



Swarthmore Rotary Cog Notes

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April 29, 2021

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Service Quotation

We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give. Winston Churchill

Rotary Celebrations!

Birthdays

No Birthdays Found

Wedding Anniversaries

Lori Markusfeld
April 29th
John R. Kaufman
April 30th

Years of Service

Meetings and Events

April

29th - [Club Meeting](#)

Speaker: Robert D. Putnam, Malkin Research Professor of Public Policy, Harvard Un
Subject: The Upswing: How America Came Together a Century Ago and How We Can Do it Again.

May

6th - [Club Meeting](#)

Speaker: Frances Sheehan, founding President of the Foundation for Delaware County
Subject: Foundation for Delaware County (tbd)

13th - [Club Meeting](#)

Speaker: MacDara King, Executive Producer of Great Decisions on PBS
Subject: Making 'Great Decisions' on PBS

Table Grace

By Frederick E. Christian

Lord, during these days of recalling our democratic roots Inspire us to stand firmly for peace and justice for all. Let your spirit move us to live bravely for the best for all your children and to pursue Rotary's ideals for healing the wounds of a broken world. Now give us grateful hearts for we ask this in your name. 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?

Club News

President Bill Hale said the installation of the new Swarthmore Rotary president, Kathryn Jones, will be on June 24 as part of our regular meeting.

Bill commented that the food pantry fund raiser will be on May 20. The Rotary Club will be asking for a minimum donation of \$25 to one of several local food pantries. Volunteers are needed to hand out meals. The meals will be served between 6 pm and 7:30 pm. Payment will be requested to be by check made out to a particular food pantry. A list of food pantries is on

<https://www.fcsdc.org/programs/emergency-food/>.

Last Meeting Summary

Ed Kline said the Delaware County emergency response team was ready for Covid. It had already been preparing for a decade when Covid started in 2020. Ed is currently the Volunteer Management Coordinator of the Delaware County Department of Emergency Services. He is responsible for organizing and training volunteers for the Citizen Corps of Delaware County (CCDC). According to its website, www.delcocitizencorps.com:

Happy Dollars

pledge \$3,283

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

Gudrun Weinberg, Dave Firm
Mary Hinds

The mission of the Delaware County Citizen Corps is to improve the emergency preparedness, health, and safety of the residents of Delaware County by establishing a group of individually affiliated volunteers and affiliated community faith based, non-government, and business partners committed to augment our existing first responders and emergency management staff during times of a major emergency or disaster in or around Delaware County.

Ed joined the Citizen Corps in 2011, when he was still a Swarthmore police officer. When the pandemic hit in early 2020, Ed became the Chief, Operations Section of the Delaware County Covid19 (C19) Ops Team. This group, which, of course, is only about a year old, now has scores of full-time employees. Since the beginning of 2021, the main effort of the C19 team has been vaccinations. Ed said 125,000 Delaware County residents have received both shots and 91,000 have received one shot. He said County residents have been tremendous in volunteering to help in the crisis. The number of volunteers in the CCDC went from 500 to 3400 in one year and the number of volunteer hours went from about 1,000 hours per month to almost 20,000. Ed said there are special programs for the homebound, homeless, and patients with mental illnesses. Elizabeth Church and Frances Sheehan, a visitor, said they have been volunteering to help administer the vaccinations. Frances said the team tries to keep the experience as pleasant as possible for those getting vaccinated. She said the whole vaccination process typically takes no more than 25 minutes, and that includes a 15 minute post-shot observation time. Ed invited Rotarians to volunteer to join the CCDC. He said we can volunteer at www.delcociizencorps.com.

Chester Housing Authority Club Gardening

Swarthmore Rotarians volunteered to do gardening at the Chester Housing Authority Ruth Bennett gardens on Saturday, April 24.

The volunteers were: Lori and Jeff Markusfeld, Craig, Kathleen, Tiernan and Kaylan Fava, Bill and Gail Hale, Anne Hansen, Ann Seidman, and Maria Zissimos.

Below is a photo showing Ann Seidman shoveling dirt, Gail Hale on wheelbarrow, and Maria and Lori posing for the picture. Bill Hale took the photo.



Basketball Pool

By Craig Fava on Sunday, April 25, 2021

Thank you to our 14 participants in the Swarthmore Rotary March Basketball Pool, keeping up the tradition of Richard Noonan. We raised \$140 for the Strath Haven High School Scholarship Fund of the Swarthmore Rotary Charitable Trust. Since no one chose Baylor to win, had anyone in the top 8 chose Baylor they would have taken the lead from Craig.

Top 5 of the Basketball Pool

1st	Craig	135 pts
2nd	Ann	133 pts
3rd	Hillard	130 pts
4th	Hogie	129 pts
5th	Sonya	117 pts

Craig decided to keep his original investment and donate the rest to the Scholarship Fund, making our total contribution to the fund \$260.

Want to add to that donation? You can now donate online via this PayPal link (using PayPal or any credit card)

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