



Swarthmore Rotary Cog Notes

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2021

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Meetings and Events

September

2nd - [Club Meeting](#)

Speaker: Professor Dominic Tierney, Chair, Political Science,
Swarthmore College

Subject: Recent US Wars in Afghanistan, Iraq, and Libya

9th - [Club Meeting](#)

Speaker: Rachel Pastan, Novelist, Swarthmore

Subject: My New Novel

16th - [Club Meeting](#)

Speaker: Dean Karen Kozachyn, Delaware County Community
College

Subject: TBD

Table Grace

By Frederick E. Christian

Lord of our daily lives, we thank you for the dignity of labor blessed by the Master Carpenter who walked and worked among men. By his toil, he reminds us that no task is beneath our dignity and that all work claims our best endeavor. Bless what we do one by one, day by day. 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

Ken Wright gave us an update on CTEP. He reported that 8 persons have completed their applications and 13 more are in process. Of these 21

Cathleen Darrell
Attendance
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people, he was pleased to say that 6 are women. Kathryn announced that Swarthmore Rotary will be purchasing furniture (using CTEP donations) to to be used by students at the Ruth L. Bennett community center for classroom activities.

Rotary Moment – Kathryn Jones told us that Paul Harris, Rotary’s founder, had a thing about planting trees. As he traveled the world in the 1920’s and 30’s, he always brought tree saplings to plant. Paul called them Friendship Trees. Kathryn encouraged the club to follow Paul’s example and plant trees. Lori Markusfeld announced she was considering a service project with the CRC Watershed Association to plant trees in the fall.

Kathryn stated she plans to publish all club-related documents on DACdb, such as Club Bylaws, Club Constitution, Board Meeting Minutes, Club Goals and the Club budget.

Kathryn asked club members to donate at least \$10 to the Gundaker Foundation. The details of how to donate are contained in her email of August 29.

Service Quotation

Kindness is in our power, even when fondness is not.
~Samuel Johnson

Rotary Celebrations!

Birthdays

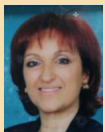


Meltem Pusat Gonnella
September 3rd

Wedding Anniversaries

No Wedding Anniversaries Found

Years of Service



Meltem Pusat Gonnella
09-07-2015
6 Years

Happy Dollars

pledge \$872

2020-21 : \$3,892

2019-20: \$3,344

2018-2019: \$3,845

Last Meeting Summary

Professor Nathalie Anderson loves poetry and Ireland. She brought the two together in her course at Swarthmore College called Irish Poetry. She gave us a flavor of Irish poetry in her talk, entitled “Writing through Troubles”. As one Rotarian commented at the beginning of the talk, the poems were generally a downer. Nathalie explained that both the northern part of Ireland and the southern part had troubles in the 20th Century. The southern part, or the Republic of Ireland, was very culturally conservative. Women, in particular, were repressed. Girls or young women could “get into trouble” for a wide range of offenses,

Guests Last Meeting

Terry Tieney
Michael Burnett

including, of course, becoming pregnant outside of marriage. If they did “get into trouble”, they were sent to prison-like work camps for years.

The northern part, or Northern Ireland, was plagued by battles between the Catholics and Protestants. Many individuals were killed by para-military groups on both sides.

All of the poems that Nathalie selected dealt with one or the other of these two troubles. If, like me, you couldn't make heads nor tails out of some of the poems, here are Nathalie's thumbnail sketches about some of the poems she assigned.

“Campaign” by Ciaian Carson – man shot by “them”. Unclear who “them” are.

“The Ice Cream Man” by Michael Longley – lamenting the murdered ice cream man.

“The Shand at Lough Bey” by Seamus Healey – friend had been killed.

“Station Island” by Seamus Healey – poet imagines ghost from the past.

“Fever” by Eavan Boland – repressed women's sexuality.

“The Statue of the Virgin at Granard Speaks” by Paula Meehan – statue lamenting the Virgin's not interceding on behalf of persecuted girls.

“6 Ways to Wash your Hands” by Annemarie NiChurraui – analogy of society ignoring wrongs with Pontius Pilate washing his hands at the trial of Jesus.

I will go back and reread the poems, using Nathalie's comments to make them more meaningful to me.