



Swarthmore Rotary Cog Notes



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Service Quotation

"Those who are happiest are those who do the most for others."
Booker T. Washington, Author of Up from Slavery

Rotary Celebrations!

Birthdays



John R. Kaufman
December 13th



Joy Charlton
December 18th

Meetings and Events

December

12th - Meeting @ Cades

Speaker: CADES and the Silvertones

Subject: Luncheon at CADES with musical program at 1:00 pm by the Silvertones

19th - Evening Meeting

Speaker: Evening at the Inn at 5:30 PM

Subject: Evening Social Reception at the Swarthmore Inn at 5:30 pm

26th - No Meeting

Speaker: No Meeting

Table Grace

By Frederick E. Christian

Amid the accelerating activity of this season, Lord, slow us down and give us quiet minds to discern the deeper meaning of these days and receptive hearts to respond to those who need our caring concern. Accept our tribute of thanks for all you have given us in Rotary and for what we enjoy today. 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



Dr. Mark Wallace spoke about SUSU, a U.S. State Department program to win the "hearts and minds" of citizens of foreign, mainly Islamic, countries. Mark is a Professor of Religion at Swarthmore College. SUSI stands for Study of the U.S. Institute for Scholars. Mark is one of the instructors in the program, which introduces foreign educators to democracy and religious pluralism in the U.S. The six-week program combines an academic component at Temple University with field trips to visit various religious groups and Native American reservations. Mark said SUSI was started in the Obama administration and, surprisingly, has been continued in the Trump administration. He said although the goal of the program is to promote a positive view of American democracy among foreign educators, SUSI tries to present a balanced view. It includes discussions of slavery and mistreatment of native Americans. Mark said he has been pleased when he has observed students in the program soften their negative views of American democracy and religious pluralism. On the other hand, he was "crushed" when some students' attitudes towards religious minorities in their own countries showed no sign of change.

Marty Spiegel interview

Throughout his adult life, Marty Spiegel has focused on being of service to

Wedding Anniversaries



Stephen B. Laxton
December 16th

Years of Service

No Years Of Service Found

Happy Dollars

\$1579

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

David Page, Joy's
husband
Lucas Gelape, former
exchange student

others: serving in the Peace Corps, working with children and adults with disabilities, and providing service to Swarthmore Borough. This has included over 20 years of being a member of Swarthmore Rotary.

Marty left his familiar native Boston to spend two years in Venezuela in the Peace Corps. He said the Peace Corps was a "life-changing" experience. For the first time in his life he was required to be independent, resilient, and to do without. He was stationed in a village where no one else spoke English. Marty helped operate a failing Savings and Loan cooperative. The S & L was failing because many farmers from nearby hamlets were not repaying their loans. Marty took it upon himself, with the assistance of a local high school student, to rent horses and ride for hours to visit the delinquent farmers. He discovered that the farmers did not realize they had to pay back the loans. After he returned to the village, he began to find envelopes on his doorstep with a few dollars at a time to pay off the loans.

After returning to Boston, Marty worked in a sheltered workshop for multiply disabled adults. Among his duties was to convince businesses to outsource work that his client could do in a workshop. He needed to design methods that would allow those with various disabilities to perform specific work tasks. In 1974, when he moved to Philadelphia, he became a case manager for a community mental health center in Kensington. To further his career, Marty obtained a Masters of Social Work degree at Temple.

After working with the disabled for approximately two decades, Marty decided he needed a change in his career path. He moved to Delaware County and started a home inspection company, Home Pro, with an engineer friend. Marty primarily did marketing and administration. His home inspection work also lasted about two decades until 2007 when Marty sold his half of the company to his partner.

Marty then returned to work that was more oriented to being of service to others. After a stint on the Swarthmore Business District Authority, Marty became the Town Center Coordinator, a part-time job. In that capacity he started the world-famous Farmers Market with Coop Manager, Jack Cavanaugh. Perhaps thinking he would relax after a decade at this work, Marty gave up these jobs. Before he could relax too much, Marty was approached to take over Tim Kearney's role as Swarthmore mayor when Tim was elected to the PA Senate.

Marty joined Swarthmore Rotary in 1996. He cited John Kauffman and Ruth Rahn as people who encouraged him to join. said joining Rotary was the start of getting connected in the Swarthmore community. In 2001 he became President. Marty said while he was President, Ken Wright and Gordie Nichols approached him with the idea of having the first Fun Fair. He said he liked the idea but had one condition - that the Fair lose no more than \$3,000. In fact, it made money that year and every year since. Marty married his wife, Linda, 34 years ago. Because Linda had been living in Swarthmore for a number of years, they moved to Swarthmore as soon as they could, in 1990. Marty said the house they found was perfect but needed work. They are still working on it. They always had dogs and their current dog is a 13 year old black English cocker spaniel. Marty had no opinion on how his dog stood in the Rotarian dog cuteness competition, but Jake did win "Best in Show" at the last Swarthmore dog show several years ago, the only dog to have ever won the title.

Marty said his greatest recreational passion is cooking. He said Linda has not had to cook a meal in their entire marriage. Marty has been teaching cooking classes at the Swarthmore Community Center for the past 8 years. His other passion is listening to and playing music. Currently he plays the mandolin in a band that plays traditional Irish music and is a member of the world renowned Swarthmore Ukulele Orchestra.