



# Swarthmore Rotary Cog Notes

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July 22, 2021

## Meetings and Events

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Shimko

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Chair

Cathleen Darrell

July

22nd - [Club Meeting](#)

Speaker: Ray Dinger, author and Sports Talk Show Host  
Subject: Finished Business, reflections from Philadelphia's Sports Journalism Leader

29th - [Club Meeting](#)

Speaker: Peter Friedrichs, Pastor and author (And the Stars Kept Watch)

Subject: Navigating the Landscape of Loss

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## Table Grace

By Frederick E. Christian

In this day of the smoke screens of propoganda and false teachings, Lord, hold before us with pristine clarity that which is true and honest and of good report, those things that Rotary espouses.

Lord, amid these pleasant surroundings from your bountiful hand, make us grateful. Amen.

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## 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?

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## Club News

Rotary Minute: Elizabeth Church said she was amazed to discover that Rotary International was the 9th largest contributor to the World Health Organization in 2019. Starting in 1985, RI has been working with the WHO to eradicate polio. The effort has paid off - the number of polio cases worldwide dropped from over 300,000 in 1985 to under a 100 in 2018.

President Kathryn Jones said Pat Francher is looking volunteers at the Swarthmore Farmers Market. **Please contact Pat Francher at [francher\\_pat@yahoo.com](mailto:francher_pat@yahoo.com) or 610-737-5532.**

**Kathryn reminded us of the in-person Club Assembly on August 12. It will**

Attendance  
Secretary  
Richard Shimko  
Bulletin Editor  
Karen Aleta  
Mazzarella-Russo  
Assistant Governor

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## Service Quotation

Among its other benefits, giving liberates the soul of the giver. ~ Maya Angelou

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## Rotary Celebrations!

### Birthdays

No Birthdays Found

### Wedding Anniversaries

No Wedding Anniversaries Found

### Years of Service



Heather Saunders  
07-27-2017  
4 Years

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## Happy Dollars

pledge \$222

2020-21 : \$3,892

2019-20: \$3,344

2018-2019: \$3,845

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## Guests Last

be at the Inn at Swarthmore from 12 to 2. There will be a \$20 cash fee at the door if you want lunch. A Zoom alternative will be arranged, however, active participation in the meeting via Zoom may be challenging. She also reminded us of the CTEP fundraising block party in front of the Inn on September 25 from 4 pm to 7 pm. There will be food from local restaurants and dessert food trucks, live music, libations by local breweries and the Inn at Swarthmore, and games and sidewalk chalk for families. Kathryn suggested that the Club go on outings together, assuming COVID-19 rates stay low. She suggested trips to sports games or museums as potential outings. If anyone is interested in leading outing groups, please let Kathryn know.

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## Last Meeting Summary

Susan O'Reilly was giving us a virtual tour of her studio when her phone battery died and we lost our connection. She invited us to go to her website [www.susanoreilyart.com](http://www.susanoreilyart.com), to see more of her work. She said we could come to her studio at 693 Painter Street in Media. She asked that we call to make an appointment first.

This is her artist statement from her website:

"I paint because I have always been drawn to this rich and versatile medium as a means to express light and beauty that I don't want to go unseen. I am inspired by how light transforms both the inanimate and the living, how it can change moment to moment and is never the same from one to the next. Painting to me is analogous to life- it requires careful observation, analysis, problem solving, passion and reward. My paintings are built in stages to offer a sculptural quality to the surface, as well as to offer me the process of revisiting with new eyes a scene I may not have appreciated in every manner. I also enjoy adding details which broaden the narrative of the scene and can be found only after viewing the work over a period of time.

In my latest work, I aim to capture the same feeling one might have in a dream- the scenery looks very familiar and welcoming, and yet there is

# Meeting

Gudrun Weinberg

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something abstract and possibly even unsettling. I want the viewer to make the connection and fill in the pieces, as it were, to make the scene their own. I've often been asked why there are few if no people in my paintings. My response has always been the same- you are in the painting. That is my joy, my passion and my reward, to welcome the viewer into these places."

Here are some of her paintings. There are many more on her website.



## CTEP Partners: Riverside Futures

### RIVERSIDE FUTURES

According to Kathryn Jones, Riverside Futures is a Chester community organization that was established by John Linder, the former Mayor of Chester. Riverside Futures is tasked with screening and selecting the young adults who will be students in the Chester Trades Education Program (CTEP). In addition, Riverside Futures is tasked with providing each student with a mentor to guide them through the training and early work experience.

John has provided the following. He stated the mission is to be a leader in community engagement that provides support, empowerment and resources locally and regionally.

According to John, Riverside Futures objectives are:

- To establish Public Private Partnerships with anchor institutions and corporations in Chester and the region.
- To expand the awareness of the impact of the Liquid Petroleum Industry on Chester City and the regional riverfronts communities' economies, quality of educational and human services and career and workforce development.

- To educate, train and prepare the Prison Re-entry community how to effectively transition back into a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Culture.
- To support and enhance educational opportunities for city and regional youth through Project Based Learning initiatives.
- To assist the community in gun-violence-prevention initiatives and to help provide training for “helpers and healers”.
- To establish partnerships in housing and building construction markets that will enhance opportunities for training in the vocational trades.

He lists some projects they are working on:

- Public Safety and Clean-up Project with Riverside Futures, Chester City, and other non-profit and corporate partners.
- Support for families victimized by gun violence in the Chester community.
- Teach court adjudicated local juveniles skills for handling negative peer pressure using The Getting Away Clean Program Training Program.
- Support a community mobile bus project to help students in the Chester community overcome any deficits caused by the impact of COVID 19 pandemic.

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