



# Swarthmore Rotary Cog Notes

P.O. Box 4, Swarthmore, PA 19081



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

November 18,  
2021

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RI President 2021-22  
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## Swarthmore Rotary Leaders

Kathryn Jones  
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Secretary  
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Secretary

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Membership Chair

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Club Director

Betty Ann A. Flynn  
Club Director

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iPast President

Anne C. Hansen  
Club Director

Lori Markusfeld  
Service Projects  
Chair

Hillard Pouncy  
Club Programs Chair

Barbara Whitaker-  
Shimko

## Meetings and Events

November

18th - [Club Meeting](#)  
Speaker: Club Assembly  
Subject: Club Assembly

25th - [Club Meeting](#)  
Speaker: Holiday - no meeting

December

2nd - [Club Meeting](#)  
Speaker: Don Delson and Bill Cumby  
Subject: Commercial Projects in Town Center

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## Table Grace

By Frederick E. Christian

**Lord of the harvest, we pause to give you thanks for the bounty of this great land. Our lives have truly fallen in pleasant places. May we never accept these gifts lightly. Thank you for the opportunity we have to go out strengthened in body, mind, and spirit to serve our community. 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

**President Kathryn Jones asked veterans to identify themselves. Marv Gelb, Ken Wright, Dennis Hoffman, and Rich Shimko all served in the military. They were honored by the club members**

**Rotary Moment – Elizabeth Church gave an example of Rotary providing services to veterans. A California Rotary club was able to help**

Rotary Foundation  
Chair

Kenneth J. Wright  
Club Director

Greg Brown  
President-Nominee

Cathleen Darrell  
Attendance  
Secretary

Richard Shimko  
Bulletin Editor

Karen Aleta  
Mazzarella-Russo  
Assistant Governor

**veterans with PTSD by connecting them with abandoned dogs.**

**Kathryn described two holiday fund-raising activities by non-Rotary groups: the Giving Tree and the Boy Scouts. See below for more details. Lori Markusfeld requested four or five volunteers to distribute cocoa at the Swarthmore Home for the Holidays celebration on December 4. Cathy Darrell asked that we give her any free turkeys for which we are eligible from local grocery stores. She will take them to City Team.**

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## Last Meeting Summary

**Three new members of Swarthmore Rotary gave their classification talks.**

**Elizabeth Churcher joined Swarthmore Rotary because she wants to make a difference in the world. Prior to joining, she discovered that Rotary International is one of the top contributors to the World Health Organization. Elizabeth said she was in sales and marketing for 15 years, primarily selling orthopedic surgical equipment. In that role, she frequently advised surgeons on how to use her equipment during surgery. Elizabeth has two children, Morgan and Ben, attending Strath-Haven High School. Her interests are art history, walking, and swimming. Elizabeth has become very familiar to club members through her weekly Rotary moment commentaries.**

**David Firn is a retired lawyer. Prior to retirement, he worked at Johnso Matthey, a precious metals producer. He now likes to spend time with his grandchildren. Dave likes that Rotary is a service organization. Dave is also involved in the CRC Watershed Association, another service organization.**

**Chris Hanlon left his financial planning job to join a non-profit organization. He coached wrestling at children's sports clubs. He is now working at Chester Scholars Academy. Chris describes his work there as follows: "I am the Executive Director for the CCSA Foundation. The CCSA Foundation works to develop resources and partnerships to enhance the experience for students at Chester Charter Scholars Academy (formerly Chester Charter School for the Arts).**

**In short, I am blessed to have happened upon a role in the non-profit/youth development space. I had a ton of people who helped me navigate some challenging circumstances and I have been lucky to be**

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## Service Quotation

Do what you can,  
with what you  
have, where you  
are. ~Theodore  
Roosevelt

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## Rotary Celebrations!

### Birthdays

No Birthdays Found

### Wedding Anniversaries

No Wedding  
Anniversaries Found

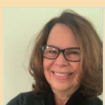
### Years of Service



Hillard Pouncy  
11-18-2005  
16 Years



Craig Fava  
11-20-2008  
13 Years



Joy Charlton  
11-20-2008  
13 Years

## Happy Dollars

pledge \$1,789

2020-21 : \$3,892

2019-20: \$3,344

2018-2019: \$3,845

## Guests Last Meeting

No guests

able to combine my career with playing a small role in trying to do the same for kids.” Chris has two children, ages 7 and 9.

## Xmas Giving

### Requests for Christmas Giving from Non-Rotarian Organizations.

#### From Sonya Pappas:

This is the 22<sup>nd</sup> year that Maria and I have teamed up to ensure that children living in public housing in Chester have a more joyful holiday season. I work with a range of groups (churches, friends, clients, neighbors, professional groups and Rotary) to allow people the chance to shop for children’s gifts. In total we collect around 700 each year.

Maria and her team pick up the gifts and coordinate with the resident leaders so that the gifts are most helpful to the community, ie. some communities host a party, others allow the parents to pick up gifts and use as needed and others offer a place to receive toys (the unwrapped ones!).

It is a very wonderful grass roots collaborative that has grown closer to my heart each year. I am a firm believer in anonymous giving – our collective acts of kindness do make the world a better place.

To participate as a Rotarian –

Email me at [sonya@gsm.biz](mailto:sonya@gsm.biz) or call 610-574-4949

Send a check to the Foundation and I will gladly be a personal shopper for anyone

The Basics –

A \$15-20 price range per gift


Wrap and place the gender and age on the package

Don’t want to wrap – simply provide the gifts with a note of the gender and age you selected

Drop off at 11 Park Avenue or my back porch at 528 Cedar Lane

Need a pick up – just call 610-574-4949

From Kathryn Jones:



**Kathryn sent an email on November 11 about the Boy Scout Troop 112 annual fundraiser. They are selling Christmas wreaths. See the email for more information.**

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