

Swarthmore Rotary CogNotes

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January 13, 2022

Meetings and Events

January

Shekhar Mehta RI President 2021-22 Roger Taylor District 7450 Governor

Swarthmore Rotary Leaders

<u>Kathryn Jones</u> President <u>Heather Saunders</u> President-Elect

Brian Casey Club Executive Secretary Webmaster

<u>Brian H. Craig</u> Secretary

<u>Theresa O'Malley</u> Treasurer

<u>Perri Ann Evanson</u> Public Relations Chair

<u>Carr Everbach</u> Membership Chair

David Firn Club Director

Betty Ann A. Flynn Club Director

William Clinton Hale

Anne C. Hansen Club Director

<u>Lori Markusfeld</u> Service Projects Chair

<u>Hillard Pouncy</u> Club Programs Chair <u>Barbara Whitaker-</u> 13th - <u>Swarthmore Weekly Club Meeting</u> Speaker: Rosemary Halt, Chair, Delaware County Board of Health Subject: COVID and Other Updates from the County Health Department

20th - <u>Swarthmore Weekly Club Meeting</u> Speaker: Mel Laytner, Author, What They Didn't Burn Subject: Has The Digital Age Changed The Way the Holocaust Affects Us: Telling My Father's Auschwitz Story

27th - <u>Swarthmore Weekly Club Meeting</u> Speaker: Senator Tim Kearney, 26th District Subject: Report from Harrisburg

Table Grace

By Frederick E. Christian

Thank you, God, for this time together when we enjoy one another, rekindle our energies, quicken our minds, and refocus our goals. Keep us mindful of those less fortunate and help us to strive for a world where all your children can live an abundant life. 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

Cathy Darrell reported that Gudmund Iversen head been in the hospital

but was now home. Steve Laxton is in hospice care. Club members are

encouraged to send cards and visit.

Shimko Rotary Foundation Chair <u>Kenneth J. Wright</u> Club Director <u>Greg Brown</u> President-Nominee <u>Cathleen Darrell</u> Attendance Secretary <u>Richard Shimko</u>

<u>Karen Aleta</u> <u>Mazzarella-Russo</u> Assistant Governor

Service Quotation

Bulletin Editor

The more sympathy you give, the less you need. ~Malcolm S. Forbes

Rotary Celebrations!

Birthdays

No Birthdays Found

Wedding Anniversaries



<u>Meltem Pusat</u> <u>Gonnella</u> January 12th

Years of Service



Betty Ann A. Flynn 01-17-2006 16 Years

Happy Dollars

Ken Wright told us his girl friend fell and broke several bones.

Elizabeth Churche related how a Tennessee Rotary member helped start the Shelter Box disaster relief program. This organization provides temporary shelters to families that have lost their homes in a disaster. Kathryn Jones said Swarthmore Rotary has contributed \$12,000 to Shelter Box.

Kathryn gave us the bad news that in-person meetings are postponed because of the new Covid variant.

Last Meeting Summary

Swarthmore Rotary has five members who have gone to foreign countries to distribute the polio vaccine. They describe the trips as being "life-changing". Our speaker, Ann Lee Hussey, has been on 30 trips. She has led 26 of them. Ann Hansen, who was with Ann Lee on Ann Lee's first trip, acclaimed her as being famous within Rotary for her dedication to polio eradication.

Ann Lee said she goes on these trips because we are now very close to eradicating the disease that crippled her as a child. She said childhood polio has been an impairment her entire life. Ann Lee was originally paralyzed from the waist down. She slowly recovered the ability to walk after years of therapy and several operations.

Ann Lee was pleased to report progress. Africa has been without polio for over a year. A wild strain of the polio virus exists in only two countries: Pakistan and Afghanistan. Good news also that the Taliban appears to be ready to cooperate with the polio immunization program. Ann Lee explained vaccine-derived polio. An earlier version of the vaccine contained live polio virus in a weakened form. Every once in a pledge \$2,349 2020-21 : \$3,892

2019-20: \$3,344

2018-2019: \$3,845

Guests Last Meeting

Frances Sheehan, James Meinel, Carol Wills Bryan Messick, Lee Stahl Sarah Gibbons Andy Hurt, Larry Smoose Govinda Malya, James Resinger, Morris Kaufman Peter Mardinly others great while, this weakened polio virus would be able to infect an unvaccinated child. The latest version of the polio vaccine does not contain live polio virus. Therefore, this rare side effect of the vaccine should disappear soon.

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