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The Rotary Club of Swarthmore
P.O. Box 4, Swarthmore, PA 19081

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November is Rotary Foundation Month

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Today's Program:

Andy Hartzell, Chief Council
for PA Department of Environmental Protection South-east Division

Table Grace

Father, for families in which we have been nurtured; for the bonds that bind us to sons and daughters, fathers and mothers; for the larger family in which you have placed us as your children, we give you thanks. Show us how to live caringly and to express our gratitude as we practice "Service Above Self." Amen

Rev. Dr. Frederick E. Christian

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November 16 Program:

Suri Steuber

by Rich Shimko

As related by Suri Steuber, Transition Team Media (TTM) is pro-development, but not the type of development that we usually think of. Rather TTM is trying to promote sustainable, earth-friendly development. Because they were concerned about climate change, TTM started a project that seems to me to have been very ambitious for a citizens group – install solar panels on 30 residences. The goal of this project was to promote solar energy by eliminating some of the problems homeowners face when trying to purchase solar panels. Because TTM bought in bulk, they could negotiate a reduced price. TTM selected the contractor and completed the tedious permitting process. *(continued on reverse)*



Coming Programs & Events

(All meetings at The Inn unless otherwise noted)

Today: Paul Downie from the Community Arts Center will be stopping by to encourage attendance at their upcoming sale.

Dec 7 TBA

Dec 14: Silvertones at CADES

Dec 21: No meeting

April 20-22, 2018 District Conference

June 24-27, 2018 RI Convention, Toronto, Canada

**Know someone who has an interest in any of these topics? Invite them to the meeting!*

The Pledge of Allegiance



Four Way Test:

Of the things we think, say and do:

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOOD WILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all Concerned?



Guests:

Maureen McCafferty (with speaker), Emma Close (Rotaract), Barbara Amsultz (soon to be member), Bill Thomas and Catherine Jones (both prospective members).

It's Still November: Rotary Foundation Month It's Not Too Late To Donate !!

Donate online at my.Rotary.org. Online is the most efficient and secure way or send a check to The Rotary Foundation, One Rotary Center, 1560 Sherman Ave., Evanston, IL 60210-3698. NOTE: Chose Annual Fund-SHARE. Our club # is 5501.



Emma Close, from the Swarthmore College Rotaract Club, presenting to Joy the money the club raised for World Polio Day

Chester Boys & Girls Club named Nonprofit of the Year!

So named by the DelCo Chamber of Commerce – the Chester Boys & Girls Club is also Delaware County's only nationally accredited Boys & Girls Club. Help them celebrate 87 years of "Building Bridges for Children" at their fundraiser tonight – November 30, 6pm, at Lanthem Hall, Widener University, East 13th & Potter St.



Happy Dollars 2017-18:

\$1982

2016-2017 total: \$3,756
2015-2016 total: \$3,756
2014-2015 total: \$3,168
2013-14 total: \$2,493



(20,512 Children Immunized)
All Proceeds go towards Polio Eradication.

Service Quotation

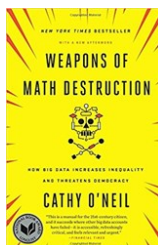
"There is no limit to what a person can do or where they can go if they do not mind who gets the credit"

- Various attributions, including Harry Truman & Ronald Reagan



A Book Recommendation from Barbara Whitaker-Shimko

I recommend to all Swarthmore Rotarians a book I recently read: *Weapons of Math Destruction: How big data increases inequality and threatens democracy*, by Cathy O'Neil. This book gives a very broad insight into the ways in which those with relevant expertise influence every aspect of all our lives personally, and more frightening, the enormous impact it has in shaping our society. The Russian interference looks like child's play compared to the way businesses and formal and informal institutions can influence and profit from their invisible tactics. The amount of information available, the esoteric juggling of the information, and the amazingly subtle use of the information was astonishing to me. Even those of us who consider ourselves somewhat tech savvy and are depressingly aware of the dark side the internet may find Ms. O'Neill's sweeping and detailed book remarkable. (Thanks to Barbara for taking the time to write this synopsis. Have you read a book lately that moved or stimulated you? Write a blurb about it and send it our way.)



Rotary Celebrations

Birthday:

None

Member Anniversary:

Greg Brown 12/1 (1 year)
Anthony Coshignano 12/1 (1 year)

Wedding Anniversary:

Josh Twersky 12/2

November 16 Speaker:

Suri Steuber

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The project's biggest problem was that PECO initially denied 30% of the hook-up applications. Suri pointed out the present regulatory system penalizes PECO by requiring them to purchase the excess electricity back from the homeowners at the retail rate, as opposed to the wholesale rate at which they would normally purchase electricity. The disincentive meant that PECO was very picky about approving hook-up applications. TTM was able to overcome PECO's issues in almost all of the cases. Unfortunately, TTM closed the project and is not accepting new customers. Maybe next year.

DONATIONS NEEDED!



The CityTeam Ministries food pantry needs constant replenishing. If you can donate items such as: peanut butter, tuna fish.

Please contact Cathy Darrell, who will transport any donated items.

Or just bring them to a meeting.