparently the Foundation is still reviewing the request.

The Foundry Church is located at 25 Cedar Lane in Garden City, which is a lower income area compared to most of Nether Providence Township, and also serves families from neighboring municipalities including Brookhaven and Chester. Lifewerks is a registered 501.c.3 organization which has been operating a food pantry for about seven years and is led by Joy Kieffer, last week's Rotary speaker. Joy is the wife of Chuck Kieffer, the Pastor at The Foundry Church. Associate Pastor Michael "Hair" Kelly also helps oversee the operation of the pantry, which is open Tuesday night from 6:30 to 8:00 pm, Friday night from 4:00 to 6:00 pm and by appointment. During the pandemic, families are encouraged to fill out their order list online and submit via email, although many simply mark up the list on site. Families wait outside in the parking lot while volunteers fill their order requests inside the pantry. Families are asked to limit their visit to once per week. During the Covid-19 pandemic, the food pantry has been overwhelmed by increased needs within the community for food due to high unemployment levels and reduced economic activity. The project will provide funds so that the pantry can purchase food staples to help stock its shelves during the pandemic.

Bill Hale, an Assistant Scoutmaster in Rose Valley Troop 272, advised Eagle Scout candidate Mitch Henry on his Eagle Project which involved collecting food in Rose Valley Borough and the Moylan area of Nether Providence and delivering it to the Lifewerks food pantry. Cub Scout Pack 145 is sponsored by and meets at The Foundry Church and the Troop 272 Adult Leadership Committee also meets there, which is how Bill knew about the pantry. Mitch also collected \$7,836 in donations via checks which were made out to and delivered to the Media Food Bank. We are looking forward to the Rotary Foundation approving our Grant Request.

Adopt-a-Highway

Swarthmore Rotary did road-side cleanup along a stretch of Yale Avenue near StrathHaven Condos on Saturday, Sept. 19.

Lori Markusfeld, Joy Charlton and her husband David Page, Bill Hale, Brian Casey, Craig Fava and his son, and Joe Lesniak and his son participated.

