



# CogNotes

The Rotary Club of Swarthmore  
P.O. Box 4, Swarthmore, PA 19081

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## March is Literacy Month

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*Locally and Around the World for over 75 Years*

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## Today's Program:

**Jonathan Corle**, Director of  
Corle Enterprises, LLC ,  
"LANDING THE PLANE"

## Table Grace

In this society that honors the place of learning, remind us, O Lord, of all wisdom, that a command of facts does not necessarily mean discerning the truth. Grant us, whatever our degree of knowledge, the insight to see in Rotary the wisdom of caring for a world that needs help and healing. Teach us to show our gratitude by our daily practice of The Four-Way Test. Amen.

Rev. Dr. Frederick E. Christian

## Coming Programs & Events

(All meetings at The Inn unless otherwise noted)

**March 16** Swarthmore College Vice President for Finance and Administration and Swarthmore Rotarian Greg Brown will give his classification talk.

**March 23** Fair Districts PA speaker Debra Ciamacca will speak about gerrymandering and the legislative process underway to take redistricting out of the hands of political party leadership and into the hands of an independent, non-partisan, citizens commission.

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

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## Last Week's Program:

**Julie Wollman**

by Rich Shimko

A college education at Widener University now sounds more interesting than the education I received decades ago. At least according to Julie Wollman, President of Widener University. She described an undergraduate education that includes research with faculty members, solving real world problems, learning leadership skills, and developing courage. Some examples she gave are finance students managing part of Widener's endowment, students involved in operating a coffee plantation in Costa Rica, and physical therapy students running a free clinic for Chester residents.

We have some evidence of Widener students' involvement in the real world at Rotary. Swarthmore and Chester Rotary clubs (continued on reverse)



## 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:** Dan King and Katie Herschede (both from Widener), Joann Hernandez (guest of Joe Lesniak), and Shane Cameron (prospective member)

## Rotarians join — and lead — the fight to fight to save drinking water. From Rotary.org

Blooms of poisonous blue-green algae threaten the western basin of Lake Erie, the source of drinking water for millions of people.



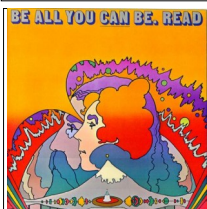
**For 56 hours in August 2014**, nearly a half-million people living along the shores of the largest freshwater lake system in the world could not drink the water out of their taps. They couldn't use it to brush their teeth or wash their dishes. Restaurants shut their doors. Hospitals canceled elective surgeries. Stores ran out of bottled water, and the Ohio National Guard stepped in to help.

**Within weeks of the onset** of the 2014 crisis, the Rotary Club of Toledo put together a two-part presentation at its regular meetings. After the discussion, a Rotarian stood up and asked who was in charge of solving the problem. The Rotarians were stunned as they realized nobody has their arms wrapped around this – nobody was responsible." The next week, the speaker was U.S. Rep. Marcy Kaptur, whose district includes Toledo. "She said that Rotary needs to get involved, because Rotary solves problems."

A year later, in October 2015, the Rotary Club of Toledo's inaugural [Lake Erie Watershed Crisis Conference](#) was sold out. More than 300 people attended: Rotarians from Ohio, Michigan, and Ontario; politicians and policymakers including Kaptur; the EPA's Great Lakes "water czar," Cameron Davis; and Karl Gebhardt, who is Ohio Gov. John Kasich's Lake Erie policy chief. The conference also drew participants from environmental groups, the Ohio Farm Bureau, and tourism organizations, as well as students and professors from local universities. "We're not just preaching to the choir," Amy Brennan, Lake Erie conservation director for the Nature Conservancy, Ohio, said at the conference. "Groups like Rotary can bring an increased level of awareness to the issue."

"The largest problem is that there is no leadership around this issue," the Toledo club's Stuart says. ***"What are the two things that Rotarians do best? We lead and collaborate, and this problem is going to require both of those skill sets."*** "When Rotarians walk into a Rotary meeting, we set aside our personal differences and unite under the ideal of Service Above Self. It's going to take that to solve this problem of toxic algae in our lake."

For more information, go to: <https://www.rotary.org/en/news-features/rotarians-take-dangerous-algae-bloom>



### March is Rotary Literacy Month

**More than 775 million people over the age of 15 are illiterate.** That's 17 percent of the world's adult population. Rotary's goal is to strengthen the capacity of communities to support basic education and literacy, reduce gender disparity in education, and increase adult literacy.

### Julie Wollman (Continued from Front)

have been considering a grant application from Chester Eastside Ministry to do IT training for Chester High School students at the Eastside Ministry facility. The training will be done by Widener computer science majors, who are volunteering their time. This example seems to tie in very well with Dr. Wollman's message of involvement in the real world.

## Happy Dollars 2016-17: \$1663



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

**"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."**

Maya Angelou (1928 – 2014). American poet, memoirist, and civil rights activist.



## Rotary Celebrations

### Birthday:

**Dave Welsh 3/13**

### Member Anniversary:

**Barbara Whitaker-Shimko &  
Rich Shimko 3/10**

### Wedding Anniversary:

**None**

## 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.**