



# Swarthmore Rotary Cog Notes

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February 21, 2019

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## Service Quotation

“THE WORLD IS HUGGED BY THE FAITHFUL ARMS OF VOLUNTEERS”

- Terri Guillemets (42 years old), U.S. quotation anthologist

## Meetings and Events

February

21st - [Meeting](#)

Speaker: Peter Conn, Vartan Gregorian Professor of English Emeritus, UPENN  
Subject: American Monuments and American Memory

28th - [Meeting](#)

Speaker: Interfaith Council of Southern Delaware County  
Subject: Rev Peter Friedrichs of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Delaware County, Media, and Rabbi Jeremy Gerber of Ohev Shalom, Wallingford, will speak about the work of the Interfaith Council of Southern Delaware County.

March

7th - [Meeting](#)

Speaker: Psychoanalyst Bill Davis, co-founder of The Third Act Project  
Subject: Aging in Place in Swarthmore.

14th - [Meeting](#)

Speaker: Gundaker Foundation Chair Bill Graham and ADG David Houtz  
Subject: Gundaker Foundation Repositions for the Future; Three Areas of focus, Club Grants, Vocational and Technical Grants, Youth Exchange Program.

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## Table Grace

Lord of this nation and of the lands far and near, accept our thanks for the heroic figures who have made America what she is at her best. Restore in our day the vision they had and rekindle our zeal to realize It. Thank you, God, for what we so fully enjoy and make us ready to share its blessings with others. Amen.

Frederick E. Christian

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## 4 Way Test

Of the things we think, say or do

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

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By Richard George Shimko




The Greeks didn't celebrate Valentine Day. That doesn't mean they were not romantic, according to Gil Rose, Swarthmore College emeritus classics professor. Just look at Homer's character Penelope, waiting 10 years for Odysseus to return, all the while holding off the suitors that were trying to take his place. She unraveled her knitting every night to trick the suitors into waiting, all the while hoping for Odysseus's return. Very romantic. Although Gil didn't get into it,

## Rotary Celebrations!


### Birthdays

 **Michael D. Malone**  
February 25th

### Wedding Anniversaries

 **Ann K. Seidman**  
February 23rd

### Years of Service

 **Perri Ann Evanson**  
02-23-2001  
18 Years

 **Dan Honig**  
02-27-2014  
5 Years

## Happy Dollars

\$ 1,726

2018--19 Happy Dollars  
for Polio Plus Fund  
(\$3 to fully protect one child)  
2017-2018 total: \$4,515  
2016-2017 total: \$3,756  
2015-2016 total: \$3,756

## Guests Last Meeting

Andy Bennett (Hillard's guest)

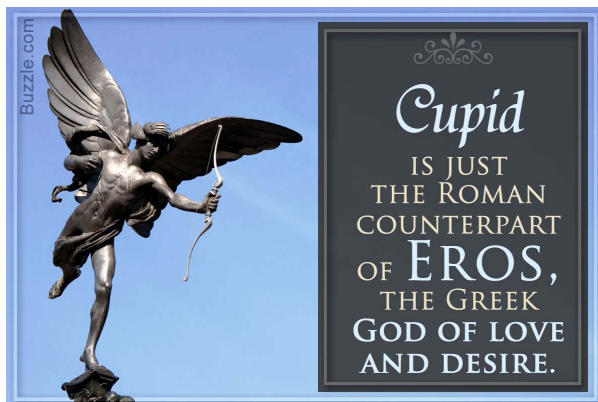
### Mark your Calendars

District Conference is  
March 15th and 16th  
at Springfield Marriot

The Swarthmore  
Rotary Fun Fair is  
Sunday May 19th!!

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I've always wondered about those suitors. What modern woman would put up with a bunch of deadbeats hanging around for 10 years while they were



demanding food and shelter and her hand in marriage. It seems fitting, though perhaps a little extreme, that in the end Odysseus killed them all. Gil said the ancients expected to have love in their relationships. He gave examples of Greeks longing for their unattainable lovers, who were perhaps dead or gone away. As in modern life, these relationships were

not just married couples but included other permutations such as Achilles "bromance" with his soldier buddy. Gil commented briefly about the other big name in Greek love stories: Helen, by saying it is unclear what she felt about being carried off by the Trojans. Gil ended his talk by saying that the Odyssey ended with Odysseus and Penelope going upstairs to have sex. It seems just the right ending for a Valentine's Day celebration talk about ancient history's great lovers.

## Our Causes in Focus

Rotary is dedicated to six areas of focus to build international relationships, improve lives, and create a better world to support our peace efforts and end polio forever. Here are two of the focus areas:

### Supporting education

More than 775 million people over the age of 15 are illiterate. Our goal is to strengthen the capacity of communities to support basic education and literacy, reduce gender disparity in education, and increase adult literacy.

### Growing local economies

We carry out service projects that enhance economic and community development and create opportunities for decent and productive work for young and old. We also strengthen local entrepreneurs and community leaders, particularly women, in impoverished communities.

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