



# Swarthmore Rotary Cog Notes

P.O. Box 4, Swarthmore, PA 19081



November 10, 2022

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## Meetings and Events

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

November 24th  
Swarthmore Weekly Club Meeting  
Speaker: Thanksgiving Holiday  
Subject: no meeting

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

## 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

An old man came upon a young man throwing starfish in the sea. The old man asked the young man what he was doing.

The young man replied, "The sun is up and the tide is going out. If I don't throw them in, they'll die."

Upon hearing this, the old man commented, "But, young man, do you not realize that there are miles and miles of beach and there are starfish all along every mile? You can't possibly make a difference!"

At this, the young man bent down, picked up yet another starfish, and threw it into the ocean. As it met the water, he said, "It made a difference for that one."

Loren Eiseley

## Club News

**Rotary Moment – Elizabeth Church told us Rotary was involved in the formation of the United Nations 75 years ago. Rotary has been awarded a seat at the UN General Assembly in honor of their help in the formation of the UN and its work to promote peace.**

**President Heather Saunders presented an Outstanding Rotarian award to Ken Wright. Heather cited Ken's past work to launch Fun Fair and his current work on CTEP and the Rotary Arts Program. Heather said we will hear more about the Rotary Arts Program soon.**

## Happy Dollars

pledge \$1,423  
2021-2022 \$4,476

## Rotary Celebrations!

### Birthdays

Betty Ann A. Flynn  
November 16th

Wedding Anniversaries

No Wedding Anniversaries Found

Years of Service

No Years Of Service Found

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Guests Last Meeting

Linton Stables

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**Cathy Darrell invited us to donate food for Thanksgiving to City Team in Chester. Food can be brought to today's meeting. After today, Cathy said we could drop food at her house at 315 North Chester Road in Swarthmore. Please donate the following items for Thanksgiving: frozen turkeys and canned or boxed food.**

### Last Meeting Summary

By Sarah Pita



**Heather Saunders asked us to consider the role of nature in our lives. Heather is helping to develop a strategic plan for Tyler Arboretum. To help that effort, Heather invited comments on a series of questions about nature. The questions and Rotarians' paraphrased comments are summarized below.**

**1. What is our favorite place in nature to go to?**

**"When stressed, I imagine I am in the Scottish Highlands"**

**"My yard and street are my favorite places."**

**"I grew up near the ocean and still imagine being there. I also enjoy looking out at my backyard and walking in my neighborhood."**

**"The four wheel drive beaches in the Outer Banks is so relaxing."**

**"I like looking at my flowers and viewing nature from the comfort of my home."**

**"Although I don't like being at the beach, I imagine the beach when I want to relax."**

**"I loved looking at the mountains when I lived in Alaska."**

**"I remember the sunlight in Bryce Canyon. I also enjoy sitting in my yard and enjoying the evening."**

**"I enjoy exploring nearby places."**

**2. Heather asked us to raise our hands if we associated nature with any of the following words or phrases. In general, the number of raised hands decreased from everyone for the first two phrases to only a few going down the list.**

- Spending time with friends and family
- Spending time alone
- Relaxation
- Beauty
- Exercise
- Fun
- Learning

- Mental health
- Hazards, such as ticks and poison ivy

**3. What is a specific item such as a favorite tree or flower to which we are attached?**

**“Enjoy looking at crepe myrtle tree.”**

**“I miss the red maple tree that used to be in our backyard.”**

**“Sitting in my window seat and looking at birds and flowers.”**

**4. How did the pandemic impact our view of nature?**

**“Focused on local walks.”**

**“Picked up golf as an outdoor activity.”**

**“Started hikes around Tyler Arboretum. Got to know it much better.”**

**5. What is impact of climate change on your view of nature?**

**“So hot won’t go out in summer.”**

**“No snow.”**

**“Seems like more ticks and hazards in general.”**

**“Many trees not thriving in hotter weather.”**

**“The bugs seem different. Flowers bloom earlier in the season than they used to.”**

