



Swarthmore Rotary Cog Notes

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SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

May 19, 2022

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Chair

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Rotary Foundation
Chair

Meetings and Events

May

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

Speaker: Club Assembly

Subject: Club Assembly

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

Speaker: Recipients of Rotary Club's Scholarship

Subject: Address by Scholarship Recipients

June

2nd - [Swarthmore Weekly Club Meeting](#)

Table Grace

By Frederick E. Christian

Remind us this day, Lord, that truth is not meant to be an end in itself. Truth is in order to goodness. Keep us from absorbing information and inspiration here without action and use us in Rotary as instruments to make this a better world. So strengthen us by the blessings of this hour to this end and we will give you our thanksgiving. 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

Rotary Moment: Ann Seidman told us about her trip to India to distribute polio vaccine. She said she feels she really became a Rotarian during the trip. Ann remembers how the Indian people showed the Rotarians great hospitality and invited them into the community's homes.

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

Kathryn Jones reported that the Club has submitted a grant request to the District for CTEP.

Club Calendar:

***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.**

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

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

Service Quotation

"Everyone can be great, because everyone can serve."

Martin Luther King, Jr.

Rotary Celebrations!

Birthdays



Maria Michael Zissimos
May 24th

Wedding Anniversaries



Anthony Coschignano
May 19th

Years of Service

No Years Of Service Found

Happy Dollars

pledge \$3,834

Last Meeting Summary

Susie O'Donnell and Jennifer Pennington asked us to rethink our objectives for our yards. Most of our yards contain wide expanses of grass. We have various reasons for this: we think it looks good, we want the our neighbors to admire us, or local regulations may stipulate a lot of grass. Susie and Jennifer asked us to consider, instead, the health of the environment and especially the wellbeing of wildlife habitats. Susie is a member of aFewSteps.org and the Swarthmore Environmental Advisory Council. Jennifer is the President of the Swarthmore Horticultural Society.

They warned us that the insect and vertebrate populations in our area are in steep decline. They recommended we replace at least some of our grass lawns with native plants and shrubs to help restore wildlife. Native plants are a food source for native animals. They also reduce the need

2020-21 : \$3,892

2019-20: \$3,344

2018-2019: \$3,845

for chemicals such as fertilizer, herbicides and pesticides, which are harmful to wildlife.

They had a number of suggestions on making our yards more eco-friendly. You can start small by planting a portion of your lawn with native plants and shrubs. Good locations are around the base of trees and places where grass doesn't grow. Leaving dead leaves on the ground helps the insect life cycle and the soil retain moisture. We should stop using lawn chemicals. We should mulch or compost instead of using fertilizer. We should reduce outdoor lighting.

Jane Billings, the former Borough Manager, told us that Swarthmore Borough regulations may limit how far homeowners can go in converting to a natural yard. She cited the following regulations: "Noxious weeds shall be prohibited" (Section 302.4 of the 2018 International Property Maintenance Code). The Borough defines noxious weeds as "any neglected or uncared for vegetation, whether living or dead, including all unpruned, rank or uncut weeds, grass, vines, plants, shrubs, trees, brush or undergrowth" (Section 1481.04(a)). I suppose one person's native plant is another person's noxious weed. Susie and Jennifer noted that they will be conducting home eco-audits this summer. During the audit, they will identify invasive plants and recommend native alternatives. They will also make recommendations to help yards be more wildlife friendly. The audits will be announced in the Swarthmorean.

Here are a few examples of natural yards.



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

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