



# Swarthmore Rotary Cog Notes



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## Service Quotation

"I don't know what your destiny will be, but one thing I know: the only ones among you who will be really happy are those who have sought and found how to serve."  
Albert Schweitzer

## Rotary Celebrations!

### Birthdays



George C. Whitfield Jr.  
September 24th

### Wedding Anniversaries

No Wedding Anniversaries  
Found

## Meetings and Events

### September

19th - Meeting  
Speaker: State Senator Timothy Kearney  
Subject: Report from the State House  
26th - Meeting  
Speaker: Joanne D. Craig, MS, Vice President for Programs, The Foundation for Delaware Co  
Subject: The Foundation for Delaware County, Your Community Foundation

### October

3rd - Meeting  
Speaker: Marty Spiegel, Mayor of Swarthmore Borough  
Subject: State of Affairs of Swarthmore Borough

## Table Grace

By Frederick E. Christian

As our boys and girls begin school and flood our streets, Lord, fill us with a growing sense of concern for their safety and well-being. Help us to heed your warning against harm in any way to a little one. And now, God of us all, make us doubly grateful for those who have guarded us and blessed us in the past when we were weak and receive now our grateful thanks for those blessings from your hand. Amen.

## 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?

## Last Meeting Summary

By Hillard Pouncy



Last week's speaker, Jim Gallagher, wants to pump you up. At his Strength for Life studio, 1440 Wallingford Road, Springfield, PA (just down the street from Plush Mills), Jim offers group and class-based strength-training sessions for all age groups. He especially recommends strength training for those of us over 40, because strength, like youth, first flees and then moves off at a gallop.

Before he started Strength for Life, Jim managed the Healthplex Sports Club in Springfield, PA, from 1999 through 2008. He is the former Director of Business Development and Board member of the Medical Fitness Association. Jim has been married for 38 years to his wife, Marianne. They have one son, a daughter-in-law, and two grandchildren.

## Dennis Hoffman

Dennis Hoffman really enjoys living in Delaware County. By choice he has lived and worked in Delaware County his whole life. Dennis was born in Chester, where his Father owned a grocery store at 6th and Wilson. After graduation from Chester High School, he attended Penn State University

## Years of Service

No Years Of Service Found

## Happy Dollars

\$726

2019-20 Happy Dollars  
for Polio Plus Fund  
(\$3 to fully protect one child)

2018-19 total: \$3,845  
2017-18 total: \$4,515  
2016-17 total: \$3,756

## Guests Last Meeting

No Guests

## Mark Your Calendars:

Road Side Cleanup  
Sat., Sept. 21, 8:30 am  
Yard clean-up at CADES  
house  
Sat., Sept 28, 9:00 am  
Phone bank WHYY  
Sat., Oct. 26

and Temple dental school. After dental school, he joined the Navy as a dentist. Upon his return from Vietnam, Dennis immediately returned to Delaware County to start a dental practice. Dennis relocated his residence from Chester to Havertown and opened his dentistry practice in Swarthmore. Dennis started his dental practice in Swarthmore on August 4, 1969. He maintained his practice for 50 years, until he retired this year. He said he had some patients for his entire 50-year career. He also treated three generations of some families. Dennis said he would have kept working if neck and back pains, an occupational hazard, hadn't stopped him.

Dennis spent most of his time in the Navy in Vietnam serving as a dentist for a Naval Construction Battalion. Dennis still has vivid memories of his time in Vietnam. He said he was the only dentist in his unit. "I learned a lot of dentistry because I was on my own. I couldn't ask anyone for advice so I had to figure it out by myself". A sad memory was meeting a fellow Swarthmorean who subsequently died in action. The soldier's parents later became Dennis' patients back in Swarthmore. He described going once a week, along with other medical personnel, into Vietnamese villages to treat the native. Dennis would extract 40 or 50 teeth in one day until he had to stop because his wrist would swell up. Hopefully, Dennis' dental procedures widened beyond extractions once he started his practice in Swarthmore.

Dennis joined Rotary in 1988 after one of his patients, Bob Adams, invited him to attend a luncheon meeting. He appreciates the sense of fellowship and the sense of giving to the community, both locally and globally. A highlight of his membership was that he and his wife hosted end-of-year Rotary social events at various local restaurants for several years.

Dennis and his wife Barbara have been married 48 years. They have two children. Daughter Joanna works with various sports teams and lives in Wayne, and son Ben is a family attorney in Mercer County, NJ. They have two grandchildren: Nate, 6, and Isaac, 1. Dennis said the grandchildren are the joy of his life. He and Barbara gladly drive an hour to their son's house to babysit.

Dennis' hobby for many years was gardening. In fact, his children's default gift for him was plants. He said at times he had as many as 40 flower pots that were gifts from his children that he hadn't gotten around to planting. Unfortunately, Dennis can no longer garden as much as he would like because of his back and neck problems. As a substitute he joined two men's groups. One is a book club, reading mostly non-fiction. The last book was about the Osage Indians in Oklahoma. His other men's group is ROMEO (Retired Old Men Eating Out), which meets every Wednesday for breakfast.

Dennis has discovered that a benefit of staying put is being able easily to keep up with family and long-term friends. This includes his Rotary friends of 31 years.

## Ed Jones - In Memorium



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