



Swarthmore Rotary Cog Notes

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February 23, 2023

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Happy Dollars

pledge \$2,905
2021-2022 \$4,476

Rotary Celebrations!

Birthdays

Mike Malone

Meetings and Events

February 23rd
Swarthmore Weekly Club Meeting (Inn)
Speaker: Owen Powell, Pa State Overdose Task Force
Subject: Trends in Substance Use and Addiction
March 9th
Swarthmore Weekly Club Meeting (Inn)
Speaker: Hold for Dan Cuellar, retired 6ABC Action News reporter
Subject: The state of journalism in America.

March 2nd
Swarthmore Weekly Club Meeting (Inn)
Speaker: Irene Nunn, Portrait Artist
Subject: Portraits, Places and Things - Looking Back and Slightly Forward
March 16th
Swarthmore Weekly Club Meeting (Inn)
Speaker: Professor Roberta Iversen, Social Policy and Practice, Univ. of Pennsylvania
Subject: What Workers Say about Their Work

Service Quotation

With malice toward none; with charity for all; with firmness in the right, as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in; to bind up the nation's wounds; to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow, and his orphan--to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves, and with all nations. - Abraham Lincoln

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

Prior to the meeting, President Heather Saunders presented a check for \$2,000 to Pastor Joyce Shin for First Step Swarthmore. The persons in the following photo are: Marv Gelb, Dorothy Gelb, Linda Heffernan, Pastor Joyce Shin, President Heather Saunders, Sarah Cooper Searight, Paddy Deisroth, Betty Ann Flynn, George Whitfield.



George Whitfield presided over the meeting.

Elizabeth Churches's Rotary Moment – "The Gift of Life" program was started by a Rotary club in India to finance surgery for children with congenital heart disease. In an eight-year period, Rotary helped facilitate over 500 surgeries. Most of the children would have died without Rotary's help.

George announced that Swarthmore Rotary approved a grant for a project in Liberia spearheaded by the Chester Rotary Club. Heather Saunders provided the following information about the grant:

"The Chester Club is working on an application for a Global Grant for a project in Liberia. Anne Hansen has been providing coaching on the grant process. Knowing that they will need to demonstrate support from their

Wedding Anniversaries

Ann K. Seidman
February 23rd

Years of Service

Perri Ann Evanson
02-23-2001
22 Years
Dan Honig
02-27-2014
9 Years
Norman Ledwin Jr.
02-24-2022
1 Year
Sarah Pita
02-24-2022
1 Year

Guests Last Meeting

Paddy Deisroth
Sarah Cooper Searight
Linda Heffernan
Frances Sheehan

own and other clubs, our Club board voted on Tuesday to pledge \$8,000 toward the project.

Because the grant application is still in the works, we don't yet know the timeline for this project. The Chester Club made a very meaningful, early gift of \$12,000 to CTEP, and we are happy to be able to support their big, visionary project."

Last Meeting Summary



Joyce Shin, Pastor of Swarthmore Presbyterian Church, told us her views on how a church can serve the larger community. She started by explaining that a church is a community that is brought together by a common belief. While a person has no choice about their race, family of origin, and to some extent, their class and culture, they have the freedom to choose their church. Many members of a church hope to have a relationship with the larger community through their church. In order to have a useful relationship, the church must be trusted by the community.

Why are institutions such as churches trusted? Pastor Shin said trust occurs when they shape the people within it to be trustworthy and create more trustworthy people.

Trust in institutions deteriorates when the people in the institution are not formed by it, rather, they use it to show off, or build a following or their brand.

Trust is indispensable for a church. Pastor Shin said she was fortunate to be able to inherit the trust that her church had built up over the years. Ties had been established with local organizations such as Chester Eastside, Frederick Douglass Christian School, Broad Street Ministry, and Partners in Ministry.

The church is building on the trust between itself and Swarthmore Rotary and Swarthmore residents to establish First Place Swarthmore. First Place Swarthmore provides housing for refugees.

Swarthmore Presbyterian Church has started a new collaboration with Wesley AME. The two churches are worshipping together once a month.

Pastor Shin believes an institution, just as with a person, cannot contribute to the community without being trusted. Her goal is to lead a church that is trusted and forms trustworthy members.

Service Project

Swarthmore Rotarians volunteered at the Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry in Prospect Park on February 14. The volunteers were Dave Firn, Jane Billings, and Heather Saunders.

