



Swarthmore Rotary Cog Notes

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Service Quotation

“HERE’S TO ALL
VOLUNTEERS,
THOSE DEDICATED
PEOPLE WHO
BELIEVE IN ALL
WORK AND NO PAY”

- Robert Orben, (87
years old)
Professional comedy
writer and
speechwriter for
Gerald R. Ford

Meetings and Events

February

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.

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?

Table Grace

Father, we thank you for the blessings of this great land. Show us how we may develop and safeguard our nation’s material interests but, above all, how to protect and promote its moral and spiritual values. Engrave on our hearts the timeless truth that we must go deeper in spirit before we can go farther in any other direction. Give us in Rotary an awareness of what Rotary means and with thankful heads, send us forward to do your will. Amen.

Frederick E. Christian


Last Meeting Summary

By Richard George Shimko



Peter Conn, UPenn Emeritus Professor of English, examined race in America by looking at three related events: a Civil War battle, a monument to the battle, and a poem about the monument. In 1863 a volunteer black regiment was formed in Boston to fight for the Union. A white officer, Colonel Shaw, reluctantly


Birthdays


 Sonya Pappas
March 6th

Wedding Anniversaries

No Wedding Anniversaries Found

Years of Service

 John R. Kaufman
03-01-1981
38 Years

 Alice P. Willetts
03-01-1995
24 Years

Happy Dollars

\$1773

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

No Guests

Mark Your Calenders:

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

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

agreed to lead the regiment. Two months later the regiment attacked a Confederate fort in South Carolina and lost half its men. The battle brought renown to Col. Shaw, who died in the attack. However, according to Peter, not as much attention was paid to the black soldiers. In 1897, 36 years after the battle, a statue honoring Col. Shaw was erected in Boston Commons. Col. Shaw dominates the statue, and one can guess that the persons who erected the statue were primarily honoring Col. Shaw, and not the black soldiers. Peter put the erection of the monument in context with what was happening in the U.S. at the turn of the century. He said that around the same time the KKK had a resurgence and the U.S. had its most racist president since the Civil War, Woodrow Wilson (a surprise to me). In 1963, 66 years after the monument was installed, Robert Lowell wrote the poem "For the Union Dead". While Peter



said Lowell's poem acknowledged the ongoing struggle for civil rights, to me the poem still seemed to focus more on Col. Shaw than the black soldiers. Riots occurred soon after Lowell wrote his poem when white residents of Boston fought against mandatory busing of

school children to alleviate racial disparity in the schools. Although Peter didn't mention it, Col. Shaw and his Regiment were the subject of the 1989 movie "Glory", starring Matthew Broderick as Col. Shaw and Denzel Washington as a black soldier. The movie was much more explicit in its depiction of the hardships and racism the black soldiers faced. It has been 30 years since the movie. Perhaps it is time for a new "monument" to Col. Shaw and his regiment. If there is one, I wonder what form it will take and what will be its message.

Swarthmore Rotary Grants Update

- 2018-19 Allocation for local grants (AKA how we spend some of the income from the Fun Fair so far this Rotary year):
- \$1,000 - Chester Children's Chorus
- \$500 - CADES
- \$500 - Silvertones
- \$1,000 - The State Street Miracles
- \$500 - Rise Against Hunger for RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards)
- \$500 - Cradle of Liberty Council - Good Scout Award