



Swarthmore Rotary Cog Notes

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SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

November
11, 2021

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

Swarthmore
Rotary Leaders

Kathryn Jones
President
Heather
Saunders
President-Elect
Brian Casey
Club Executive
Secretary
Webmaster
Brian H. Craig
Secretary
Theresa O'Malley
Treasurer
Perri Ann
Evanson
Public Relations
Chair
Carr Everbach
Membership
Chair
David Firn
Club Director
Betty Ann A.
Flynn
Club Director
William Clinton
Hale
iPast President
Anne C. Hansen
Club Director
Lori Markusfeld
Service Projects
Chair
Hillard Pouncy
Club Programs
Chair
Barbara
Whitaker-Shimko
Rotary
Foundation Chair
Kenneth J. Wright
Club Director
Greg Brown
President-
Nominee

Meetings and Events

November

11th - [Club Meeting](#)

Speaker: Christopher Hanlon, Elizabeth Church and David Firn
Subject: Classification Talks

18th - [Club Meeting](#)

Speaker: Club Assembly
Subject: Club Assembly

25th - [Club Meeting](#)

Speaker: Holiday - no meeting

Table Grace

By Frederick E. Christian

Lord of the nations, in a day when new freedoms are emerging in many lands, restore within our country a fresh appreciation of what we have so long enjoyed. Forgive our indifference to the privileges we have and the rights we possess. Make Rotary, through each one of us, a beacon proclaiming far and wide the hope of a better day for all your people and accept our thanks for all your good gifts. 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 Kathryn Jones stated she is looking at options for meeting live in January or February. She said she found that the equipment needed for hybrid zoom/live meetings is very expensive.

Kathryn said the results of the club survey will be reported at the club assembly on November 18.

Barbara Whitaker-Shimko announced she will be sending letters to members shortly explaining options to donate to the Rotary Foundation.

Rotary Moment – Elizabeth Church explained the Rotary logo. She was prompted to investigate because her son asked her about the meaning of the Rotary wheel. See more on the Rotary Wheel below.

Lori Markusfeld reported that she and Meltem Gonnella went to the Project Cure service project on November 6. Below is their photograph.

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

Service Quotation

Where there is
charity and
wisdom, there
is neither fear
nor ignorance.
~ St. Francis of
Assisi

Rotary Celebrations!

Birthdays



Betty Ann
A. Flynn
November
16th

Wedding Anniversaries

No Wedding
Anniversaries
Found

Years of Service

No Years Of
Service Found

Happy Dollars

pledge \$1,704

2020-21 : \$3,892

2019-20: \$3,344

2018-2019: \$3,845

Guests Last Meeting



Last Meeting Summary

By George C. Whitfield Jr.

Should our Club put a lot of effort into growing or should we be happy with the club the way it is?

Editor's note: I have heard both sides of this debate. District Governor Roger Taylor said he would use two metaphors to give his answer to the question. He said clubs are like sailboats. If the sailboat remains moored to the dock all the time, it will deteriorate. It has to get out and sail on the water.

Roger explained the metaphor means that clubs have to be ambitious and grow in membership and take on projects. I am reminded of a comment Mayor Marty said ages ago when the club was meeting in person. He said organizations don't stay the same – they either grow or shrink. Both comments come down on the side of our making efforts to grow our club.

Roger had a second metaphor. He said we should hold up a mirror to see ourselves. By this he meant we should determine how other organizations and the rest of the community see Swarthmore Rotary. This will help us attract new members and work in our community. Roger believes that the general opinion of clubs in general is that they are a bunch of old, white, men. Therefore, each of us must be prepared to counter this perception by explaining what Rotary is and why we belong to Rotary.

History and Meaning Rotary Wheel



A wheel has been the symbol of Rotary since our earliest days. The first design was made (1905) by Chicago Rotarian Montague Bear, an engraver who drew a simple wagon wheel, with a few lines to show dust and motion. The wheel was said to illustrate "Civilization, Movement and Service work in action." Most of the early clubs had some form of wagon wheel on their publications and letterheads.

In 1922, it was decided that all Rotary clubs should adopt a single design as the exclusive emblem of Rotarians. So, the present gear wheel, with 24 teeth and six spokes was adopted by the "Rotary International Association." The gear teeth around the outside represent the fact that work is to be done. The six spokes represent the inner direction and path of our Vocational Service, through the representation of our membership via the classification system. Similarly, these same spokes represent an outward distribution path of Rotary's ideals of service and the Four Way Test... going out toward the community, vocations and businesses that our members represent.

A group of engineers advised that the geared wheel was mechanically unsound and would not work without a "keyway" in the center of the gear to attach it to a power shaft. So, in 1923 the keyway was added to signify the wheel was a "worker and not an idler". The keyway in the center of the hub is of great significance, because it represents the individual Rotarian member, who is the key factor in every club. Quality members are the keys, needed for the hub to engage with the shaft and turn, putting the energy into motion and creating the power for the gears to do their work.

At the 1929 Rotary International Convention, it was determined that blue and gold would be the official colors of the organization, so the wheel was designed with these colors. The four blue bands within the outer radius of the gear represent our four avenues of service. And the design which we now know was formally adopted as the official Rotary International emblem.

The Rotary wheel is also referred to as **"The Mark of Excellence"**.

Another Opportunity to hear Speaker

From Joy Charlton:

Can we send the announcement below to club members? It's an opportunity for members who missed James Fenelon's talk to the club the week before last because of the technical problems, or for those who did hear him and want to hear more. A free Zoom event on Nov 17. Adding Adrienne and Davina to the bill triples my own interest. (Fenelon and Two Bears are at the college only this year, btw.)

Indigenous Models to Combat Climate Change in the Anthropocene

Wednesday, Nov. 17, 7 p.m.
[via Zoom](#)

Professor James Fenelon, Lang Visiting Professor for Issues of Social Change and Professor of Sociology, will present on his recent article, "Envisioning Indigenous Models for Social and Ecological Change" with an eye toward combating the powerful environmental effects of climate change resulting from development of capitalism and colonialism, with specific Indigenous social practices and philosophies that could ameliorate an otherwise disastrous global future. Fenelon will be joined by professors Adrienne Bennally and Davina Two Bears, as critical discussants from their fields of specialty. We will open up the session for questions and responses.

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