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Service Quotation

"As you grow older, you will discover that you have two hands — one for helping yourself, the other for helping others."

 Audrey Hepburn, British actress, model, dancer, and humanitarian.

Meetings and Events

April

25th - <u>Meeting</u> Speaker: Judy Byron Schachner Subject: New York Times bestselling author and illustrator

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2nd - Meeting Speaker: Joseph Lesniak Subject: Swarthmore Rotary Fun Fair 2019 3rd - World of Work @ SRS Speaker: All the 5th Grader's @ Invention Convention Subject: World Of Work 2019. See Josh Twersky for Details! 9th - Meeting Speaker: Dr Joy Gates Black President of Delaware County Community College Subject: Delaware County Community College 11th - Swarthmore's Rise Against Hunger Event

Table Grace

By Frederick E. Christian

God of the rolling years, we pause to thank you for the present fellowship of Rotary, and for those in earlier years who had a vision and persisted in it. Keep us faithful to the trust they have given us and renew us here as we meet together in mind, body, and spirit to serve you. 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?

Last Meeting Summary

By Richard Shimko



4/18/19 - What would we do without public school teachers or community activists? Yet, generally, society does not hold them in high esteem. Jim Hardy, a self-described community activist and a public-school teacher, is an example of a person

servicing society and doing good. Jim teaches at Kensington Health & Science Academy, a public school in Philadelphia that serves a poor neighborhood. He also is the founder and Director of the Kensington Soccer Club (KSC). The KSC is a private organization dedicated to community advancement through youth soccer programs. An example of Jim's concern about this community was told by his Mother after our meeting. She explained Jim's choking up at

Rotary Celebrations!

Birthdays

No Birthdays Found

Wedding Anniversaries

Lori Markusfeld April 29th John R. Kaufman April 30th

Years of Service

No Years Of Service Found

Happy Dollars

\$2,201

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

Dan and Pat Hardy (speaker's parents) and Marv and Dorothy Gelb

Mark Your Calendars:

Friday May 3rd - World of Work @ SRS

Thursday May 16th - Rotary Social Happy Hour Meeting @ the Inn 5:30-7 PM (no lunch meeting)

Sunday May 19th - The Swarthmore Rotary Fun Fair

Thursday June 6th -Wilmington Blue Rocks vs Fayetteville Woodpeckers 6 PM (no lunch meeting)

Thursday June 13th -Installation Dinner (no lunch meeting) one point in his presentation as his worry about one of the boys in the program who has been missing for a week. This boy had grown up while participating in KSC and had become a youth coach in spite of a very bad home situation. After

overcoming such hardships, the boy'sdisappearance was a blow to Jim and KSC. Another sign of Jim's commitment is the fact that he lives in Kensington, a few blocks from the school. Incidentally, the KSC's website, <u>www.kensingtonsoccer.org</u>, indicates they are trying to raise \$12,000 to support after-school programs. The website is worthwhile to look at to learn more about what they do.



Update from RI Council on Legislation 2019

(modified from article on Rotary.org by Arnold R. Grahl)

Representatives at the 2019 Council on Legislation met in Chicago and voted to:

Elevated the status of Rotaract clubs (service clubs for persons age 18-30). The change broadens the definition of membership in Rotary International to include Rotaract clubs. The change is intended to increase the support that Rotaract clubs receive from RI and to enhance their ability to serve. In many ways, the Rotaract experience will not change. Rotary clubs will still charter and sponsor Rotaract clubs. Rotaract clubs will still have their own standard constitution and their own unique club experience. The measure simply expands the definition of membership in Rotary International to include both Rotary and Rotaract clubs.

Representatives authorized the Board to pursue changing RI's charitable status to a section 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization under the U.S. Internal Revenue Code. It is presently a 501(c)(4).

As for dues, the Council approved a modest increase of \$1 a year for each of three years, beginning in 2020-21. With the increase, the dues that clubs pay to RI per member will increase to \$34.50 per half year in 2020-21, \$35 per half year in 2021-22, and \$35.50 per half year in 2022-23. The dues will not be raised again until a future Council votes to change it.

Councils give Rotary members a voice in how our organization is governed. Several representatives commented on the democratic nature of the proceedings. "All of the delegates have been very responsible and respectful, no matter what their opinions," said Adriana De La Fuente, the representative from District 4170 and a member of the Rotary Club of Plateros Centro Historico, Ciudad de México, Mexico. She has attended three previous Councils. "That elevates the trust and respect for our organization."

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