



# CogNotes

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

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## February is Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month

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### Today's Program:

**Dr. John Davies, Widen-  
er University: George  
Washington & the  
French & Indian War**

### Table Grace

As we honor our former Presi-  
dents who have fashioned our  
nation's history, inspire us,  
Lord, with their vision and  
courage. May we never let the  
vision fade but rekindle it daily  
with deeds of concern and  
caring. Thank you. Lord, for  
the bounty of this land and for  
the blessings of this hour..  
Amen

Rev. Dr. Frederick E. Christian

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### February 8, 2018 Speaker:

**Jane Billings**

by Rich Shimko

Jane Billings arrived at Swarthmore shortly after Barbara and I did. During these three decades, she has become the face of Swarthmore government for me. There have been several periods when she was one of the few members of local government I could name. Since, as Jane pointed out, local government has a bigger impact on our life than the state or federal government, that means Jane is more important to us than Donald Trump.

Jane's talk focused on our local implementation of federally mandated laws such as Americans with Disabilities Act and the Clean Water Act. Among changes mandated by the first law were handicap



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### Coming Programs & Events

(All meetings at The Inn unless otherwise noted)

**April 20-22:** District Conference

**March 1\*:** Philadelphia Police Captain D Pace, Rotary Peace Fellow

**March 8\*:** Flutist Audrey Emata, of Wallingford

**March 15:** Swarthmore Professor Tyrene White: Disaster: Politics & Policy

**March 22\*:** Beth Murray: Swarthmore Centennial Foundation's visioning report

**March 29:** Anita Barrett, Swarthmore Town Center Coordinator

**June 24-27:** RI Convention, Toronto

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

\*see page 2 for details. 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:

Vicky Twersky (Josh's wife), Donna Kay Jones (Ed's wife), and Sonya Pappas (prospective member).

## President Jimmy Carter — Peace Maker

February is Rotary Peace and Conflict Resolution Month, and there is hardly anyone who embodies that spirit more than former President Jimmy Carter, who was interviewed by The Rotarian regarding his history as a peace maker.



Carter has spent his life fighting for peace: brokering the 1978 peace talks between Egypt and Israel that led to the Camp David Accords, paving the way for a nuclear pact between the United States and North Korea in 1994, and monitoring elections in Panama, Nicaragua, Venezuela, and other places where the ballot box became an alternative to civil war.

During his presidency, Carter made a commitment to human rights the cornerstone of his foreign policy; he and his wife, Rosalynn, continued that emphasis when they founded the Carter Center in 1982. The center's programs revolve around two main themes: peace and health.

"We feel that there's a human right of people to live in peace," he told The Rotarian. "We also feel it's a human right to have a modicum of health care." To that end the Carter Center has formed a task force on disease eradication. "I might say if Rotary wasn't leading that fight to eradicate polio now, the Carter Center would – it's the kind of thing that would be very exciting for us," Carter says. "We're very proud to see the progress that Rotary has had with that."

**March Program Details:** Ann Seidman has a terrific line up for our March meetings—here's some selected detail:

March 1 Philadelphia Police Captain D F Pace, Rotary Peace Fellow, will speak on "Applying Peace and Conflict Resolutions Strategies to Policing."

March 8 Flutist Audrey Emata, 16, of Wallingford, who debuted as a soloist with the Philadelphia Orchestra at age 12, honor student in the University Scholars Program and the Pennsylvania Leadership Charter School, will present a short program.

March 22 Beth Murray will present the first draft of the Swarthmore Centennial Foundation's visioning report based on extensive interviews with the College and civic and community groups including Swarthmore Rotary.

## February 8, 2018 Speaker: Jane Billings (continued from front)

bathrooms and curb cuts. The second law required expensive changes involving control of runoff of rain water from paved areas. This requirement on paved parking lots also impacted the Condo to which Dennis Hoffman (Jane's dentist by the way) belongs. It is clear that a lot of our Borough taxes pay for expenses that are beyond our local control.

## Happy Dollars 2017-18:

**\$2770**

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

**"NOTHING IN THE WORLD IS  
STRONGER THAN THE HEART  
OF A VOLUNTEER"**

General/Doctor James Harold  
"Jimmy" Doolittle USAF, (1896 –  
1993)



## Rotary Celebrations

### **Birthday:**

Mike Malone 2/25

### **Member Anniversary:**

Perri Evanson 2/23 (17 yrs)  
Dan Honig 2/27 (4 yrs)

### **Wedding Anniversary:**

Ann Seidman 2/23

## 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.