



# Swarthmore Rotary Cog Notes

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## Service Quotation

This is the time to be slow,  
Lie low to the wall  
Until the bitter weather passes.  
If you remain generous,  
Time will come good;  
And you will find your feet  
Again on fresh pastures of  
promise,  
John O'Donoghue

## Rotary Celebrations!

### Birthdays

No Birthdays Found

### Wedding Anniversaries

No Wedding Anniversaries  
Found

## Meetings and Events

July

23rd - [Meeting](#)

Speaker: Umar Mycka, Owner, I Don't Want Poison Ivy  
Subject: Gardening at Home and in the Greater Philadelphia Area

30th - [Meeting](#)

Speaker: Julie Kornfeld, International Refugee Assistance Program  
Subject: TBD

## Table Grace

By Frederick E. Christian

We pause for this moment, Good Lord, not out of routine or habit but prompted by gratitude for all the common blessings we enjoy which are so often denied others. We thank you by beginning now to make Rotary's ideals a reality. 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

Steve Platt is full of ideas about how to make Swarthmore center more beautiful. How about putting murals on Lincoln Way on the blank wall opposite the Co-op? How about putting an arch over the alley leading to Warehouse3? How about projecting light images on the blank wall behind Theodosia's Garden? How about putting gargoyles on the second floors of the stores? Cool!

In addition to thinking about art in Swarthmore and having a full-time job, Steve is also, in the words of his wife Robin, a Light Artist. He offered demonstrations of two of his light art projects, "swarms" and "fire sticks".

Anne Seidman suggested, and Steve endorsed, a very intriguing idea. Convert the parking lot behind Swarthmore Hardware into an out-of-the-way artistic space. Greg Brown pointed out that one problem with any project of this type is that the properties are privately owned. Hopefully, obstacles will be overcome. I picture myself relaxing somewhere in the Ville, sipping a drink and contemplating the art, light shows, and gargoyles.

## Interview with Anne Hansen

By Barbara Whitaker-Shimko

Anne Hansen had a 40 year career in Early Childhood Education. Locally, she worked as teacher/ Director of the Trinity Cooperative Day Nursery (TCDN) for 25 years. Following her retirement from TCDN, joined The Rotary Club of Swarthmore in 2000. She had been involved in Rotary for many years supporting her husband Hogie and his clubs. Hogie became a Rotarian in 1976 when he joined the Rotary Club of Swarthmore. Anne helped with various projects taken on by the club, the district and the Zone. Hogie served as District Governor in 1993-1994. In 1998 he was sent

## Years of Service

Heather Saunders  
07-27-2017  
3 Years

## Happy Dollars

pledge \$211

2020-21 Happy Dollars  
for Polio Plus Fund  
(\$3 to fully protect one child)

2020-21 total: \$3355  
2018-19 total: \$3,845  
2017-18 total: \$4,515

## Guests Last Meeting

Robin Platt (wife of  
speaker)

to the Council on Legislation in Delhi India. During that trip they took part in their first National Immunization Day for the eradication of Polio, in the city of Amritsar, which is located on the border with Pakistan. That day over 170 million children were immunized all over India. It was a profound experience. The Hansen's returned to India several times and to the Island of Madagascar for National Immunization Days.

Hogie and Anne have attended over twenty Rotary International Conventions. Their first Convention was especially memorable, held in Philadelphia in 1988 at the old convention center. It was at that convention that the decision was made that Rotary International would work to eradicate polio. There was a big kick-off for the polio effort including the Strath Haven Band and many balloons.

Anne served as President of the Rotary Club of Swarthmore in 2007-2008. During her presidential year, Anne's focus was on pure water in different parts of the world. She recalled that Ray Hopkins had developed connections with the Rotary club of San Ignacio Belize. Working with that club they were able to accomplish several projects including: helping at a nursing home, providing needed equipment for a child care program, and awarding a four year scholarship to a high school student. Most importantly, our club provided a water filtration system for the village of Yalbec, Belize. The International Committee of Swarthmore Rotary spent time planning and inviting other Rotary Clubs beyond the district to join us in partnership to provide a water system in Belize. We also partnered with "Living Waters for the World" (LWW), Anne where was trained at a camp in Mississippi. Our team brought all the components of the water system with us on the plane to Belize. The problem the Yalbec community had was caused by the local river and rusted pipes. Yalbec used the river for its water source (leaving welts). The team discovered the contamination was caused by runoff from fertilizer upstream. The whole community participated in the project. She felt this was a big highlight of her work as a Rotarian.

Anne was born in Manhattan and has one brother. She grew up in Chatham, New Jersey. She attended Earlham College, a Quaker institution in Indiana. It was here that Anne met another Earlham undergraduate, whom we all know as "Hogie". They were married on August 27, 1960 and will be celebrating their 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary this summer. The Hansen's have three children; Peter, Deborah, and Sarah and six grandchildren. Anne continues to be active in Rotary internationally. She is a member of the Arch Klumph Society, the highest category awarded in The Rotary Foundation. Always active in her community, Anne keeps very busy contributing her time to whatever needs she hears about. As a current example, Anne has made over three hundred masks needed to keep others safe from the Corona Virus.