



Swarthmore Rotary Cog Notes

P.O. Box 4, Swarthmore, PA 19081



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

February 24,
2022

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

Meetings and Events

February

24th - [Swarthmore Weekly Club Meeting](#)

Speaker: Christine Reuther, Delaware County Council Member
Subject: Council Topics

March

3rd - [Swarthmore Weekly Club Meeting](#)

Speaker: Lee A. Smithy, Ph.D., Swarthmore College, Peace and
Conflict Studies
Subject: The Delaware County Homicide Database: A
Campus/Government Partnership

10th - [Swarthmore Weekly Club Meeting](#)

Speaker: Mary Ann Santagelo, Community Volunteer Leader,
American Red Cross
Subject: Introducing the new American Red Cross Delaware
Valley Chapter

Table Grace

By Frederick E. Christian

Poets and writers have often spoken of "The Habitual Vision of Goodness and Greatness." That is our special privilege this month as we recall the great and noble figures of our nation's past. Good Lord, make us truly grateful for them, and for the privileges and blessings we enjoy here, today, because of them. 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

Carr Everbach inducted new members Norman Ledwin and Sarah Pita.

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

President Kathryn Jones announced the Board has decided to start in-person meetings twice a month in March. The other meetings will continue to be held on Zoom.

Kathryn presented Rotarian of the Month awards. The January award went to Cathy Darrell for her work on Sunshine, Happy Dollars, attendance, and taking food donations to CityTeam. The February award went to Brian Casey for his work as Webmaster, tech wizard, and managing RYLA.

Service Quotation

If you think you
can, or think you
can't, you're right.
~ Henry Ford

Rotary Celebrations!

Birthdays



Michael D.
Malone
February 25th

Wedding Anniversaries

No Wedding
Anniversaries Found

Years of Service



Dan Honig
02-27-2014
8 Years

Happy Dollars

pledge \$2,772

2020-21 : \$3,892

Club Assembly

Kathryn Jones and President-Elect Heather Saunders presented at the Club Assembly.

Kathryn reported the State of the Club.

Financial Update from Teresa O'Malley – The Club cash balance is \$19,000. David Houtz of District completed a review of Club finances. No obvious problems were found. Two members have not yet paid 3rd Quarter, 2021 dues. 79% have paid 4th Quarter 2021.

CTEP – Ken Wright reported that 10 students in Carpentry Cohort 1 completed their first semester in December. Several students have dropped out so far. Ken is working with Riverside Futures is identify reasons for attrition. Carpentry Cohort 2 will start in August 2022. CTEP fundraising goals have been achieved. Kathryn asked for volunteers to give presentations about CTEP to other Rotary clubs.

Fun Fair – The Fun Fair has been postponed until the Fall because of the pandemic. A block party to raise funds for CTEP will be held in the summer. Joe Lesniak will organize the block party.

Annual Goals – In general, the annual goals have been met except

2019-20: \$3,344

2018-2019: \$3,845

Guests Last Meeting

No Guests

where the pandemic has prevented achievement. The club membership committee has more than met the goal, thanks to the efforts of Carr Everbach and his committee. Kathryn is developing a sponsor/mentor program and updating the bylaws. Except for CTEP, service projects are on hold. The World of Work will start in May. Josh Twersky will be recruiting Rotarians and businesses to participate.

Public Image – Perri Evanson has been doing Rotary Minute in the Swarthmorean. The Club plans to develop a CTEP website. Hillard Pouncy is working with other Rotary clubs to jointly develop speaker programs.

Club Processes – Kathryn plans to establish a Past President Legacy Committee to document key processes to guide new officers. She is working on strengthening ties to other community organizations.

Strategic Plan

Heather Saunders presented the results of the strategic planning process so far. She said the Strategic Planning Committee has already completed a lot of Phase 1 of the planning approach. They have surveyed club members and have gathered input from District leadership. They are in the process of interviewing community members now. Phase 2 “how do we want our club to be?” and Phase 3 “how do we get there?”, will follow.

The purpose of the interviews of community members is to determine the community’s perception of Rotary and what are the community’s needs with which Rotary might help. The Committee plans to interview over 20 individuals. Heather reported that they have completed about half of the interviews so far. She told us some preliminary findings based on these interviews.

The community has a low awareness of Rotary and what we do

although they know about the Fun Fair. Some individuals considered Rotary to be a club for retired people.

Interviewees identified a lot of community needs, including: lack of coordination among organizations, needs of young or needy families and seniors, need for a community garden, few activities for middle school children, and flooding at the AME church.

Some of the opportunities for Rotary action include: supporting the Park Avenue Community Center, collaboration with Centennial Foundation and SRA, and support for immigrants and refugees.

Moving forward, Heather noted some actions the club could take: have more focused and multi-year service projects, engage more with youth, work with other clubs, and promote diversity in membership.

The Planning Committee is considering having some evening meetings or evening-only “satellite clubs”. It is also evaluating whether to drop some club rituals such as the prayer or pledge.

After the presentations, several Rotarians made comments and suggestions.

The next Club Assembly will be on May 19.

www.SwarthmoreRotary.org ----- www.Facebook.com/SwarthmoreRotary -----
----- www.SwarthmoreFair.org