



Swarthmore Rotary Cog Notes

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September 8, 2022

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Meetings and Events

September 8th
Swarthmore Weekly Club Meeting
Speaker: James P. Allen, Director of Election Operations, DELCO
Subject: How Elections Are Secured: Tests, Verifications, Chains of Custody & Auditable Paper Trails

September 22nd
Swarthmore Weekly Club Meeting
Speaker: Michael Carey
Subject: What is Bitcoin

September 15th
Swarthmore Weekly Club Meeting
Speaker: Linda Coulstone, member, Transition Town, Media PA
Subject: How to Be a Bee City

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?

Service Quotation

"The best way to not feel hopeless is to get up and do something. Don't wait for good things to happen to you. If you go out and make some good things happen, you will fill the world with hope, you will fill yourself with hope."

Barack Obama

Club News

Heather Saunders provided the following community service opportunities:

1. **On Saturday, September 10th, the Red Cross will conduct a "Sound the Alarm" event in Chester. Volunteers will be teamed up with firefighters to go door to door and install smoke detectors in homes in pre-determined neighborhoods. A flyer with more details about how to volunteer is attached.**
2. **As already communicated, aFewSteps is assisting in eliminating single-use plastic bags from the Swarthmore Farmers Market, effective October 1st. I received an update from Susie O'Donnell at the weekend. The greatest need is for volunteers to greet shoppers at the entrances to the market and offer reusable bags to any who have forgotten their own. aFewSteps continues to gather donations of reusable shopping bags and already has a good supply. Volunteering should be fun, social, and close to home for those living in the Borough of Swarthmore. More details and the schedule to sign up are on this [Signup Genius](#).**
3. **Finally and most importantly, the Fun Fair needs your support! Please contact me (Heather) with any nonprofits that would like to participate, and contact Kathryn Jones or Betty Ann Flynn with any ad leads!**

Dave Firm told us that the CRC Watersheds group will be have a tree planting day in Chester on Oct. 29.

Volunteers are needed.

Last Meeting Summary

By Sarah Pita

Vudi Xhymshiti, a Kosovo-born photojournalist who is currently in Ukraine covering the war, was scheduled to speak to the club on September 1, but was unable to make it as he was unexpectedly trapped near the frontlines in Kherson for two days without communications. Hopefully we will be able to reschedule his talk on Russian propaganda for a later date.

Fortunately, Joan Batory, past District Governor, joined the meeting via Zoom, and gave an excellent update on the Gundaker Foundation and Philadelphia Rotary's efforts on behalf of Ukraine.

Happy Dollars

pledge \$783
2021-2022 \$4,476

Rotary Celebrations!

Birthdays

Anne C. Hansen
September 10th
Gudmund R Iversen

September 14th

Wedding Anniversaries

No Wedding Anniversaries Found

Years of Service

No Years Of Service Found

Guests Last Meeting

Chris Spolsky
Geni Klein

As of today, Poland, which is approximately the size of Texas, has taken in approximately three million refugees from Ukraine. Almost all of them are women and children as men have been required to stay and fight. The Polish people have welcomed the refugees with open arms. They remember all too well invasion by the Nazis in 1939, and occupation by the Soviet Union after World War II. They recognize that if Ukraine falls to Russian aggression, Poland could be next.

Rotarians in Poland and Ukraine were quick to respond to the crisis after Russia invaded Ukraine last spring, showing *service before self* by opening their wallets, their homes, their cars and their networks to help people in need. The Gundaker Foundation stepped up to support their efforts, connecting with the Poland and Ukraine District governors to get help to the people who needed it most. The governors—Piotr Jankowski of Poland and Voldomyr Boranenko of Ukraine-- communicated clearly that what they needed most was money, which provides most flexibility to respond to rapidly evolving needs on the ground. The Foundation raised \$100,000 for the cause, which was disbursed to a bank registered with Rotary International in Poland in late August. The funds were distributed to clubs in Poland and Ukraine to fund the following projects: \$25,000 for Project Sunrise, Rotary Club of Krakow. This project is employing Ukrainian refugee teachers resettled in the Krakow area to teach art, culture, and language to Ukrainian and Polish children, restoring normalcy for children traumatized by war. \$10,000 for surgical equipment and medical kits, Rotary Club of Wolsztyn, in cooperation with the Medical University of Ternopil, for hospitals in Ukraine. \$15,000, Rotary Club of Wroclaw, to provide medical care for Ukrainian children.

\$23,000 to purchase generators (one large and ten smaller) for Ukraine.

\$25,000 for the Moschun Project in Ukraine. In cooperation with several other Rotary clubs, helping a town that was destroyed by Russian bombs to rebuild. Includes modular housing and repair to infrastructure, so that residents can return home.

\$4,000, Rotary Club Zamosc Ordynacki, to buy food for residents on eastern Ukraine.

The fundraising page for the Gundaker Foundation is still open and donations are still being accepted for Ukraine aid via that portal, here. <https://www.gundaker.org/ukraine>

The committee is discussing a Phase II right now that will focus on Ukrainian refugees who will be resettling in the Philadelphia area—an anticipated 8,000 people. Their committee is meeting on September 7 and a more final plan, with opportunities for Rotarian support, will be released then.

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