



# The Rotary Wheel

The Rotary Club of Ambler  
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"Service Above Self"

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## MAGAZINE MONTH

### APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup>, 2017:

**President Cary** opened today's meeting by asking us to silence our cell phones. Our song of the day was, "God Bless America." **Paula Kadel** offered today's invocation by reading a prayer from **Brian Doyle's** book, "Uncommon Prayers."

Our major fundraising activity, the Ambler Arts and Music Festival is on June 16 and June 17. We need everyone to contribute some physical work during this event. We will have signup sheets in the near future and **Peter Phillips** will have a master list of volunteers. Let Peter know when you will be available to help.

### VISITORS / GUESTS:

**Eileen Wenckus**, wife of **Mark** was our only guest.

### COMMUNITY IN CELEBRATION (a.k.a. HAPPY DOLLARS):

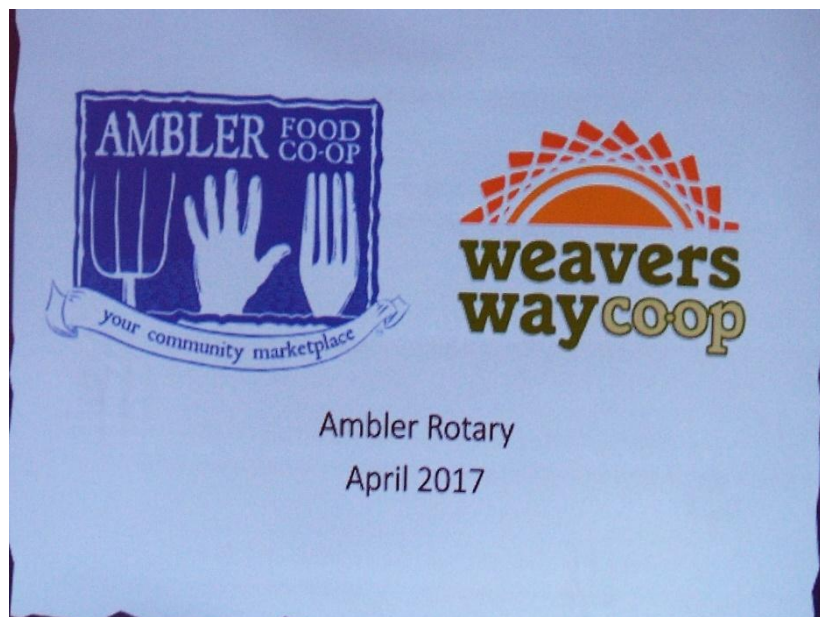
- **Linda Kennedy** is creating a basket of cheer for our District Conference. Any donation of unopened bottles will be greatly appreciated.
- **Leigh DeTato** took her 14 month Samoyed dog to a "family" reunion with 6 of her brothers and sisters. That's 7 out of a litter of 14, pretty eh? She also stated that **Bob King** said at the last board meeting that he had been working all day with a shovel, and that he didn't think that most Club members knew how to, especially the women, didn't know how to handle one - knock on Bob.
- **Graham Parkinson** said that his son is graduating from Medical School in two weeks - proud papa.
- **Bob King**, not taking anything from anyone, repeated his prowess with a shovel and remarked that we really needed "hands-on" projects and challenged our women to attend Wordsworth's next tree planting on May 9<sup>th</sup>. He said he will contribute \$1 for each woman who went and participated in the planting. **Eric Faddis** put up a fuss that Bob was only willing to put up \$1 each. Bob then challenged Eric by saying that Eric should name an amount he (Eric) would contribute and that Bob would match that. Eric said \$10. So there you are, female members of the RCA, go help Wordsworth Interact Club on May 9<sup>th</sup> and \$20 will be given to the Club by Bob and Eric.
- **Bob Ames** said that the boy scouts are having a "Mentor Today's Young for a Better Tomorrow" dinner on Monday June 9<sup>th</sup>. See attached flyer. If you would like to

volunteer to mentor one of our the newest Eagle Scouts, please contact Bob at 484-654-9204

**PROGRAM:**



Mark Wenckus introduced today's speakers, **Crystal Pang** and **Kathleen Casey**, with #WeaversWayCoop, which will soon open on Butler Ave. in Ambler. They started at ground zero and walked us through the whole process, beginning with "What is a Co-op?"



