



Swarthmore Rotary Cog Notes

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April 14, 2022

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Chair

Meetings and Events

April

14th - [Swarthmore Weekly Club Meeting](#)

Speaker: Natania Schaumberg, Farm Manager, Ruth Bennett
Community Farm

Subject: Ruth Bennett Community Farm Addresses Food
Insecurity In Chester

21st - [Swarthmore Weekly Club Meeting](#)

Speaker: Rob Zarbo, owner Ship Bottom Brewery

Subject: The New Business in Town

28th - [Swarthmore Weekly Club Meeting](#)

Speaker: Melissa Lyons, Director, Public Health Director, Del.
County Health Department

Subject: (Hold for title)

Table Grace

By Frederick E. Christian

Eternal One, we are reminded that you are daily seeking to strengthen and sustain us in body and soul, that we may serve you and the world around us more effectively and joyously. Keep us ever from accepting these and other gifts from your hand without a grateful response. Bless us all in your service this day and in the days to come. 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

Joy Charlton told us about the Rotary Peace Fellowship. Applications are available at the Rotary International website for next year's program wherein Rotarians can earn a M.S. at a Rotary Peace Center.

Kenneth J. Wright
Club Director
Greg Brown
President-Nominee
Cathleen Darrell
Attendance
Secretary
Richard Shimko
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Karen Aleta
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Service Quotation

"I don't know what your destiny will be, but one thing I do know: the only ones among you who will be really happy are those who have sought and found how to serve."

Albert Schweitzer

Rotary Celebrations!

Birthdays



Kathryn Jones
April 14th

Wedding Anniversaries

No Wedding
Anniversaries Found

Years of Service

Barbara

Brian Craig's Rotary Moment was a personal example of how Rotarians help. When he started as Swarthmore Police Chief, he was invited to join Swarthmore Rotary. Fellow Rotarians were very helpful in Brian's integration into the community.

President Kathryn Jones announced that Sarah Pita is coordinating Club efforts for our support of the Ukrainian people. She will be unveiling a plan at the April 21st Club meeting. The plan will have multiple opportunities to provide support at either the Rotary International, District or Club level. In the meantime, see the link provided in Kathryn's April 6 email for Viktoriia Zakharova's fundraising efforts at Swarthmore College. She is the student that Rotary supported three years ago when she needed travel money to get from Ukraine to Swarthmore to start college.

Club Calendar (provided by Kathryn):

***April 14th* - Club meeting with be via Zoom. Greg Brown will be presiding at the meeting.**

***April 21st and 28th* - Club meetings will be in-person at the Inn.**

***April 26th* - 85th Anniversary of the Rotary Club of Swarthmore**

April 23rd Service Day in Chester

Lori Markusfeld, Community Service Director is confirming whether the Ruth L Bennett community garden clean-up is a "go" or not. Stay tuned!

April 30th Service Day in Swarthmore

Please sign-up for our Adopt-a-Highway clean-up along Yale Avenue. See Dave Firn's email from March 27th for details on how to register for "Rotary-at-Work Day."

May 13th World of Work at the Swarthmore-Rutledge School (SRS)

Josh Twersky is asking for volunteers. We will need many Club members on this date to support this cherished tradition with the 5th graders!

May 14th from 4pm-8pm Rotary CTEP Block Party (date changed)



Whitaker-
Shimko
04-17-2014
8 Years



Richard
Shimko
04-17-2014
8 Years

Happy Dollars

pledge \$3,429

2020-21 : \$3,892

2019-20: \$3,344

2018-2019: \$3,845

Guests Last Meeting

Patrick Gunnin
Ryan Martin
Henry Vanzanten

Planning meeting scheduled for April 14th from 9am-10am via Zoom.

September 18th from 12pm-4pm Rotary Fun Fair

Planning meeting scheduled for 1:30pm-2:30pm on April 28th after the Club meeting at the Inn.

Last Meeting Summary



How does an organization such as Rotary know if the contributions they make to other individuals or organizations help? Do the contributions make the recipients better or worse in the long run? Would the contributions be more effective going elsewhere? Our speaker, Vibhat Nair, is

part of a new company that is trying to answer those, and other, questions.

Vibhat is CEO of Magnolia Impact Solutions. His company wants to improve financial equity by helping organizations and governments do a better job of providing assistance to disadvantaged individuals. He started his talk by giving some grim statistics on financial inequality:

- **69% of households have less than \$1000 in savings**
- **37% do not have access to \$400 in ready cash**
- **Black households' wealth is 15% of whites.**

Vibhat believes that many of the current efforts to help the financially disadvantaged are not effective. Part of the problem is the financial impact of the efforts are not being measured. His company will help organizations evaluate the effectiveness of their programs by measuring the financial health of recipients over time.

Magnolia will measure financial health by use of surveys. Their website, magnoliaimpact.org, indicated that they would ask questions about: income, income volatility, spending, liquid savings, planned discretionary expenses, retirement, and insurance.

Vibhat said their survey is partly based on research done by the U.S. Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB). The

CFPB's website has typical survey questions:

- **I could handle a major unexpected expense**
- **I am concerned that the money I have or save won't last**
- **I have money left over at the end of the month**

Each survey taker to asked to describe how much the statement applies to them on a five-point scale.

Magnolia anticipates using the survey results to compare different programs and organizations.

While Rotarians are generous in our contributions, we worry if they do any good. Work done by organizations such as Magnolia can help answer this question.

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