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Service Quotation

"EVERY HUMAN BEING FEELS PLEASURE IN DOING GOOD FOR ANOTHER"

- Thomas Jefferson (1743-1826), Principal author of the Declaration of Independence, and Third President of the United States

Rotary Celebrations!

Birthdays

Meetings and Events

February

7th - Meeting Speaker: Jack Nagel Subject: Political Scientist Jack Nagel, U Penn Emeritus, will discuss Instant Runoff Voting, a reform designed to ensure majority rather than plurality rule in single-winner contests as has been adopted by referendum in Maine.

14th - <u>Meeting</u>

Speaker: Gil Rose

Subject: Classics Professor Emeritus Swarthmore College, will help us celebrate Valentine's Day with his talk: Great Love Affairs of the Ancient World.

19th - Swarthmore Board Meeting

21st - <u>Meeting</u> Speaker: TBD

Table Grace

We have crossed the threshold into a month full of memories of heroic figures, patriots and prophets who have graced the human race, many of whom have enriched our great land. We thank you, Lord, for them and pray that we may contribute to a quality of life worthy of our heritage. To that end, strengthen us as we enjoy this hour together. Amen.

Frederick E. Christian

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?

01-31-2018

By Richard George Shimko



Exchange student Gaia Pomaro told us some happy and sad stories about her stay in the U.S. Gaia is from northern Italy. In fact, her town of Biella is surrounded by mountains, which she misses. Gaia said she loves to travel. Travel she has while

she has been in the U.S. She mentioned going with other exchange students or with her host family to see Boston, New York City, Pittsburgh, Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Yosemite National Park. In her travel with other exchange students she believes she has formed very good friendships, including her "best friend" from Argentina. Gaia's plans at present are to attend college in Italy and then return to the U.S. for grad school. After that she wants to live in Italy as a No Birthdays Found

Wedding Anniversaries

No Wedding Anniversaries Found

Years of Service

Rudolf S. Amann 02-08-1999 20 Years

Happy Dollars

\$1640

2018--19 Happy Dollars for Polio Plus Fund (\$3 to fully protect one child) 2017-2018 total: \$4,515 2016-2017 total: \$3,756 2015-2016 total: \$3,756

Guests Last Meeting

Rich Cairncross and Marylin Huff (Gaia's host family)



Comune di Biella (wikipedia)



Congrats Heather on her PHF!

lawyer or journalist.

Unfortunately, Gaia had a slow start with her interactions with Strath Haven High School students. Apparently it is difficult to enter the tight groups that students are already part of. We wonder if it is the same for students moving in from other areas or worse if you are an exchange student and only "temporary." She said she is just starting to make friends so hopefully the second half of her stay here will be better.



Our Causes in Focus

Rotary is dedicated to six areas of focus to build international relationships, improve lives, and create a better world to support our peace efforts and end polio forever. Here are two of the focus areas:

Promoting peace

Rotary encourages conversations to foster understanding within and across cultures. We train adults and young leaders to prevent and mediate conflict and help refugees who have fled dangerous areas.

Fighting disease

We educate and equip communities to stop the spread of life-threatening diseases like polio, HIV/AIDS, and malaria. We improve and expand access to low-cost and free health care in developing areas.