



# Swarthmore Rotary Cog Notes



P.O. Box 4, Swarthmore, PA 19081

October 17, 2019

Mark Daniel Maloney  
RI President 2019-20  
Peter A Mardinly  
District 7450 Governor

## Swarthmore Rotary Leaders

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Club Director  
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Grants Committee Chair  
Sean Murphy  
Assistant Governor

## Service Quotation

Consciously or unconsciously, every one of us does render some service or other. If we cultivate the habit of doing this service deliberately, our desire for service will steadily grow stronger, and will make not only for our own happiness but that of the world at large."  
Mahatma Ghandi

## Rotary Celebrations!

Birthdays

No Birthdays Found

## Meetings and Events

October

17th - [Meeting](#)

Speaker: Peter Mardinly, Governor, District 7450 Iy  
Subject: Meeting Address

24th - [Meeting](#)

Speaker: Lou Klarevas, author Rampage Nation  
Subject: Rampage Nation: Securing America from Mass Shootings

31st - [Meeting](#)

Speaker: Club Assembly  
Subject: Assembly

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## Table Grace

By Frederick E. Christian

Amid the flaming colors of Fall and the bracing air that we breathe, O God, remind us of the poet's words that "The Heavens declare your glory;" that we may never forget that you are the Giver of all of life. You have given us ample provision for our needs of body, mind, and spirit for which we are truly grateful. 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



Kevin Skoglund of Citizens for Better Elections discussed actions underway in Pennsylvania to ensure the accuracy of the 2020 election. There has been much talk recently of groups subverting the voting process, for example, by hacking into voting machines to change the count. Kevin said Pennsylvania Governor Wolf issued a directive requiring that all voting machines have a paper trail in order to be able to audit elections. There is no way to audit the voting machines currently being used in Delaware County.

Kevin said there are two types of voting machines being offered by voting machine vendors. He said his group recommends the simpler and cheaper type of machine. That type is the one that Delaware County has selected. He said Philadelphia went with the more expensive type of voting machine and that decision is now being challenged in court by his group and others. Rotarians asked a lot of questions, partly because a number of Rotarians are involved in the conduct of the vote in various functions. To summarize some of the answers: Kevin didn't think the voting will take appreciably longer with the new machines; the new voting systems have provisions for handicapped voters; his group considers absentee ballots for everyone and on-line voting to be bad options. Hopefully, these modifications will help Americans continue to have faith in our voting system.

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Betty Ann Flynn interview

## Wedding Anniversaries

No Wedding Anniversaries Found

## Years of Service



Brian H. Craig  
10-23-1998  
21 Years



William Clinton Hale  
10-22-2015  
4 Years

## Happy Dollars

\$1116

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

There were no guests

## Mark Your Calendars:

Phone bank WHYY  
Sat., Oct. 26

Ed Jones Memorial Service  
Sat., Nov. 9

When asked for a highlight of her Rotary membership, Betty Ann Flynn immediately responded "starting Happy Dollars at Swarthmore Rotary." It's not as though she doesn't have a great deal to be proud of as a Rotarian. Betty Ann was President of both the Media and Swarthmore Rotary clubs. She was Assistant Governor to the District as well as being on the Boards of the District and both clubs. In spite of these accomplishments, she is most pleased that Swarthmore Rotary accepted her idea of Happy Dollars and has kept it up ever since. Betty Ann recognized that Happy Dollars is a way to bring members of the club community closer together by sharing personal information such as our latest trips or the accomplishments of our children, while helping to eradicate polio.

Betty Ann joined the Media Rotary club in 1990. She transferred to Swarthmore Rotary in 2005 because she was disenchanted with the leadership at Media Rotary. She asked Ken Wright and Marty Spiegel if she could join the Swarthmore Rotary Club; their reply "in a New York Minute". Betty Ann, while she was President, started an auction with the help of Marv Gelb, Steve Laxton and Brian Casey. The auction ran for two years and cleared as much as \$12,000. The club decided to discontinue the auction and focus on Fun Fair because the auction required an unrealistic amount of time and work.

Betty Ann was born and raised in Media and has lived there most of her life. After graduating from the University of Dayton she worked for BP Oil for a couple of years in Atlanta and then Port Arthur, Texas. She couldn't wait to get back to Media, describing Port Arthur as a "crazy town", and one that was violent. Upon returning to Media, Betty Ann decided to convert her hobby, photography, into a career. After obtaining an additional degree at the Philadelphia University of the Arts, Betty Ann started doing wedding photos. She succeeded in obtaining a contract with Sun Ship to photograph all their ships under construction. Since then she has focused on architectural and construction site photography. Her largest project was documenting the construction of the Pennsylvania Convention Center. This project lasted five years. In addition to photography, Betty Ann attended the University of Pennsylvania, receiving a certification in professional fund-raising.

According to Hillard, Betty Ann's dog, Biscuit, is the "cutest dog on the planet". Biscuit is a Bischon. Some of you may remember that Biscuit marched with Rotary in the 4th of July parade. Betty Ann's hobbies include golf "now and then", reading and watching the occasional movie and TV show. She prefers to read American history. A recent book was Steven Gillon's book on JFK Jr. She is interested in politics, following news in the New York Times, the New Yorker and Atlantic magazines.

Betty Ann has been a valuable asset to Rotary over the years and continues to serve in many roles, including being Treasurer of the Swarthmore Rotary Charitable Trust. Remember to give lots of Happy Dollars in her honor.

## Email from Kathryn Jones

Consider making a donation to the Swarthmore Pack 112 annual fundraising event. Cash donations or buying popcorn would be most appreciated! I will have popcorn on hand for purchase so bring your cash or checkbooks!