



# CogNotes

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

March 30, 2017



## March is Literacy Month

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## Today's Program:

### Club Assembly

## Table Grace

Eternal God, we believe that your thoughts concerning us are always those of kindness, love, and peace in this Lenten season. When so many are taking time for self-examination, help us to assess our responses to what you do for us. Give us grateful hearts and responsive wills to do unto others as you have first done for us. Receive our thanks for the gifts of your caring love. Amen.

Rev. Dr. Frederick E. Christian

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## Last Week's Program:

### Debra Ciamacca

by Rich Shimko

I have been waiting for this talk, being much interested in the topic of gerrymandering. Debra Ciamacca is a social studies teacher and a member of Fair Districts PA. Fair Districts PA is group of citizens trying to establish a fair and non-partisan redistricting process. Debra said there has always been gerrymandering but now it is worse because computer mapping programs allow districts to be drawn with great precision to maximize the success of the party doing the drawing. Some pundits have stated that gerrymandering contributes to the current polarization in Congress by establishing non-competitive districts. According to these persons, because the only threat to seating members of congress is by more extreme opponents from their own party during the primary, they have no reason to compromise with the opposition. Another impact of gerrymandering can be seen in the PA General Assembly. Although a majority of Pennsylvanians voted for Democratic PA House candidates, the Democrats won only 28% of the seats. (continued on reverse)



## Coming Programs & Events

(All meetings at The Inn unless otherwise noted)

**April 6:** Gail Hale will speak about her recent expedition to Antarctica.

**April 13:** Dr Nicole Otto Surkis, Sports Medicine specialist, on working with patients with concussions.

**April 20:** TBD

**April 27:** Historian and author Robyn S Young on "Marking the Trail of Women's History"

**May 4:** Gautier Joste, Swarthmore Rotary's Inbound Exchange Student from France

*\*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:** Jim Snively (Gladys' husband), and Peg Christensen, Heather Saunders, Anne Tallenet (attending the talk)

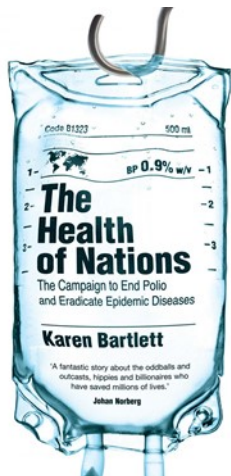
## **New book praises Rotary's fight to end polio**

From Rotary.org

A new book in the field of public health highlights Rotary's role in the global effort to wipe out polio, and places it in the context of humanity's relentless struggle to contain the world's epidemics.

In **"The Health of Nations: The Campaign to End Polio and Eradicate Epidemic Diseases"** (Oneworld Publications), British journalist and Sunday Times best-selling author Karen Bartlett surveys the global landscape of epidemics past, present, and future. Beginning with the 1980 eradication of smallpox, she guides us through more timely threats such as the Ebola and Zika viruses, and looks ahead to a future without malaria, measles, or polio.

"Who decided to rid politicians or global you might expect," she chapters devoted to was fired by Rotary businessmen more dinners, raising money organizing floats to suburban neighbor-



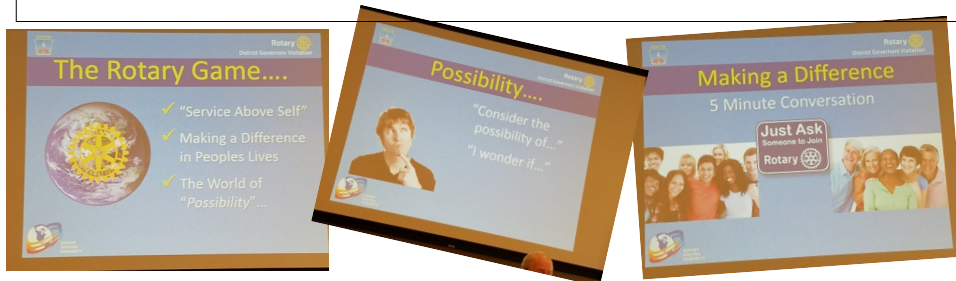
the world of polio? Not health organizations, as writes, in one of several polio. "The starting gun International, a network of used to enjoying convivial for local good causes, and carry Santa Claus around hoods at Christmas."

Bartlett offers a com- count of the polio- history and Rotary's advocate. From epide- early suggestion that as an organizational mission to the first immunization drives in the Philip- pines and Central and South America, the world community doubted both the idea of a campaign targeting a single disease and Rotary's capacity as a volunteer organization to execute it.

prehensive, readable ac- eradication campaign's unlikely role as its chief miologist John Sever's Rotary adopt ending polio

The narrative traces Rotary's mission to reach all the world's children with Albert Sabin's polio vaccine, the formation of the **Global Polio Eradica- tion Initiative** (GPEI), and the struggle to interrupt transmission in the world's poorest communities, particularly in densely populated countries

## **Some Flashbacks to DG Dave Harandon's Presenta- tion to Our Club - December 1, 2016 ...**



**Debra Ciamacca** (Continued from Front)

The solution Fair Districts PA proposes is a state constitutional amend- ment to establish a non-partisan redistricting commission that follows es- tablished guidelines. The amendment needs to be approved by the state legislature now in order to be in place for the 2020 redistricting. Go to FairDistrictPA.com to find out more and how you can help.

## **Happy Dollars 2016-17:**

**\$1947**



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**

## **Service Quotation**

**"The deepest craving of human nature is the need to be appreciated."**

*William James*

## **Rotary Celebrations**

### **Birthday:**

**Anthony Coschignano 3/30**

**Dean Wolfe 4/3**

**Ken Wright 4/5**

### **Member Anniversary:**

**Kathy Darrell 4/1 (11 years)**

### **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.**