## Weavers Way Co-op

- A cooperative food market open to the public with 2 existing stores in Northwest Philadelphia
- In operation since 1973, began in Mount Airy. Second store opened in Chestnut Hill in 2010.
- 6400 member households: "owners"
- Over \$21M in annual sales
- What it means to be a member

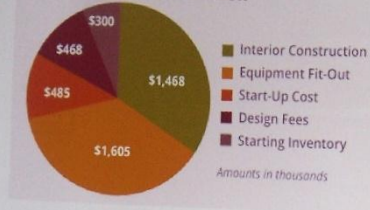
## Ambler Food Co-op

- A start-up co-op formed in 2012 to open a full-service grocery store in the Borough
- Now merged into Weavers Way Co-op. Our 550+ member households are now Weaver Way members
- Approached Weavers Way once Bottom Dollar announced its closure
- Led by volunteers who continue to organize the community, hold workshops and increase Ambler area membership



## Project Costs

Anticipated Ambler Project Investment:  
\$4.3 million



## The Keys to Our Success & Ambler's Success

- The broader the membership base, the more successful the operation; ownership is our strength, and what makes us different
- Daytime Anchor: Supporting Local Businesses
- Co-ops versus Conventional Businesses
  - Every dollar spent at a food co-op, \$0.38 is reinvested in the local economy compared to \$0.24 at conventional grocers
  - For every \$1,000 a shopper spends at their local food co-op, \$1,604 in economic activity is generated in their local economy—\$239 more than if they had spent that same \$1,000 at a conventional grocer.

## Thank You

Questions?

Email

Crystal: [cpang@weaversway.coop](mailto:cpang@weaversway.coop) or  
Kathleen: [kcasey@weaversway.coop](mailto:kcasey@weaversway.coop)

or call Kathleen at 610-246-1369

[www.weaversway.coop](http://www.weaversway.coop)

Weavers Way is a Co-op, you are part owner. The membership fee is \$400 which may be paid monthly. You are one of the owners and will share in any profits on an annual basis. If you move or just don't want to continue your ownership position, your initial investment will be returned to you. If you would like further information, visit their web site:

[www.weaversway.coop](http://www.weaversway.coop)

50/50:



**Kathy Greenbaum**, drew the white tee and received a free lunch. There were 31 white tees and 1 red tee. Next week's jackpot will begin at around \$670.

**SPEAKERS:** (**Scott Stimson**) who do you know that you can invite to speak to us? Do you know any professional ball players, actors, TV or radio personalities, or famous people? **Call Scott** at 610-279-1991 or send him an e-mail at [sstimson@tompkinsfinancial.com](mailto:sstimson@tompkinsfinancial.com). Let him help you schedule your contact. Remember that our programs are a vital part of each weekly meeting.

## MAY

### 3 - Business Meeting

- 9 - Wordsworth Interact Tree Planting - "Tree to Your Heart"
- 10 - Seeds of Hope - Kay Nagley & Sandy Hope
- 17 - Bill Jenkinson--Baseball Historian & Germantown Academy Student of Month
- 24 - Home Safety & Security--Tim Fagan
- 31 - Chariots for Hope--Andelyn Robb

**CLUB ASSIGNMENTS:** (**Arlene Daniels**) If you can't fulfill your service obligation, please provide a suitable substitute and then **call Arlene** at **215-219-7620** to let her know who will be taking your place.

Set-up

Take-Down

Invocation

50/50

Greeters

## MAY

**3 - Urban**

10 - Ames  
17 - Marinucci  
24 - Kelly  
31 - S Paccione

**Braunewell**

Frank  
Fanini  
Greenbaum  
Schueler

**Ritter**

Pinder  
Snyder  
Wenckus  
McGee

**Arya / Gerhard**

Target / Weber  
Jablokov / deSousa  
Kline / Mayor  
Kennedy / Daniels

**JUNE**

7 - McAneney  
14 - Lightkep  
21 - King  
28 -

Bass  
Heffernan  
DeTato  
Change-over Dinner

Jablokov  
Murphy  
Greenbaum

Sandler / Myers  
Kadel / DuPlat  
Booth / Frank

***DISTRICT 7430 STUFF:***

- [Rotary District 7430 Conference](#) Eden Resort May 05, 2017 - May 07, 2017
- [District Training Assembly](#) Montgomery County Community College May 20, 2017 8:00 AM.

***ROTARY INTERNATIONAL STUFF:***

**Rotaract Outstanding Project Awards announced**

A club in Sri Lanka earned top honors for a three-year project to revitalize a rural community, and six regional winners were recognized. Entries came from 52 countries this year.

[Read about the winning projects](#)  
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