



# Swarthmore Rotary Cog Notes

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August 25, 2022

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Happy Dollars

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Rotary Celebrations!

Birthdays

Patrick Gunnin  
August 28th

Wedding Anniversaries

## Meetings and Events

August 25th  
[Swarthmore Weekly Club Meeting](#)  
Speaker: Past Rotary Club President, William Hale  
Subject: Planetary Management and the Haliens

September 8th  
[Swarthmore Weekly Club Meeting](#)  
Speaker: James P. Allen, Director of Election Operations, DELCO  
Subject: hold for title

September 1st  
[Swarthmore Weekly Club Meeting](#)  
Speaker: Vudi Xhymshiti, photojournalist currently in Ukraine  
Subject: Ukraine and Kosovo, Shattering Russian Propaganda (Zoom meeting)

## Service Quotation

Contributed by Heather Saunders

Values are important. Terrorism, treachery and tyranny cannot be the equivalent of liberty, freedom and human dignity. In our daily lives we have the opportunity and responsibility to do good, to be of service to mankind. We have the freedom and the right to apply the meaningful values of Rotary. We, as Rotarians, gather together each week to rededicate ourselves to the objectives of Rotary, encouraging and fostering the ideals of service as the basis of worthy enterprise to assist us in accomplishing the goals we strive to achieve.

So let us as Rotarians resolve to apply high ethical standards in business and profession, to recognize the dignity of each individual in his or her occupation as an opportunity to serve society; to use the ideal of service in our personal, business and community life; and to advance international understanding, good will and peace through the world fellowship of men and women united in the ideal of service through Rotary International.

- Excerpt from an invocation by Bart Cohen to the Rotary Club of Overland Park, KS

## 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

**Joe Lesniak gave an update on Fun Fair planning. He announced that the club has collected \$17,000 in ads for the Swarthmorean Fun Fair insert. Lawn signs and posters are available.**

**Dave Firm told us that the Swarthmore Environmental Action Committee is looking for volunteers to make reusable shopping bags out of old T-shirts. They have also requested donations of old T-shirts.**

## Last Meeting Summary

Speaker

Years ago, a New York City District Attorney (DA) became famous for prioritizing arrest for petty crimes, such as graffiti and panhandling, as an important part of combating violent crime. The DA's philosophy was that rampant petty crime creates an atmosphere of general lawlessness. For whatever reason, serious crime declined, and the DA became so famous that his boss, Mayor Giuliani, became jealous and fired him. Along the same lines, Melissa Muroff, the Chief of the Environmental Crimes unit in the office of the Delaware County DA, told us about her increasing efforts to prosecute illegal dumping in Chester. Melissa said there is a correlation between illegal dumping and gun violence. Listed among the activities her unit is doing are

G. Holger Hansen  
August 27th  
Anne C. Hansen  
August 27th  
Maria Michael Zissimos  
August 31st  
Heather Saunders  
August 31st

Years of Service

No Years Of Service Found

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## Guests Last Meeting

Jim Snively

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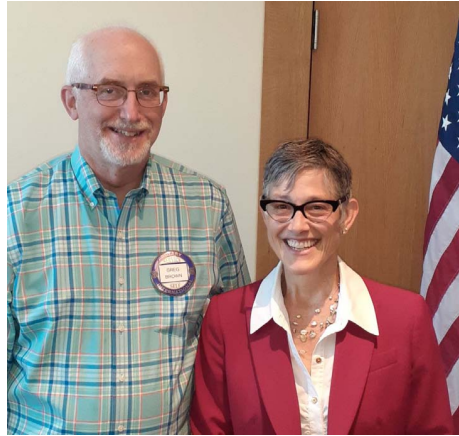
**increased video surveillance, establishing a phone tip line, and quickly cleaning up existing dump sites.**

**Melissa told us that the DA's office has established a team of citizens, many ex-felons, to work with the 1% of the population of Chester that is most likely to be involved in gun violence. The team will work with these individuals to make their lives more manageable by helping them finish school, get jobs, and deal with family issues.**

**In addition to going after illegal dumpers, Melissa told us about litigation related to PFAs and the Mariner East 2 pipeline. PFAs have been called "forever chemicals" because they don't degrade and become harmless to the environment. They have been linked with cancer in persons who ingest the chemicals. PFAs were widely used at firefighting training sites because they used to be a component of firefighting foam. The PFAs in the foam contaminated the soil and groundwater. Melissa's office is suing the PFA manufacturers to help pay for cleaning up the sites.**

**The Delaware County DA's office, in cooperation with the Pennsylvania Attorney General, have sued the Mariner East 2 pipeline installers for damages to wells in households along the path of the pipeline. The installer agreed to pay for free well testing and remediation if necessary.**

**Melissa said citizens can help by being educated voters, supporting nonprofit agencies, participation in cleanups, and joining community Environmental Action Committees.**



## Update on Viktoriia

The Swarthmore Bulletin, Spring 2022, contained an article about Viktoriia, who spoke at Swarthmore Rotary in the Spring of 2021 after she received a Rotary grant to help her travel to the U.S. I will print the excerpted article in two parts - part 2 is below:

When Zakharova's boyfriend, also studying in the U.S., started a fundraiser to aid Ukrainian forces defending his city, Zakharova decided to join him.

"I donated to both them and my hometown," she says. "His mom bought necessary supplies and groceries for the soldiers there. My dad in my hometown would buy groceries for senior citizens who can't get out of the house."

Zakharova's idea was to hang posters across campus. "I posted on my Instagram, asking my friends to come help me. They grabbed the posters, hung them up at Sharples, dorms, the Science Center, everywhere."

"I was comforted by all the messages when it happened, and all the support I got, and all the volunteers who helped me with the bake-in event and posters and little flags," she adds. "I'm really glad that Swarthmore understands that even being an ocean away, they can still make a big difference for a really important, urgent cause."

There are many ways to help Ukraine that don't involve donating money, Zakharova said, including clothing drives and volunteering opportunities.

"A big part of this was how many people spread awareness, and reposted the fundraiser and resources to help," she

says. “So many Swarthmore students kept sharing it on their social media, which might sound silly at first, but it makes such a great impact. I’m really grateful for that.”

Zakharova continues to look for new ways to fundraise by contacting other volunteers in Kryvyi Rih. She urges others to stay informed and continue raising awareness about the war.

“I would really appreciate it if people kept talking about it, because I know how easy it is sometimes to move on from shocking news, but I never moved on,” she says. “I just stayed there, and it feels like everybody just keeps going, but I’m still there.”

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