



Swarthmore Rotary Cog Notes

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November 3, 2022

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David Houtz
District 7450 Governor

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Club Director

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Richard Shimko
Bulletin Editor

Karen Aleta Mazzarella
Assistant Governor

Happy Dollars

pledge \$1,356
2021-2022 \$4,476

Rotary Celebrations!

Birthdays

David Firn
November 7th
Richard Shimko

Meetings and Events

November 3rd
Swarthmore Weekly Club Meeting (Inn)
Speaker: Judy Wicks, White Dog Cafe
Subject: Regional Economies: Uniting Rural and Urban Communities to Confront Climate Change

November 17th
Swarthmore Weekly Club Meeting (Inn)
Speaker: Club Assembly
Subject: Club Assembly

November 10th
Swarthmore Weekly Club Meeting (Inn)
Speaker: Marsha Benovengo
Subject: Casting for Recovery

Service Quotation

"I am only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something. And I will not let what I cannot do interfere with what I can do."
Edward Everett Hale

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

MINGLE FEST Wednesday, November 2, at the Inn. Starts at 5:30 pm. Please attend and bring a guest.

George Whitfield presided. He welcomed Tamara Kaufman, a Rotarian who has recently moved to this area.

Below is a photo of them exchanging club banners.



Last Meeting Summary

By Sarah Pita

District Governor David Houtz presented awards and then told us his plans for the District. After being introduced by Assistant Governor Karen Mazzarello, David awarded two Outstanding Rotarian Awards. One went to Joe Lesniak for his service as Fun Fair Chair. The second went to Ken Wright for his work as Project Manager of CTEP and Chair of the Rotary Arts Program. George accepted the citation on Ken's

November 8th

Wedding Anniversaries

No Wedding Anniversaries Found

Years of Service

No Years Of Service Found

Guests Last Meeting

Karen Mazzarella
Tamara Kaufman



behalf.



David and Karen had ideas on how to make both our Club and the District better. First our club.: David stressed the importance of service projects. He said he is telling clubs to pick a service project and commit to it. As an example, he said he remembers participating in a Stop Hunger Now food packaging event with Swarthmore Rotary. Karen mentioned the value of varying meeting times and forming satellite clubs. David stressed the importance of increasing membership to improve the District. He said the District has many committees (he listed 21) and they all need volunteers to staff. He would like to grow the District from its current membership of 1,100 to 2,000. To accomplish this, he listed six elements (the following is taken from David's handout).

1. Start 2 new clubs each year for the next 3 years. We are focusing on evening, theme-based, and cause-based clubs. Examples are veterans clubs and chamber of commerce oriented clubs.
2. Start 2 new evening satellite clubs for clubs that meet for breakfast or lunch.
3. Create a District Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee to help grow into communities we don't already serve.
4. Hold quarterly Rotary 101 meeting for new members to increase retention.
5. Provide 10 scholarships each year to encourage Rotary Leadership Institute attendance.
6. Update the District website to appeal to prospective members and to better organize our information.

After the meeting, David responded to two follow-up questions by email:

The two questions:

"If one of our members is interested in joining a District committee, how should they proceed?"

A goal of yours is growing membership. What would you say to members who are happy with their club the way it is and don't care about growing the club and District?"

David's response:

"If a Rotarian is interested in a District committee, they can contact me or they can contact the chair

<https://rotarydistrict7450.org/district-board-directors/>. As a volunteer organization, please keep in mind

some information may be out of date but most of it is accurate.

The club's size should be intentional. A club that can staff its leadership and perform its service projects is a club that has enough members. If you stop doing service projects because there aren't enough hands, then you need more members. If you can't find anyone to be a leader in your club because everyone's done it, then you need more members. I don't want clubs to feel like they have to be 50/75/100 strong but I do want them to look at what they do (and want to do), objectively, and determine how many members they should have.”

Facts about District 7450

The Greater Philadelphia District has 51 clubs

The largest club is West Chester, with 103 members.

The smallest club is Frankford, with 6 members.

Swarthmore Rotary has 50 members. It is one of the larger clubs.

There are 3 satellite clubs: Conshohocken has an evening club and an Eco club. Philadelphia has a Happy Hour club.

The District website lists 14 active grants, including the grant to CTEP.

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