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The Rotary Club of Swarthmore
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Today's Program:

Janice Biros

Update on Rotary's Rotoplast initiative

Table Grace

We pause, Father of us all, to be reminded this week of another high purpose of Rotary. Quicken within us a determination to be fair to all concerned in our dealings. Deliver us from selfish gain and give us thankful hearts for all your blessings: especially, just now, for the blessings of this hour. Amen.

Rev. Dr. Frederick E. Christian

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Last Week's Program:

Zuline Wilkinson

by Rich Shimko

Zuline Wilkinson is Executive Director of Chester Eastside (CE, an organization that depends on the kindness of volunteers. She asked "is it magic" that Chester Eastside is able to do all that it does to meet the human needs of Chester residents? Their work starts by meeting the most basic needs of food and clothing. CE serves 120,000 meals a year. They also provide clothing. For example, at Christmas they provided over 300 coats to children. Beyond food and clothing, CE also runs programs to help families succeed. They run an after-school program where kids are fed, helped with homework, and taken on cultural activities. In the summer, CE runs a month long day camp for 30 children which includes recreation, meals, and organized trips. CE also works with adults. They run parenting education classes and organize a mother's club.

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Coming Programs & Events

(All meetings at The Inn unless otherwise noted)

March 2 Widener University President **Dr. Julie Wollman** will talk about her vision for Widener University.

March 9 **Jonathan Corle**, Director of Corle Enterprises, LLC, a succession and exit planning firm, will speak: **LANDING THE PLANE** Business and Career Transitions

**Know someone who has an interest in any of these topics? Invite them to the meeting!*

The Pledge of Allegiance



Four Way Test:

Of the things we think, say and do:

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOOD WILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all Concerned?



Guests:

John Mackey (Chester Eastside), Frances Sheehan (potential member), Jim Snively (Gladys's husband).

"Megan's Adventure" - Service Above Self in Philly

By Dave Haradon,
District Governor

On February 14, I received an email from a fellow Rotary District Governor named Steven Jenkins of [Rotary District 1150](#)

located in Southern Wales, United Kingdom (England). He asked if our Rotary District 7450, located around the Philadelphia area, could help support a family that was coming from his Wales Rotary District to Philadelphia on Sunday, February 19. A 10-year-old from their Rotary family has a girl named Megan who has [spina bifida](#), a birth defect caused by an incomplete closing of the backbone and membranes around the spinal cord.

Megan needs an operation called "[Vertebral Body Tethering](#)" (VBT), which is **NOT** available in the United Kingdom. Shriner's Hospital in Philadelphia uniquely performs this surgery. Megan's family is coming here for pre-testing and possibly to have the actual operation. Megan's first appointment is at Shriners Hospital was this past Tuesday, February 21st at 10:30 am.

Megan was accompanied by her entire family --- who has never left Wales --- including parents Phillip and Laura Sadler along with her sister Kaci (8 years old) and Isabella (4 years old). Kaci is autistic and her grandmother, who helps care for her, is in the hospital at home. They have no choice but to bring the entire family. The Southern Wales Rotary Club has raised money to help the family, but they will need support here as well.

Can you imagine the confusion, fatigue, sense of being overwhelmed and all alone in Philadelphia with 3 kids and the luggage that goes with them? How do they get from the airport to the Cherry Hill Holiday Inn --- where they booked a reservation to save some money? How do they get from their hotel to the hospital? What other challenges will they have? Will their UK cell phone even work to call Uber?

Meeting last week for coffee with my good friend and fellow Longwood Rotarian, Ted Trevorow, I casually mentioned the situation and asked for his ideas about how we could address this situation. The first step he came up

with was to welcome the family upon their arrival and "wrap this family with our Rotary arms of support, love and caring." As a result we had more than 30 people turnout at the airport to welcome Megan's family and we drove them to their hotel. As we continue to look for ways to support this family, please contact Ted Trevorow at etd750@verizon.net or (302) 593-7949. And you can get updates on Megan at <http://rotarydistrict7450.org/service/servicemegan/>



Zuline Wilkinson (Continued from Front)

Zuline answered her question about magic by saying the magic is the many, many volunteers. She talked about the volunteer tutors and the people who collect, organize, and distribute the food. She mentioned the group of men who maintain the facility by doing carpentry, plumbing, electricity or whatever is needed. As Zuline said, money is important but the volunteers are CE's most important magic ingredient.

Happy Dollars 2016-17: \$1603

2015-2016 total: \$3,756
2014-2015 total: \$3,168
2013-14 total: \$2,493
2012-13 Total: \$2,345



(19,590 Children Immunized)

All Proceeds go towards
Polio Eradication.

Service Quotation

**"THE MEASURE OF LIFE IS
NOT ITS DURATION, BUT ITS
DONATION"**

— Peter Marshall, Age 90, television personality and original host of Hollywood Squares

Rotary Celebrations

Birthday:

Mike Malone 2/25

Member Anniversary:

Linda Carpenter 2/23 (5yrs)

Perri Evanson 2/23 (16 yrs)

Dan Honig 2/27 (3 yrs)

John Kaufman (36 yrs)

Wedding Anniversary:

Ann Seidman 2/23 (43 yrs)

DONATIONS NEEDED!



The CityTeam Ministries food pantry needs constant replenishing. If you can donate items such as: peanut butter, tuna fish

Please contact Cathy Darrell, who will transport any donated items.

Or just bring them to a meeting.