



# Swarthmore Rotary Cog Notes

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May 12, 2022

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## Meetings and Events

May

12th - [Swarthmore Weekly Club Meeting](#)

Speaker: Susie O'Donnell, SEAC, and Jennifer Pennington, Horticultural Society President

Subject: Home Eco-Audits: Restoring Wildlife habitat one backyard at a time

19th - [Swarthmore Weekly Club Meeting](#)

Speaker: Club Assembly

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26th - [Swarthmore Weekly Club Meeting](#)

Speaker: Recipients of Rotary Club's Scholarship

Subject: Address by Scholarship Recipients

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## Table Grace

By Frederick E. Christian

**The poet has reminded us that a person's "reach must exceed his grasp, else what is heaven for?" In fact, what is it that makes life worth living but our response to the high goals such as Rotary embodies? Impress on us, Lord, the importance of the ideals for which Rotary stands. Give us grateful hearts for the blessings we enjoy. 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

Heather Saunders presided.

**Club Calendar:**

Kenneth J. Wright  
Club Director  
Greg Brown  
President-Nominee  
Cathleen Darrell  
Attendance  
Secretary  
Richard Shimko  
Bulletin Editor  
Karen Aleta  
Mazzarella-Russo  
Assistant Governor

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**May 19th - Club Assembly (12:00pm-1:30pm) will be in person at the Inn.**

**May 26th - Club meeting will be in person at the Inn.**

**June 2nd and 9th - Club meetings will be via Zoom.**

**June 16th - Club meeting will be in person at the Inn.**

**\*\*\*\*\*June 23rd - There will be NO Club meeting. Heather Saunders will have her Induction Ceremony on this day at Tyler Arboretum. Stay tuned for details.**

**June 30th - Club meeting will be in person at the Inn.**

***May 12th Movie Night in Swarthmore***

**The Rotary Club of Swarthmore is hosting a public screening and discussion of the documentary film "Mission: JOY" at the new Park Avenue Community Center. We are collaborating on this event with the newly-formed nonprofit First Place Swarthmore, which aims to assist newly-arrived refugees. Doors open at 6:30, and the program will begin at 7:00pm and end around 9pm. The film is suitable for all of your adult and mature teen friends. Admission is free, but bring cash to purchase delicious baked goods in support of First Place Swarthmore.**

***May 13th World of Work at the Swarthmore-Rutledge School (SRS)***

**Meet at the Swarthmore Rutledge School (100 College Avenue) at 8:45am. The event will run until 11:00am. Bring a mask. Wearing appropriate clothing and shoes as we will be walking into town with the school children. Josh Twersky said more volunteers are needed.**

***May 20th Vocational and Community Service Awards Deadline Date. Please submit all nominations to the selection committee Randy Winton (Chair) [rbwinton@aol.com](mailto:rbwinton@aol.com), Craig Fava [craig.fava@yahoo.com](mailto:craig.fava@yahoo.com), and Greg Brown [gregnbrown56@gmail.com](mailto:gregnbrown56@gmail.com) by Friday May 20, 2022.***

## Service Quotation

"Love cannot remain by itself — it has no meaning. Love has to be put into action and that action is service."

Mother Teresa

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## Rotary Celebrations!

### Birthdays



Marvin S. Gelb  
May 17th

### Wedding Anniversaries

No Wedding Anniversaries Found

### Years of Service

No Years Of Service Found

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## Happy Dollars

Last Meeting Summary

pledge \$3,744

2020-21 : \$3,892

2019-20: \$3,344

2018-2019: \$3,845

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## Guests Last Meeting

Norm (?)

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The Navajo people, unlike mainstream American culture, views the land as sacred and powerful. Adrienne Benally, a Navajo woman, stated this view is also common to other indigenous peoples. In contrast, the Editor of this newsletter believes that the mainstream American environmental movement promotes care of the land as a goal that will benefit persons, not the land. Reverence for the land is part of the basis for opposition of indigenous people to projects such as pipelines, mines, and fracking.

Navajo believe that actions today will have an impact for seven generations down the line.

The Navajo nation is fortunate in that its reservation is located within its ancestral lands. Unfortunately, as is common in the U.S, the Navajo reservation is afflicted with both poverty and environmental degradation. 38% of the Navajo population lives below the poverty line. The unemployment rate is over 50%. Many households have no electricity or water. Environmental damage is caused by abandoned uranium mines, two power plants, and widespread fracking. Adrienne related that in 2015 a toxic sludge dam was breached by an EPA construction team, allowing the waste liquid to contaminate the nearby river. Although the river was heavily used by the Navajo, they were not told of the spill for a day. Adrienne gave us examples of how the Navajo are trying to care for the land. They collect environmental data such as water quality; they demonstrate against harmful construction projects such as the Dakota Access Pipeline; and they sue to uphold treaty rights to oppose environmental change.

Adrienne is assistant professor of Environmental Studies at Swarthmore College. She was originally from Shiprock, NM, on the Navajo reservation.

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Rotary Night at the Philly's

## Rotary District 7450 Night with The Phillies Returns!

Join us for a fun evening with the Phillies vs. Atlanta Braves, Tuesday, July 26, 7:05 pm game time.



Enjoy a fun night at the Phillies game with fellow Rotarians in our District. Each ticket will include a \$10 donation to help eradicate polio. *A Pregame Tailgate event is currently in the planning stage and will be shared when details are finalized.*

Our District has acquired:

- 500 tickets in the scoreboard porch area, Section 241-245, \$30 per ticket and includes a \$10 donation for Polio.
- 100 tickets in left field foul line, Section 137, Rows 21 – 26, \$47 per ticket and includes a \$10 donation for Polio. *A limited number of tickets are available.*



Tickets are available for purchase at the website below or by contacting PDG [Kevin Katarynick @ distgov2021@gmail.com](mailto:Kevin.Katarynick@distgov2021@gmail.com). Tickets are available on a first come first served basis and can be purchased by clubs or by individuals For more information, visit [RotaryDistrict7450.org](http://RotaryDistrict7450.org)

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