



# Swarthmore Rotary Cog Notes

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August 19,  
2021

## Meetings and Events

Shekhar Mehta  
RI President 2021-22  
Roger Taylor  
District 7450  
Governor

### Swarthmore Rotary Leaders

Kathryn Jones  
President  
Heather Saunders  
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Anne C. Hansen  
Club Director  
Lori Markusfeld  
Service Projects  
Chair  
Hillard Pouncy  
Club Programs Chair  
Barbara Whitaker-  
Shimko  
Rotary Foundation  
Chair

### August

19th - [Club Meeting](#)

Speaker: Lori Knauer and Jill Gaieski, Owners, Village Vine  
Subject: Be Our Guest

26th - [Club Meeting](#)

Speaker: Professor Nathalie F. Anderson, SC, Cummins Professor  
of English Literature  
Subject: Writing Through Troubles: Contemporary Irish and  
Northern Irish Poetry

### September

2nd - [Club Meeting](#)

Speaker: Professor Dominic Tierney, Chair, Political Science,  
Swarthmore College  
Subject: Recent US Wars in Afghanistan, Iraq, and Libya

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## Table Grace

By Frederick E. Christian

**Eternal God, we have daily needs that can only be supplied by your grace and goodness. Likewise, we have needs of body and mind that we must ask you to meet. "Give us this day our daily bread." And then, O God, strengthen us to serve you and your children with thankful hearts. 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

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

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## Service Quotation

If you haven't any charity in your heart, you have the worst kind of heart trouble.  
~Bob Hope

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## Rotary Celebrations!

### Birthdays



Hillard Pouncy  
August 23rd

### Wedding Anniversaries



Barbara Amstutz  
August 24th

### Years of Service

No Years Of Service Found

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## Happy Dollars

pledge \$722

2020-21 : \$3,892

2019-20: \$3,344

2018-2019: \$3,845

**Club Moment – Elizabeth Church** quoted Paul Harris, the founder of Rotary International, “Rotary believes that the more people of one nation understand the people of another nation, there will be less friction.” Elizabeth said promoting peace is one of the six core principals of Rotary. She gave an example of a Rotarian in Colombia who helped broker a peace agreement between insurgents and the government of Colombia. He went on to train individuals in his country in peace keeping skills.

**Elizabeth would like someone to give the Rotary Moment on September 2.**

**President Kathryn Jones said the in-person club assembly has been postponed to September 23.**

**The Swarthmore Farmers Market is looking for volunteers. Contact Pat Francker to volunteer, 610-544-5273.**

**Joe Lesniak will be asking for volunteers for the block party on September 25.**

**Kathryn said the club still plans to start in-person meetings starting September 9. She said it will not be possible to have hybrid meetings.**

**The club does not have the equipment to do both in-person and Zoom.**

**Hillard Pouncy asked the five new members to volunteer to give their classification talks. This is a chance for new members to introduce**

**themselves to the club. Hillard plans to have two new members speak on September 30. Please contact Hillard to volunteer.**

[Hillard.pouncy@gmail.com](mailto:Hillard.pouncy@gmail.com).

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## Last Meeting Summary

**Meghan Lockman, the Executive Director of Chester-Ridley-Crum (CRC) Watersheds Association, showed us aerial photographs of Swarthmore**

# Guests Last Meeting

Beth Murray

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in 1937 and the present. The difference in tree cover is striking. The loss of trees is true throughout the CRC watersheds. There is a lot more hard surfaces such as buildings and pavement. Rainwater runs off hard surfaces and overflows the creeks, causing creek erosion.

Meghan said CRC Watersheds has a two-prong approach to helping our waterways. The first is cleaning up junk that has been washed or dumped into the creeks. They organize creek clean-up days throughout the CRC watersheds. The second approach is to plant trees and shrubs near the stream banks. Trees and shrubs help stabilize the creek banks and provide shade to cool the water. Both of these efforts rely on volunteers to do most of the work. There are no clean-up or planting events scheduled now but check the CRC website,

[www.crcwatersheds.org](http://www.crcwatersheds.org), for the schedule. CRC Watersheds has planned two hikes in the near future:

Saturday, August 21, 1 pm – Family nature hike at Newlin Grist Mill.

Saturday, September 25, 8:30 am – Hike and house tour at Caleb Pusey house.

Register for these events at the CRC website.

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## CTEP Kick-off Meeting

Excitement for the Chester Trades Education Project grows. At the July 27 Information Session, a young man, Russell, stood up and said “I want to do this. I have problems. Can you help me?”

Russell was one of 16 young adults attending the meeting at the Chester Housing Authority meeting room. They were there to make the potentially life-changing decision to participate in the two-year training program to become licensed carpenters.

**Shalom is a handyman. He would like to do larger remodeling jobs. He can't because he is not a licensed carpenter.**

**Stephanie recently moved to Chester from Miami. She has big dreams. She sees herself as becoming a realtor and a carpenter. She plans to buy houses, fix them up, and flip them.**

**Two men work in the CHA maintenance department at low-level positions. They think that if they become licensed carpenters they will be promoted.**

**As the various attendees explained, the barriers they face against succeeding include having a day job, having children to care for, and needing transportation to get the training sites.**

**The CTEP team had anticipated these problems and was actively working on solutions to all of them. The Team consisted of Swarthmore and Chester Rotary clubs, CHA, DCCC, and Riverside Futures, a social services organization in Chester.**

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