

Swarthmore Rotary CogNotes

P.O. Box 4, Swarthmore, PA 19081



June 9, 2022

Meetings and Events

June

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

Swarthmore Rotary Leaders

<u>Kathryn Jones</u> President <u>Heather Saunders</u>

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<u>Theresa O'Malley</u> Treasurer

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<u>Anne C. Hansen</u> Club Director

<u>Lori Markusfeld</u> Service Projects Chair

<u>Hillard Pouncy</u> Club Programs Chair <u>Barbara Whitaker-</u> Shimko 9th - <u>Swarthmore Weekly Club Meeting</u> Speaker: Karen Chan, Assistant Professor, Biology, Swarthmore College Subject: Marine Biology In The Era of Climate Change (zoom meeting) 16th - <u>Swarthmore Weekly Club Meeting</u> Speaker: TBD Subject: TBD 23rd - <u>Swarthmore Weekly Club Meeting</u> Speaker: No Meeting - Induction Ceremony for incoming

President Subject: No Meeting - Induction Ceremony

Table Grace

By Frederick E. Christian

Lord, the summer months are upon us when our boys and girls flood our streets. Show us, in these perilous, drug-ridden times, how to deal wisely with this monstrous curse. Give us, as adults, a quickened sensitivity toward that young person near us or that crosses our paths that we may help him or her to seek the good life of useful service which Rotary embodies. 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 is requesting that Club Members please start donating to City Team again. Please consider donating non-perishable food items, baby products, diapers, canned formula, women's sanitary pads or tampons. You can drop off the items on Cathy's front porch (315 North Rotary Foundation Chair <u>Kenneth J. Wright</u> Club Director <u>Greg Brown</u> President-Nominee <u>Cathleen Darrell</u> Attendance Secretary <u>Richard Shimko</u> Bulletin Editor <u>Karen Aleta</u> <u>Mazzarella-Russo</u> Assistant Governor

Service Quotation

This is what you shall do; Love the earth and sun and the animals, despise riches, give alms to every one that asks, stand up for the stupid and crazy, devote your income and labor to others -Walt Whitman

Rotary Celebrations!

Birthdays

No Birthdays Found

Wedding Anniversaries

No Wedding Anniversaries Found

Years of Service

Chester Road, Swarthmore PA 19081) or call her and she will come to your house for pick-up (cell 610-764-6262).

June 9th and 16th - Club meetings will be via Zoom.

June 23rd - There will be NO noon Club meeting. Heather Saunders will have her Induction Ceremony in the evening at Tyler Arboretum.

June 30th - Club meeting will be in person at the Inn. We will participate in a service project together at the Inn to prepare comfort kits for patients and their families who are at Nick's House in Swarthmore.

Last Meeting Summary

To paraphrase our former president's take on health care, nobody knew how complicated gender is. Helen Everbach treated us to an eyeopening survey of what gender means today. Helen is the Director of San Francisco State University's Education and Referral Organization for Sexuality.

Helen defined some terms I had heard and some I had not. "Queer" is a sexual orientation term. It is the Q in LGBTQ. It is a broad term, meaning any sexual orientation other than heterosexual.

Asexual/aromantic/alloromantic/ allosexual are desire-related terms. "Asexual" means not interested in sex.

"Aromantic" means not interested in romantic involvement, but could be interested in sex.

"alloromantic" means interested in romantic involvement, but maybe not sex.

"allosexual" means interested in sex, but maybe not romance.

"Gender Identity" means one's personal sense of gender. Some of this sense is imposed on us by others (parents, society) but some is personal and innate. Our culture prefers to have two genders but there can be nonbinary genders.

"Gender Expression" means how masculine or feminine one is.

"Biological sex" means gender at birth with complications as discussed below.

No Years Of Service Found

Happy Dollars

pledge \$4,166

2020-21 : \$3,892

2019-20: \$3,344

2018-2019: \$3,845

Guests Last Meeting

Matthew Ndukwu

"Transgender" means different gender identity then that assigned at birth.

"Cisgender" means same gender identity as that assigned at birth.

"Gender pronoun" – as anyone who works at the College knows, gender pronouns are now a matter of choice. Instead of "he" or "she" (as appropriate), some individuals prefer to be referred to as "they".

Helen pointed out that biological sex is not just male and female. Some babies (1 in 2000) are born with ambiguous external genitalia. She referred to these individuals as "intersex". She said intersex babies frequently undergo surgery to remove the ambiguity. Helen considered these surgeries horrific and thought that they should be stopped. She believed these individuals should be raised as intersex.

Helen asked us to practice categorizing famous (at least to her) individuals on The Flying Gender Unicorn (see below). This chart summarizes all of the different ways individuals can be categorized based on biological sex, gender identity, gender expression, gender assigned at birth, and sexual orientation.

For example, a person could (theoretically) have a non-binary gender identity, with a feminine gender expression, had intersex genitalia at birth, was assigned as a female, considered herself (or themselves) lesbians, be physically attracted to cisgender women, and be romantically attracted to trans men.

Helen finished by offering advice on how to respond to a queer/trans person coming out. Basically, be supportive.

The Flying Gender Unicorn



World of Work Event

Thanks to Elena Brunner for the following photographs of World of Work Day.











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