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The Rotary Club of Swarthmore
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Today's Program:

Professor J Wesley Leckrone, Widener University on politics in Pennsylvania

Table Grace

Lord, as the Rotary bell calls us to prayer, may we not feel it an interruption of our banter but an opportunity to affirm afresh the deep foundations upon which Rotary rests. Help us to see Rotary as a gift from your hand and a privilege we enjoy. Thanks be to you for the gift of life itself. Amen.

Frederick E. Christian

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Last Week's Program: Shannon Elliott Harvey Oaks Mercantile (HOM)

By Rich Shimko

Shannon Elliott returned to Swarthmore Rotary to discuss her career and her store – Harvey Oaks Mercantile (HOM). Shannon said she started in merchandising as a buyer for Macy's and Anthropologie. She said she loved her work and traveled all over the world. Then came the Retail Apocalypse, which was a disaster I didn't even know about. Shannon described it as a sharp fall-off in in-store purchases in late 2016, caused by a variety of reasons, including on-line sales.



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Coming Programs & Events

(All meetings at The Inn unless otherwise noted)

Sept 20: Meeting at SUMC Lauren Fine, Esq Co-Director, Youth Sentencing & Reentry Project, will talk about the background and work of the YSRP.

Sept 27: Meeting at Springhaven CC. Ben Yagoda: can we do anything about biases?

October 4: Andrea Packer, List Gallery Director, Swarthmore College, will talk about the concurrent exhibits and events celebrating the Quilts of Gee's Bend, now through October 28, 2018.

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:

Joe Dietzmann (speaker's father)

Sushil Kumar Gupta selected to be 2020-21 Rotary president

By Teresa Schmedding

Sushil Kumar Gupta, of the Rotary Club of Delhi Midwest, Delhi, India, is the selection of the Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International for 2020-21. He will be declared the president-nominee on 1 October if no challenging candidates have been suggested.

Gupta wants to increase Rotary's humanitarian impact as well as the diversity of its membership.

"As individuals, we can only do so much," Gupta said in a statement. "But when 1.2 million Rotarians work together, there is no limit to what we can achieve, and in the process, we can truly change the world."

Gupta has been a Rotarian since 1977 and has served Rotary as district governor, training leader, and resource group adviser, and as a member, vice chair, or chair of several committees.

He was awarded an honorary Doctor of Science degree by the IIS University, Jaipur, in recognition of his contributions to water conservation.

He has also received the coveted Padma Shri Award, the fourth-highest civilian award in India, conferred by the president of India for distinguished service to tourism and social work.

Gupta has also received the Distinguished Service Award from The Rotary Foundation for his support of its humanitarian and educational programs. He and his wife, Vinita, are Major Donors to The Rotary Foundation and members of the Arch Klumph Society.

Gupta is chair and managing director of Asian Hotels (West) Ltd., and owner of Hyatt Regency Mumbai and JW Marriott Hotel New Delhi Aerocity. He has served as president of the Federation of Hotel and Restaurant Associations of India and on the board of directors of Tourism Finance Corporation of India Ltd. He is the president of Experience India Society, a public-private partnership between the tourism industry and the government of India that promotes India as a tourist destination. He is also vice chair of the Himalayan Environment Trust and serves on the board of Operation Eyesight Universal in India.

Happy Dollars 2018-19:

\$662



2017-2018 total: \$4,515

2016-2017 total: \$3,756

2015-2016 total: \$3,756

2014-2015 total: \$3,168

2013-14 total: \$2,493

(22,235 Children Immunized)

All Proceeds go towards

Service Quotation

"Being the Queen is not all about singing, and being a diva is not all about singing. It has much to do with your service to people. And your social contributions to your community and your civic contributions as well."

Aretha Franklin

Rotary Celebrations

Birthday:

Gudmund Iversen 9/14

Member Anniversary:

Randy Winton 9/14 (29 years)

Wedding Anniversary:

None

Please Note: Upcoming Meeting Location Changes



09/20/2018 Swarthmore United Methodist Church @

129 Park Ave, Swarthmore

09/27/2018—Spring Haven Country Club @ 600 South Providence Rd, Wallingford

10/18/2018 Swarthmore Presbyterian Church @ 727 Harvard Ave, Swarthmore

Last Week's Program: Shannon Elliott (HOM) (continued from front)

Because Shannon lost her job, I guess she has the right to use apocalyptic language if it helps. Shannon kept busy with Swarthmore activities such as participating in Swarthmore Town Center and doing marketing for the Farmer's Market. When the previous owner of HOM decided she wanted to go back to corporate life, Shannon bought the store. She has been pleased with the help she has received from other store owners and the connections she is forming with local customers. HOM is yet another reason to shop in Swarthmore.

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 City-Team.