



Swarthmore Rotary Cog Notes

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SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

March 17,
2022

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Chair

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Club Programs Chair

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Meetings and Events

March

17th - [Swarthmore Weekly Club Meeting](#)

Speaker: Bill Webb, Swarthmore's new town manager
Subject: Meet the New Manager

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

Speaker: The Swarthmorean's Editorial Team
Subject: The Newspaper's News

31st - [Swarthmore Weekly Club Meeting](#)

Speaker: Phil Coleman, Technical Advisor to the US Dept. of Energy
Subject: A Few Steps towards a De-carbonized Swarthmore

Table Grace

By Frederick E. Christian

Lord, you have endowed us with human rights. We rejoice that In Rotary we are inspired to hold high the torch of freedom and justice for all. Thank you for the part we play through Rotary and accept our gratitude for all your gifts that we enjoy, through you. 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?
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Club News

Hogie Hansen told us that the General Secretary of Rotary International, John Hewko, is from Ukraine. He helped write the current Ukrainian constitution.

President Kathryn Jones raised the topic of Swarthmore Rotary helping Ukraine. Hogie said the Rotary Foundation has an international disaster

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Service Quotation

There are two ways of spreading light: to be the candle, or the mirror that reflects it. ~Edith Wharton

Rotary Celebrations!

Birthdays



Joe Lesniak
March 17th



Craig Fava
March 23rd

Wedding Anniversaries



Michael D. Malone
March 17th

Years of Service



George C. Whitfield Jr.
03-19-1999

relief fund. Kathryn solicited further ideas from club members.

Kathryn mentioned upcoming events: March 18 – Rotary Club of Chester Bingo night; April 30 Rotary at Work; May 21 – CTEP Block Party; Sept. 18 – Fun Fair.

Kathryn pointed out that April 26 is the 85th birthday of the Club. She thought we should celebrate the event somehow.

Kathryn reported that she and Heather Saunders were on a Zoom meeting sponsored by Swarthmore Town Center to discuss goals for the Borough.

Last Meeting Summary

One of the goals of Swarthmore Rotary's Strategic Planning Committee is to look for ways our Club can work with other local civic organizations. Mary Ann Santangelo of the Delaware Valley Red Cross asked a similar question: how can our Club and the Red Cross work together? Mary Ann had some ideas.

The most expedient mode of cooperation is for individual Rotarians to volunteer at the Red Cross. The Red Cross helps in many ways and Mary Ann said 90% of the workforce is volunteer. She listed some of the help the Red Cross provides: donate food and shelter to disaster victims, install home fire detectors, teach children safety, conduct blood drives, and give 1st aid and CPR training.

Mary Ann had a couple of ideas of how our Club and the Red Cross could work together. One would be to sponsor a fund raising event for the Red Cross. Examples of events groups have sponsored are 5K runs and auctions. We could also sponsor blood drives or First Aid/CPR classes.

To show how the Red Cross is helping locally, here are some events from 2021.

Flooding in Bucks County – Red Cross provided 500 people with disaster recovery assistance and served meals.

Tornado in Bucks County – Red Cross provided shelter and food.

Afghanistan refugees – 50 volunteers worked around the clock for approximately one week during the refugee airlift. They provided 38,000 snacks, 13,000 relief supplies,

23 Years

Happy Dollars

pledge \$2,952

2020-21 : \$3,892

2019-20: \$3,344

2018-2019: \$3,845

Guests Last Meeting

Patrick Gunnin
Gudrun Weinberg

1,000 comfort kits, and 800 cots.

Hurricane Ida – 180 volunteers provided shelter and disaster recovery support. They distributed 2,000 relief supplies and over 4,000 meals.

There is no shortage of help needed by the Red Cross.



Ukrainian Student



You may recall that Viktoriia Zakharova spoke at our Club in January of last year. Viktoriia is a Swarthmore College student. Our Club gave her a grant to travel from Ukraine to the U.S.

I contacted her to see if she and her family were safe. She is from Kryvvy, a small city in central Ukraine, not too far from the fighting in the south of the country. Here is her response:

Hello,

Thank you for reaching out. I am still in Swarthmore currently. My whole family is back in Ukraine, but thankfully, safe for now. I am from Kryvyi Rih, the current Ukrainian president's hometown Thank you again for your support.

Viktoriia