

Swarthmore Rotary CogNotes



P.O. Box 4, Swarthmore, PA 19081

May 26, 2022

Meetings and Events

Shekhar Mehta RI President 2021-22 **Roger Taylor** District 7450 Governor

Swarthmore **Rotary Leaders**

Kathryn Jones President **Heather Saunders**

President-Elect

Brian Casey **Club Executive** Secretary Webmaster

Brian H. Craig Secretary

Theresa O'Malley Treasurer

Perri Ann Evanson **Public Relations** Chair

Carr Everbach **Membership Chair**

David Firn Club Director

Betty Ann A. Flynn **Club Director**

William Clinton Hale iPast President

Anne C. Hansen **Club Director**

Lori Markusfeld **Service Projects** Chair

Hillard Pouncy **Club Programs Chair**

Barbara Whitaker-Shimko **Rotary Foundation** Chair

26th - Swarthmore Weekly Club Meeting Speaker: Recipients of Rotary Club's Scholarship, SRS 5th Grade teacher Renee Strehle and two students Subject: Address by Scholarship Recipients, SRS World of Work

June

May

2nd - Swarthmore Weekly Club Meeting

Speaker: Helen Everbach, Dir, SFSU, Education and Referral **Organization for Sexuality** Subject: "Theys and gays and their ways- oh my!" (zoom meeting) 9th - Swarthmore Weekly Club Meeting

Speaker: Karen Chan, Assistant Professor, Biology, Swarthmore College

Subject: Marine Biology In The Era of Climate Change (zoom meeting)

Table Grace

By Frederick E. Christian

God of truth and wisdom, we thank you for those who teach and for those who learn. In this day of educational crisis, quicken within us an awareness of what it means to liberate a young mind. Use us in Rotary as instruments of concern for youth about us and help us to be sensitive to their deeper needs. 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 Assembly

Heather Saunders presided at the Club Assembly.

Kenneth J. Wright **Club Director** Greg Brown **President-Nominee Cathleen Darrell** Attendance Secretary **Richard Shimko Bulletin Editor** Karen Aleta Mazzarella-Russo **Assistant Governor**

Service Quotation

"This country will not be a good place for any of us to live in unless we make it a good place for all of us to live in."

Theodore **Roosevelt**

Rotary **Celebrations!**

Birthdays



Millward May 26th Perri Ann Evanson May 31st

Wedding Anniversaries

No Wedding Anniversaries Found

Years of Service

Carr Everbach inducted new members: Patrick Gunnin, Jane Billings, and Ryan Martin.

Rotarian of the Months awards were presented to:

March - Theresa O'Malley, the club treasurer, for upgrading to the dacdb financial system and coordinating a Club financial audit.

April – Elizabeth Churche, for presenting the Rotary Moment every week.

May – Perri Eversen, the publicity chair, for publicizing the club and submitting Rotary Minutes to the Swarthmorean every week.

CTEP – 10 of the students of Cohort I completed the first term and are now attending hands-on classes at DCCC. Cohort II will start in the Fall. This year's fundraising goal has been achieved.

GOALS

Heather discussed the extent to which this year's Club goals have been met. Some of the goals and whether or not they were met follows: Membership and Engagement goals were met including increasing membership by 10% and developing a mentoring program for new members.

The SRS World of Work service project was restarted. We are collaborating with the Chester club on an international project. Lori Markusfeld has been tasked with restarting the SHHS Interact club. The public relations activities were increased in The Swarthmorean, community calendars, and Facebook, among other activities.

Club process goals were mostly met including re-starting live meetings, establishing four new Board positions, and increasing interactions with other community organizations and Rotary clubs.

STRATEGIC PLAN

Heather presented the Club's new Strategic Plan. The major elements of



Happy Dollars

pledge \$3,994 2020-21 : \$3,892 2019-20: \$3,344

2018-2019: \$3,845

Guests Last Meeting

No guests

the Plan follow.

Vision Statement: The Rotary Club of Swarthmore will be an inclusive service organization that activates resources to build a better and connected community.

The Strategic Plan established six Strategic Priorities. The priorities and specific objectives for each priority are as follows:

- Maintain and appreciate the existing positive Rotary Club of Swarthmore culture: sustain speaker program; sustain "sunshine report"; re-start club greeter; sustain "happy dollars"; sustain Rotary Moment; Sustain Rotary Minute in Swarthmorean.
- 2. Improve impact of and participation in local, regional and international service projects: develop Club focus; ensure continuity of CTEP; collaborate with other organizations; increase visibility of Club in community through Fun Fair; educate members on Rotary international global initiatives; identify a project with multi-year continuity or travel opportunity.
- 3. Be more visible with diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI): reassess Club rituals; combine happy hour with other Rotary clubs; vary event timing and content for accessibility; build club awareness of DEI.
- 4. Have proactive membership, participation, and succession planning: integrate new members; reset, renew expectations; encourage attendance at RI and District conferences and Rotary Leadership sessions; increase member engagement by doing service projects during club meetings; identify new leaders for next year for Fun Fair and CTEP; implement a President-Elect mentoring program; ask individual members what they want to

do in club; establish Past President legacy committee to document key processes.

- 5. Support youth engagement; collaborate more effectively with community youth groups: appoint a Youth Director; sustain World of Work; improve collaboration with local schools; improve collaboration with local Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts; involve Swarthmore Recreation Association in club activities; revive Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA); revive International Youth Exchange program.
- 6. Enhance community awareness and image of Rotary's local, regional and global impact: continue collaboration between Club Directors to identify opportunities for public relations; leverage District level resources to improve public image and communications; update Club and Fun Fair websites; develop Club social media strategy and plan; reassess Club road signage.

Rotary Night at the Philly's

Rotary District 7450 Night with The Phillies Returns!

Join us for a fun evening with the Phillies vs. Atlanta Braves, Tuesday, July 26, 7:05 pm game time.



Enjoy a fun night at the Phillies game with fellow Rotarians in our District. Each

ticket will include a \$10 donation to help eradicate polio. A Pregame Tailgate event is currently in the planning stage and will be shared when details are finalized.

Our District has acquired:

- 500 tickets in the scoreboard porch area, Section 241-245, \$30 per ticket and includes a \$10 donation for Polio.
- 100 tickets in left field foul line, Section 137, Rows 21 – 26, \$47 per ticket and includes a \$10 donation for Polio. A limited number of tickets are available.



Tickets are available for purchase at the

website below or by contacting PDG <u>Kevin Katarynick</u> @ <u>distgov2021@gmail.com</u>. Tickets are available on a first come first served basis and can be purchased by clubs or by individuals For more information, visit <u>RotaryDistrict7450.org</u>

<u>www.SwarthmoreRotary.org</u> ------ <u>www.Facebook.com/SwarthmoreRotary</u> ----------- <u>www.SwarthmoreFair.org</u>