



# Swarthmore Rotary Cog Notes

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## Service Quotation

"What remains in diseases after the crisis is apt to produce relapses."  
Hippocrates

## Rotary Celebrations!

### Birthdays

Martin Spiegel  
January 20th

### Wedding Anniversaries

No Wedding Anniversaries Found

### Years of Service

Betty Ann A. Flynn  
01-17-2006  
15 Years

## Meetings and Events

January

14th - [Club Meeting](#)

Speaker: Marty Spiegel, Mayor, Swarthmore  
Subject: Town Topics

21st - [Club Meeting](#)

Speaker: Jeannine Osayande & Dunya Performing Arts Company  
Subject: Making A Homeplace: Stories From The Historically Black Neighborhood of Swarthmore

28th - [Club Meeting](#)

Speaker: Seth Rosenberg, founder, Syncretic  
Subject: Computer Network Security: The Threat Landscape

## Table Grace

By Frederick E. Christian

**Eternal God, here we pause to thank you for your loving care of us in the past and your unfailing patience with us in the present and your over-arching providence as we face the uncertain future. Bless this hour for us here in Rotary and our great country. 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?

## Last Meeting Summary

**Viktoriia Zakharova's road from Kryvvy, Ukraine to Swarthmore College was a long and rather amazing one. It included a stop, metaphorically speaking, at Swarthmore Rotary, as Barbara Amstutz explains below. We Rotarians helped Viktoriia get to Swarthmore. We should be happy because she is a delightful young woman.**

**Viktoriia's first experience with the United States was as a high school exchange student in Colorado. In fact, she was talking to us while she is staying with her former host family during the holiday break. She applied to Swarthmore College partly because she liked the Amphitheater. She was accepted and got a full scholarship. She wants to help her country when she graduates. Because most of her classes are online, she said she has to sit in her room staring at her computer screen for five hours a day. She likes to offset computer burnout by walking around the campus. In response to questions, Viktoriia said a difference between life in the Ukraine and the United States is that she has to drive to get anywhere in this country while she could get anything she needed in the Ukraine by walking. Another surprise was self-checkouts in stores. She commented that most Americans don't know anything about Ukraine including whether or not Ukrainians**

## Happy Dollars

pledge \$1806

2020-21 Happy Dollars  
for Polio Plus Fund  
(\$3 to fully protect one child)

2019-20 total: \$3355  
2018-19 total: \$3,845  
2017-18 total: \$4,515

## Guests Last Meeting

Dan Snyder

have cars and phones. In response to a question about the conflict with Russia, she diplomatically said she wants the fighting to stop. Viktoriia has a Ukrainian boyfriend, and is therefore not involved in the dating scene. While it is unfortunate that the pandemic is ruining Viktoriia's college experience, she appears to have kept her enthusiasm for the future.

### Note from Barbara Amstutz on Viktoriia's Grant

#### Viktoriia Zakharova Speaker Review

Swarthmore Rotary Club hosted Viktoriia Zakharova on January 7, 2021 at its Club Meeting. She is currently a freshman and international student at Swarthmore College and a recipient of a Swarthmore Rotary Club Grant in 2019. Viktoriia is very grateful for the support that Swarthmore Rotary provided to make it possible for her to begin her college studies at Swarthmore College.

She received a full merit scholarship at Swarthmore College but her scholarship did not cover miscellaneous expenses such as roundtrip airplane ticket from Ukraine to the US and her visa application fee. Swarthmore Rotary provided \$1,260 covering airfare and visa expenses through a partner organization, Ukraine Global Scholars.

Ukraine Global Scholars is a non-profit organization focused on education and cultural exchange between Ukraine and the United States. They helped Viktoriia apply to U.S. colleges and get accepted into Swarthmore College. Today, Global Scholars continues to assist her as an international student. In exchange, Viktoriia will return to Ukraine and use her education to give back to her community.

Connor O'Brien, a Rotary member from Connecticut, reached out to us on behalf of Viktoriia. He was friends of Viktoriia when he was a Peace Corp volunteer in the Ukraine. He was serving as a English teacher and organizer of a US State Department sponsored Model UN. Viktoriia attended the Model UN and met Connor. Connor spoke to Swarthmore Rotary Club several months ago about his Peace Corp experience in Ukraine.

Viktorriia is studying political and computer science at Swarthmore College. She lived on campus for the fall term and works as a research assistant and as a staff member at the List Art Gallery. During the current January 2021 term she is living in Colorado with her host family whom she knew when she participated in a High School exchange program. She will be returning to Swarthmore College in February for the winter/spring term.

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