



# Swarthmore Rotary Cog Notes

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## Service Quotation

“What is the essence of life? To serve others and to do good.”

Greek philosopher Aristotle over 2300 years ago (offers proof that giving back to the community is hardly a new concept)

## Meetings and Events

April

4th - [Meeting](#)

Speaker: Linton Staples

Subject: Time-Bank

11th - [Meeting](#)

Speaker: Andrea Bruno of Empowering Directions

Subject: Alexander Technique

13th - [Swarthmore's Rise Against Hunger Event](#)

16th - [Swarthmore Board Meeting](#)

18th - [Meeting](#)

Speaker: Jim Hardy, founder and director of the Kensington Soccer Club

Subject: Former Rotary Exchange student

25th - [Meeting](#)

Speaker: Judy Byron Schachner

Subject: New York Times bestselling author and illustrator

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## Table Grace

By Frederick E. Christian

Lord God, thank you for this day set in a month marked by the stirring of new life. As we receive these blessings of food around these tables, send us back to our tasks ready to live out more diligently and enthusiastically that which Rotary envisions, that our community and world might be drawn closer in caring concern. Amen.

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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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## Last Meeting Summary

By Richard Shimko



3/28/19 - Media Rotarian Ryan Martin’s talk about the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) included both praise and controversy. First, Ryan, the Director of the Boy Scouts district that includes the Swarthmore troop, praised Kathryn Jones because her Scout troop has had one of the highest growth rates of any troop in the District. He also praised her efforts to help grow the Chester troop. Ryan then discussed the BSA’s recent decision to admit girls. He explained that most scout troops are setting up separate (but equal) groups for boys and girls. He said busy parents liked being able to take both their boy and girl scouts to the meetings at the same time, if that is how the troops arrange their schedules. He also said that although the boys and girls groups are separate, some troop activities are combined,

## Rotary Celebrations!

### Birthdays



Kenneth J. Wright  
April 5th



Randolph B. Winton  
April 9th

### Wedding Anniversaries

No Wedding Anniversaries Found

### Years of Service

No Years Of Service Found

## Happy Dollars

\$2,071.00

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

Jim Snively (Gladys' husband), Tannie Casey (Brian's wife), and Jim Wurster (Central Delco Rotary, guest of Heather)

## Mark Your Calendars:

Friday May 3rd = World of Work @ SRS

Thursday May 16th = Rotary Social Happy Hour Meeting @ the Inn 5:30-7 PM (no lunch meeting)

Sunday May 19th = The Swarthmore Rotary Fun Fair



which is better for parents of both boy and girl scouts. Ryan said BSA did not make the decision to counter declining membership, although some have claimed that this was the reason for the change. In reply to a question, Ryan said BSA now allows openly gay scouts and leaders to join.

Members of the audience heard Ryan say that the founder of the Scouts in the U.S. was W.E. DuBois (Wikipedia: African-American...one of the founders of the NCAAP...civil rights activist). I believe I need to clarify something to save you embarrassment before you mention this odd fact at your next cocktail party. The founder of the BSA is W.D. Boyce, not W.E. DuBois. Thank you, George, for making this clarification.



The Boy Scouts of America includes the following (from scouting.org)

**Cub Scouting** = Youth grades K–5, groups of Dens (Lion, Tiger, Wolf, Bear, Webelos) divided by grade and gender; Packs are made of multiple Dens and are Co-Ed.

**Scouts BSA** = Youth 11–17 years old, separate Troops for Boys and Girls each with their own leadership opportunities.

**Venturing** Co-ed 14–20 years old: A-L-P-S: Adventure, Leadership, Personal Growth, Service.

**Sea Scouting** Co-ed 14–20 years old; promote better citizenship and improve members' boating skills through instruction and practice in water safety, boating skills, outdoor, social, service experiences, and knowledge of our maritime heritage.

**Exploring** Co-ed 10–20 years old; activities and one-on-one mentorship for youth looking to discover their future.

### The Foundation of Scouting;

**Scout Oath:** On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; to help other people at all times; to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.

**Scout Law:** A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent.

**Scout Mission:** The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Scout Law.

Why we're rising against hunger (from riseagainsthunger.org)

**821 million people across the world don't receive enough nutrition to lead an active, healthy life.**

**430,000 volunteers around the globe put their hands on hunger in 2018.**

**794,700 lives impacted by Rise Against Hunger meals and other aid in 2018.**

