



Swarthmore Rotary Cog Notes

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- Heather Saunders
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- Francy Cross
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Service Quotation

"A lie can travel halfway around the world while the truth is putting on its shoes"
Mark Twain

Rotary Celebrations!

Birthdays

No Birthdays Found

Wedding Anniversaries

No Wedding Anniversaries Found

Years of Service

Rudolf S. Amann
02-08-1999
22 Years

Meetings and Events

February

4th - [Club Meeting](#)

Speaker: Scott Richardson, owner, Occasionally Yours
Subject: At Occasionally Yours: Thirty One Years And Still Having Fun

11th - [Club Meeting](#)

Speaker: Stephen McWilliams and Matt Marencik, Profs, Villanova University
Subject: Documentary Film Making for the Social Good

18th - [Club Meeting](#)

Speaker: Prof. Dan Hopkins, UPENN, Political Science, The Increasingly United States
Subject: Looking Back on the 2020 Election

Table Grace

By Frederick E. Christian

Lord of our land, we recall with gratitude during this month those leaders of our nation who have made it a better place because they came this way. Help us to know that your hand is ever upon us and our land and give us thankful hearts for all your blessings; especially for those today as we gather around these tables. 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

At the Jan. 28 meeting, there was a general discussion about how members should donate to local food banks. Several options were discussed. Lori Markusfeld stated monetary donations could be sent to specific food banks or to DIFAN, an organization that helps raise money for food banks. Heather Saunders mentioned that the Strath Haven High School Interact club is looking for ideas for service projects and could help collect money or food. More information to come.

The following club news is from President Bill Hale:

Proposed Service Project

The Board is working on developing a Service Project to raise money to address food insecurity resulting from the pandemic. Food pantries have indicated they are most in need of funds to purchase the foods they want at bulk prices. If anyone is interested in helping with this project, please contact Service Projects Chair Lori Markusfeld or President Bill Hale.

Grants This Year

So far this presidential year, the Swarthmore Rotary Charitable Trust has made the following grants on the recommendation of the Grants

Happy Dollars

pledge \$2228

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

Seth Rosenberg, Jim
Kenney
Carr Eberbach, Lisa Lee
Mollie Fahnstock, Chris
Dervishian
D.R. Winters

Committee (Chair Barbara Amstutz, members Joy Charlton, Kathryn Jones, Sonya Pappas and Heather Saunders) with approval by the Board of Directors.

- \$1,260 to the Ukraine Global Scholars Foundation to cover Ukrainian Swarthmore College student Viktoriia Zakharova's visa and travel costs.
- \$1,000 to the Foundation for Delaware County for their Covid-19 Response Fund.
- \$1,000 to Swarthmore Town Center for Covid-19 Temporary Parklets Installation.
- \$750 to Chester Rotary Club as part of their District Grant to fund a "1000 Books Before Kindergarten" program.
- \$2,500 to Lifewerks Food Pantry for Covid-19 food purchases as part of our District Grant. District 7450 contributed an additional \$1,500 in matching funds.
- \$600 to Swarthmore Troop 112 to fund the purchase of materials for free library boxes which Karl Rennick-Zuefle will build and install as part of his Eagle Scout Project.

Last Meeting Summary

Seth Rosenberg returned to Swarthmore Rotary to give us another update on how to protect ourselves and our businesses from email and phone scams. Seth is with the computer security firm, Syncretic. Although most of us probably have heard this message before, Seth said computer and phone refresher security training has to be done periodically because we can all get careless. Even experts make mistakes and allow breaches of personal or business computer systems, as is evident from the recently discovered hacking of U.S. Government agencies.

If we receive a phone call from a company or government agency, we should not give them any personal information. Hang up then look up the number of the company or agency and call back. If we have an online account with the company, we can check there to see if the request for information is legitimate. We should never call back to the same number or any number provided in the original suspicious call.

Seth gave several suggestions regarding emails. Beware of any emailed invoices. Be careful of emails, even from one of your contacts, that request information or provide a link. (Editors Note: I have received emails from Rotary members that were clearly fake.) In both of the above cases, check with the original source before proceeding. Contact the original source by calling on the phone or using an alternate email address.

Seth recommended NoMoreRobo, a service available to Verizon and Comcast customers. This service blocks robocalls on landline phones. As Seth might have said, when it comes to computer and phone security, a little paranoia is a good thing.