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

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February is World Understanding Month

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Today's Program:

**Swarthmore Borough
Manager Jane Billings**

Table Grace

Thanks to you, Lord, for this day of life and for the beauty of it. Certainly we cannot take credit for it. In fact, we tend to take for granted too much. There are people, paid or unpaid, upon whom we depend, and to whom we owe so much. Teach us to be truly grateful and especially here for Rotary with its rich rewards for body, mind, and spirit. Amen

Rev. Dr. Frederick E. Christian

Coming Programs & Events

(All meetings at The Inn unless otherwise noted)

February 22: Dr. John Davies, Widener University, will talk about how George Washington accidentally got us into the French and Indian War.

April 20-22: District Conference

June 24-27: RI Convention, Toronto, Canada

April 28: Annual "Kick out Polio" Union Soccer Match

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

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February 8, 2018 Speaker:

Josh Twersky

by Rich Shimko

I think Josh Twersky was brave to talk about the controversial new tax law so soon after the law was passed. Josh started his talk by stating, "Anyone who tells you they know what is in the law, they are wrong." In spite of that caveat, plus a few others about no supporting regulations written yet, Josh told us a great deal about the new law. He said it appears more of us will be taking the standard deduction instead of itemizing. This is a good news/bad news sort of thing: simpler tax returns, maybe higher taxes. As you have probably heard by now, the new tax law gives us money on one hand and takes it away with the other. Your view of the law likely depends on how much you have in your hand at the end.

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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:

Vicky Twersky (Josh's wife), and Keirnen Fava (Craig's son)

David Smith Featured on The Pulse

An interview with Swarthmore Rotarian David Smith, to be aired tomorrow, **Friday, February 16**, on The Pulse (WHYY) will explore the issues and intrigue around his award-winning book on the implementation of Medicare in the 1960's. While doing the book David looked into the mysterious death of a young, brilliant physician in Mobile, Alabama. She had been helping Federal officials implement Medicare



David Smith



Chief Craig

by integrating local hospitals. Now considered a cold case, David has enlisted the help of Rotarian, Chief Brian Craig, to help facilitate contacts with those who can assist with the start of a cold case investigation.

We hope to provide a podcast link later. And ... at Swarthmore Rotary, we look forward to updates on the progress of the investigation.



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An Update from Joy on the CCSA Fundraiser

Thanks to the generosity of club members at last week's meeting -- demonstrably encouraged by Ken's enthusiastic collection technique -- we raised another \$400 for the CCSA kindergarten project. That puts us well *beyond* the \$4,000 target. My heartfelt thanks to all. One more shout-out to those who invested considerable time and effort to organize the Hedgerow Theater event, including Lisa Lee and Penelope Reed, Barbara Amstutz, Lori Markusfeld, and Heather Saunders. Thank you to the many more who contributed food, drink, flowers, and set-up/clean-up time. Our club is awesome. -- Joy

February 8, 2018 Speaker: Josh Twersky (continued from front)

Greg Brown told us his concern about the impact of the new law on organizations that accept charitable contributions, such as Swarthmore College and Rotary. Contributors may not be able to deduct their donations and therefore will likely donate less. We may not like the new tax law, but we can still hope that the College, Rotary, and we individually, will not experience too much damage in the end.

Happy Dollars 2017-18:

\$2712



2016-2017 total: \$3,756
2015-2016 total: \$3,756
2014-2015 total: \$3,168
2013-14 total: \$2,493

(20,943 Children Immunized)

**All Proceeds go towards
Polio Eradication.**

Service Quotation

**"THOSE WHO BRING
SUNSHINE TO THE LIVES OF
OTHERS CANNOT KEEP IT
FROM THEMSELVES"**

- J.M. Barrie (b: May 9, 1860—
1937), creator of Peter Pan



Rotary Celebrations

Birthday:

Ray Hopkins 2/15
Dan Honig 2/16

Member Anniversary:

Jeanie Bengtson 2/16 (2 yrs)
Susan Larson 2/20 (4 yrs)

Wedding Anniversary:

None

PEANUT BUTTER DAY!

**When: Every 1st Thursday of the
month**



Please bring a jar of peanut butter to every first Thursday meeting. Cathy Darrell will transport our donations to CityTeam.