Swarthmore Rotary CogNotes

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Rotary Opens Opportunities

Service Quotation

It is when you give of yourself that you truly give.
Kahlil Gibran

Rotary Celebrations!

Birthdays

No Birthdays Found

Wedding Anniversaries

No Wedding Anniversaries Found

Years of Service

No Years Of Service Found

Meetings and Events

June
10th - Club Meeting
Speaker: Pat Francher, Swarthmore Farmer's Market Manager, and Jon Gly, Farm to City
Subject: This Year's Farmer's Market
17th - Club Meeting
Speaker: Karen Mazzarella-Russo, Gundaker President 2020-21
Subject: Gundaker Foundation Scholarships
24th - Club Meeting
Speaker: Dr. Kathryn Jones, incoming Club President
Subject: Induction

Table Grace

By Frederick E. Christian

During these weeks, scores of our young people have been launched into the world that we call "the world of the professions and of business." Grant that we who receive them may not dim their high hopes and lofty ideals. Guide us. Lord, that we may give them a vision of service woven out of the fabric of Rotary's goals. Amen.

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

Cathy Darrell said she had talked to Steve Laxton's wife Mary. Mary said Steve would like visitors during his convalescence. Mary requested that visits be short and spread out. Cathy volunteered to coordinate scheduling visitors. She suggested one person per day for a brief (about 10 minutes) visit. Contact Cathy to arrange a visit.

President Bill Hale reminded us about the food pantry donation take-out dinner on June 10. Dinners will be available for pick-up at the Inn at Swarthmore between 6 pm and 8 pm. A minimum donation of $25 for a meal or two should be paid by check made out to a particular food pantry.

President Bill Hale reported that Joy Charlton submitted a grant application with assistance from Kathren Jones, Ken Wright, and Sonya Pappas. The grant application was for a District Grant for the Chester Trades Education Project to purchase tools and give scholarships to vocational education students at Delaware County Community College.

Last Meeting Summary

Chris Armstrong, Tony Kirwan, and David Lyon joined us from Ireland to discuss their convenient method of donating to charities called "iPledge". To demonstrate how iPledge works, I will use the example of our upcoming food pantry donation event. Right now, contributors will choose which food bank to which they wish to donate, write a check, and mail it to Bill Hale. Bill will record the

checks and distribute them to each food bank that receives a contribution.

With iPledge, contributors still need to reserve a meal but will pay by simply touching their smart phone to a device called a touchpod when they pick up their meals. Later that day, they will receive a message on their phone asking them to confirm the donation, specify the amount, and designate which food bank to donate to. Clever Bill will have programmed iPledge to automatically distribute the contributions to the various food banks and compile the total donations. Contributors will receive a notice of the donation for their tax records.

One advantage of iPledge relates to the fact that some young people don't write checks or pay with cash. They pay for everything electronically. Theoretically Rotary could accommodate these individuals by providing for credit card payments for their meals and donation. This is not practical because the banks will charge huge set-up fees in addition to steep charges for every transaction. There is no charge to the food bank, Rotary, or the contributor with iPledge.

Chris said they plan to place millions of touchpods throughout the world to make it easy for individuals to donate to the charity of their choice. Corporate fees will be used to support the iPledge program. iPledge is now running a pilot program in Ireland. Chris is hoping Rotary takes a role to support the iPledge effort.

News from Former Scholarship Recipient

This is from a former Swarthmore Rotary scholarship recipient, Lauren Park:

I hope you are doing well!

I finished my first year at Swarthmore this week, and I thought I would share some updates with you (and other members of the Rotary). I took classes in music theory, music history, and French and Francophone Studies this year, and I'm thinking about majoring in music and possibly French. I also tutored math to an elementary schooler for the Chester Children's Chorus and French to my peers for the department. This summer, I will continue working with the Chester Children's Chorus, as I received the Chester Community Fellowship from Swarthmore's civic engagement center, the Lang Center. I'm very excited for this opportunity to combine my interests in music and education.

I'm grateful to the Rotary for supporting my education at Swarthmore, and I look forward to continuing my studies and engaging with my community. I wish you the best, and I hope you have a good summer!

Sincerely,
Lauren