



Swarthmore Rotary Cog Notes

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April 27, 2023

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Happy Dollars

pledge \$3,417
2021-2022 \$4,476

Rotary Celebrations!

Birthdays

No Birthdays Found

Wedding Anniversaries

Meetings and Events

April 27th, 12:15-1:30 PM

Swarthmore Weekly Club Meeting

Speaker: Frank Catania, Esquire, Catania and Parker, Chester Water Authority
Subject: Save Chester Water Authority

May 11th, 12:15-1:30 PM

Swarthmore Weekly Club Meeting

Speaker: Hold for Andrew Bunting
Subject: The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society:
Transforming Lives Through Horticulture

May 4th, 12:15-1:30 PM

Swarthmore Weekly Club Meeting

Speaker: Andrew Feick, Assoc VP, Swarthmore College
Subject: Campus Tour

Service Quotation

"It is easier to interest men in war than in peace; it therefore requires more moral courage to talk peace than war." Paul Harris

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



Barbara Whitaker-Shimko and Hogie Hansen spoke about The Rotary Foundation (TRF). Hogie told us about the many projects TRF supports though out the world. Barbara said over 75% of Club members have donated to TRF this fiscal year.

Ken Wright said he and other members of the Rotary Arts Project planning committee will build on this year's success to plan next year's program.

Sarah Pita relayed that the District has contributed over one hundred thousand dollars to Ukrainian refugees in Poland. They have been working with a Polish Rotary club to support refugees and Ukrainian hospitals. Individual can support this effort by contributing to the Gundaker Foundation and indicating "Ukraine" on the contribution.

Jeannine Osayande participated in the cleanup at Little Crum Creek Park on April 21.

Last Meeting Summary

Shaun Eyring told us about the Swarthmore Human Relations Commission (HRC).

What is the purpose of the HRC? Shaun showed us the following slide:

"The Human Relations Commission receives, investigates and passes on complaints related to discrimination in housing, employment or use of public accommodations on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identification, and educates the public in order to prevent discrimination and foster equal opportunity. The Commission also addresses incidents of bias that may lead to tension between racial, ethnic, and other groups."



Shaun said the HRC was established in 2006. It has a website at

<https://www.swarthmorepa.org/2209/Human-Relations-Commission> with links to forms to file official complaints and anonymous reports. (see next article for more details).

As might be expected for a town such as Swarthmore, Shaun said in a follow-up email that there has been only one official complaint and no anonymous reports since the HRC was established.

The HRC also conducted four public meetings with the help of a grant from our club. This description of the

Lori Markusfeld
April 29th
Patrick Gunnin
May 3rd
Sarah Pita
May 3rd

Years of Service

Carr Everbach
04-28-2021
2 Years

Guests Last Meeting

No Guests

meetings is taken from the HRC website:

“As part of our mission to educate the public in order to prevent discrimination, the Swarthmore Human Relations Commission (HRC) has organized a 4-part Community Conversation series facilitated by Danielle N. Gadson, Ph.D., Stephen A. Sheridan, MPA and Teresa M. Boyer, Ed.D. The first three conversations focused on race and LGBTQIA issues. The fourth and final session brings it together in “What It Means To Be An Ally In Your Community.” The conversation explores how to be an effective, thoughtful, and useful supporter to fellow neighbors who identify as *BIPOC, **LGBTQIA, and other marginalized communities. Participants will discuss allyship as a verb and will leave the session with tools and resources for practicing allyship in daily life.

***BIPOC - Black, Indigenous, People of Color; **LGBTQIA - Lesbian,Gay, Bisexual,Transgender,Queer/Questioning,Intersex,Asexual”**

Shaun said the meetings were well attended with 40 persons at one Zoom meeting. She thanked the Club for our support and said a report will be issued soon.

HRC Website

The HRC website has a link to a Complaint/Grievance Form.

The following are some of the questions on the form:

“This Complaint is related to (check all that apply): a. Employment b. Housing: c. Public Accommodations: __

This Complaint is based on discrimination due to actual or perceived (check all that apply): a. Race b. Color c. Religious Creed d. Ancestry e. Age f. Sex g. National Origin h. Handicap or Disability i. Use of guide or support animals and/or mechanical aides because of blindness, deafness, or physical handicap of the user or, because the user is a handler or trainer of support or guide animals j. Sexual Orientation k. Gender Identity l. Gender Expression

Discrimination means difference of treatment as related to employment (the opportunity for an individual to obtain employment for which they are qualified), public accommodation (the opportunity for an individual to access food, beverages, lodging, resort or amusement which is open to the general public e.g. not applicable to private entities), or housing (the opportunity for an individual to obtain housing for which they are qualified). Please explain what happened to you and why you were treated in a discriminatory manner: a. What happened that caused you to conclude you were discriminated against?”

In addition, members of the community can make anonymous reports of incidents of discrimination to the Incident Repository Form, also located on the HRC website.



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