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The Rotary Club of Swarthmore
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Today's Program:

Amber Osbourne

Table Grace

Lord, we are of many religious persuasions here. yet we would all join in the refrain, "Joy to the World." We thank you for every evidence of your spirit at work in our disheartened day and time. Use us to make our world a better place in which to live, and accept our thanks for these and all your blessings. Amen.

Frederick E. Christian

Coming Programs & Events

(All meetings at The Inn unless otherwise noted)

December: Disease Prevention and Treatment Month

December 13: Silvertones CADES Holiday Luncheon

December 20: Linton Stables and students discuss Appalachia Service Project

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

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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?



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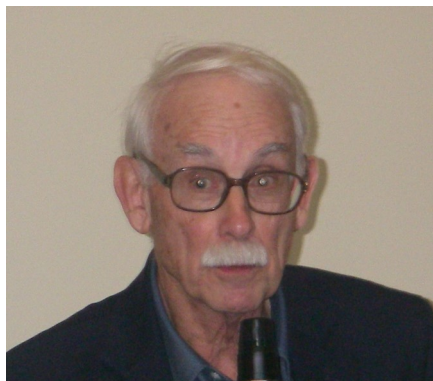
Jim Snively, Gladys' husband
Jim Downey, Community Arts Center

November 29, 2018 Program:

Jerry Frost

By Rich Shimko

Jerry Frost, Professor Emeritus at Swarthmore College, said at the start of his talk that some people think religion causes wars, and some think religion reduces wars. Jerry said both camps are correct. He gave examples of both cases, but didn't, as far as I could tell, indicate which statement was more accurate. Jerry said that some wars that were nominally about religion actually were caused by other factors.



The war and religion discussion seem increasingly relevant currently. We have had a few centuries of conflicts that were about issues such as territory, economics, and ideology, but not religion. I lived through Vietnam and Iraq 1 & 2, none of which were caused by religion. Now religion seems to be at the forefront of all the hot conflicts, starting with Afghanistan.

Jerry pointed out one glass half-full/half-empty statement – although all the major religions can be used to justify war, they can also be used to justify peace. Let's hope the latter interpretation becomes more predominant.

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.

Service Quotation

“A volunteer is a person who can see what others cannot see; who can feel what most do not feel”

George H.W. Bush



Happy Dollars 2018-19:

\$ 1,201

2017-2018 total: \$4,515
2016-2017 total: \$3,756
2015-2016 total: \$3,756
2014-2015 total: \$3,168
2013-2014 total: \$2,493



All proceeds go towards Polio Eradication.

Rotary Celebrations

Birthday:

Brian Casey - Dec. 06

Member Anniversary:

Greg Brown - Dec. 01

Anthony Coschignano - Dec. 01

Barbara Amstutz - Dec. 07

Wedding Anniversary:

Josh Twersky - Dec. 02