



Swarthmore Rotary Cog Notes

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December 1, 2022

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Happy Dollars

pledge \$1,543
2021-2022 \$4,476

Rotary Celebrations!

Birthdays

Brian Casey
December 6th

Meetings and Events

December 1st
[Swarthmore Weekly Club Meeting](#) (Inn)
Speaker: Rick Lee, head of Swarthmore
Volunteer Fire Department
Subject: Swarthmore Fire and Protection
Association: Then and Now

December 15th
[Swarthmore Weekly Club Meeting](#) (Inn)
Speaker: SHHS Silvertones
Subject: A Holiday Celebration

December 8th
[Swarthmore Weekly Club Meeting](#) (Inn)
Speaker: State Representative Jennifer O'Mara
Subject: A Joint Meeting with the Media Rotary
Club

Service Quotation

"No work is insignificant. All labor that uplifts humanity has dignity and importance and should be undertaken with painstaking excellence."
Martin Luther King Jr.

Last Meeting Summary

By Sarah Pita

Club Assembly

President Heather Saunders started the meeting by reviewing how the Club is doing in achieving its Strategic Plan goals.

Priority 1: Maintaining Club Culture. Heather said the Club has achieved sustaining both the speaker's program and "sunshine" report. It still needs to improve its' welcoming of guests at meetings. Heather requested help for Cathy Darrell in the latter two efforts.

Priority 2: Service Projects and Their Impact. The Club has continued CTEP and restarted Fun Fair. Dave Firm has arranged service projects with other Rotary and community clubs. Anne Hansen reported that she is working with the Chester Rotary club on a multiyear project in Liberia to install water purification systems.

Priority 3: Diversity, Equity, Inclusion. Heather stated that the Club voted to eliminate table grace and the pledge of allegiance. She will request volunteers to provide service quotations for Cognotes. She said the Board will continue to evaluate varying meeting starting times and content.

Priority 4: Membership, Participation, Succession Planning. Heather reported that nothing has been done yet in this area. The goals are to integrate new members, reset and renew expectations, and encourage attendance at Rotary International and District events. One Rotarian suggested restarting the practice of having new members give classification talks.

Priority 5: Youth Engagement. The Club made progress on several fronts on this priority. It has established a youth engagement committee consisting of Jane Billings and Jeannine Osayande. They have renewed cooperation with World of Work. They involved the Swarthmore Recreation Association with the Fun Fair.

Jane and Jeannine are exploring collaboration with Swarthmore Rutledge School Home and School Association.

Priority 6: Relationships with Other Organizations. Heather explained that this priority has been met as demonstrated in the discussion of other priorities.

Priority 7: Awareness and Image in the Community. Again, this aspect is included in other priorities. Heather

Wedding Anniversaries

Joshua Twersky
December 2nd

Years of Service

Greg Brown
12-01-2016
6 Years
Anthony Coschignano
12-01-2016
6 Years

Guests Last Meeting

No Guests

said the Club website is being upgraded.

Heather presented tables showing the Club's income and expenses.

Josh Twersky reported that the Swarthmore Rotary Trust has a balance of \$94,000, of which \$40,000 is committed to President's Grants, CTEP, and scholarships.

Heather stated four grants have been issued or are in process for this fiscal year. They total \$4,500 in value.

Heather discussed the status of the CTEP classes and fund raising. She said discussions are being held to have other organizations take over long-term management of CTEP. See Heather's slides below.

Ken Wright deferred a report on the Rotary Arts Project.

Barbara Whitaker-Shimko talked about the goals of The Rotary Foundation with their emphasis on ending polio worldwide. She distributed a letter to each member present explaining how to contribute to RFI. The letters will be mailed to members not present.



News about CTEP

Here is an example of fundraising for CTEP.

Swarthmore Presbyterian Church has an Alternative Christmas Shop every year. The shop allows participants to "make a meaningful difference in the lives of neighbors near and far" during the Christmas season.

The 2022 Shopping List gives the option of contributing to Tools for the Trades, Chester Trades Education Project. The gift "provides Chester-area residents with education in the trades that lead to good jobs". A contribution of \$35 will provide a carpenter tool belt to one student.

In case you missed it, here is Heather's CTEP Update slides:

- Carpentry Cohort 1 students (8) are in second year of studies at DCCC campus and will graduate in August 2023.
- Paid Internship for Cohort 1 to start early Summer 2023. Leadership team starting conversations with potential employers now.
- Carpentry Cohort 2 students (12) are in first year of studies at Ruth L Bennett Hub in Chester.
- Rotary District Grant awarded for \$6,000 (\$3k District + \$3k Club).
- Applying for Gundaker Community Service Project Grant – submit 11/2022
- Fundraiser being planned for Spring 2023 (possibly at Media Theatre)
- Initial discussion completed 11/2022 with Foundation of Delaware County to plan for CTEP long-term management plan