



Swarthmore Rotary Cog Notes

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Service Quotation

"I was starting to see that what looks like garbage from one angle might be art from another. Maybe it did take a crisis to get to know yourself; maybe you needed to get whacked hard by life before you understood what you wanted out of it."
Jodi Picoult, author

Rotary Celebrations!

Birthdays

No Birthdays Found

Wedding Anniversaries

Meetings and Events

September

17th - [Meeting](#)
Speaker: Joy Kieffer, Family & Women's Ministry, Foundry Church,
Subject: LifeWerks Food Pantry, District Grant Recipient
19th - [Swarthmore Adopt A Highway](#)
24th - [Meeting](#)
Speaker: District Governor Kevin M. Katarynick, Club: King of Prussia
Subject: Club Address

October

1st - [Meeting](#)
Speaker: Kerry Saunter, Constitution Learning Center and Chair Voter Service, LWVPA

Table Grace

By Frederick E. Christian

Lord, as we are called to prayer, may we feel it as an opportunity to affirm afresh the deep foundations upon which Rotary rests. Help us to see Rotary as a gift from your hand and a privilege we enjoy. Thanks be to you for the gift of life itself. 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

There are people who throw a few hamburgers and hotdogs on the grill. And then .. there are the BBQ guys. Robert Trudnak spoke to us about serious barbequing (BBQ). What Bob means by barbequing is slow cooking of tough meats like ribs and brisket to make the meat tender. BBQ'ing can also enhance the flavor of the meat by smoking it using wood or charcoal fuel. Of course, every serious BBQ'er will have his/her own special sauce.

Bob had a few tips for better BBQ'ing. Use a grill with a thermometer to measure the grill temperature to make sure you are cooking the meat at the correct rate. Use a meat thermometer to measure the meat temperature. Then you know exactly when it is done. Don't put your sauce on the meat too early or the sauce will burn. Further advice and recipes can be found on Bob's website, www.bbqguru.com.

Brian Casey Interview

Brian Casey has a very definite view of Rotary that guides his involvement in the club and keeps him motivated to participate. Brian said he joined Rotary in 2009 because he felt fortunate and wanted to give back. He described Rotary as a collection of people who are altruistic with a unity of mindset around service. Brian determined that one way he would serve was by making it easier for Rotarians to get the information

No Wedding Anniversaries Found

Years of Service

No Years Of Service Found

Happy Dollars

pledge \$772

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

2019-20 total: \$3355
2018-19 total: \$3,845
2017-18 total: \$4,515

Guests Last Meeting

Judith Kinman (George's
guest)
Linton Stables (SSCA)

Mark Your Calendars:

Sept. 19, 9 am, Adopt-A-Highway

they need and along the way, he became the computer guy. He took over the club website soon after he joined the club and soon after, was recruited by the District Governor at the time to help implement DACdb for the District. Eventually, he also became the District WebMaster. One of his duties is to work with District members on how to use DACdb. It is used for many things, including Event Planning and Registration, membership and for our Club, producing these CogNotes. Brian said he gets a lot of phone calls with questions about DACdb. The odd thing about this is that Brian has not had any formal computer training and he has not been a computer guy at work. He said he has picked up all of his computer knowledge on his own. Brian was President of Swarthmore Rotary in 2011-2012. He said being President enhanced his engagement in the club.

Brian was born and raised in Toronto, Canada. He attended the University of Toronto and York University. Brian started working for Eaton's, a department store chain, right after he graduated from college. Eaton's and his subsequent employers were part of various mergers. Brian eventually wound up working for Wells Fargo. Wells Fargo gave Brian a promotion in 2007 and transferred him to the United States. Two years later, after the financial crisis, they disbanded his division and Brian was out of work. He soon landed a job at TD Bank. A few years later he started working for the U.S. branch of the Bank of Tokyo. Brian has held various jobs in areas such as Collections, Customer Service, Data Security, marketing, and Strategic Initiatives.

Brian met his wife Tannei in the 9th grade. They reconnected after high school and they were married in 1990. Their son, Andrew, age 22 years, just graduated from Penn State this year with a degree in Statistical Modeling and Data Sciences. He is looking for a job in his field. We have been pleased over the years to hear updates during Happy Dollars concerning Andrew's activities and milestones. Brian's mother was born in the U.S. so he was already a citizen when he moved here 13 years ago. He sponsored Tannei and Andrew to be citizens. He described Tannei's citizenship ceremony as being a humbling experience. Some of the people being awarded citizenship that day had come to the U.S. to survive dangerous conditions in their home country. Brian felt very fortunate coming from the safety and security of Canada vs. a war-torn country. Tannei was Human Resource Director for Sears Canada when they moved to the U.S. After moving here, she decided to focus on Andrew initially. Tannei had always had a talent in fashion design. She had made her own wedding dress. She started to make and sell handbags about ten years ago. Brian said she is now extremely busy making bags. She enjoys making the bags and has decided not to expand her business although the demand is there.

Brian describes himself as a political junky. A pastime is reading nonfiction books about politics and history as time permits. A particularly recommended book is "The Gatekeepers" by Chris Whipple. Other recent books are "Anonymous", by Anonymous, and "James Madison" by Lynne Cheney. He said he is fascinated by U.S. history even though he lived in Canada most of his life. Brian has visited 12 of the 13 presidential libraries and plans to visit the last one as soon as he can. Brian doesn't watch much TV but his favorite show is "West Wing". His favorite movie is "12 Angry Men" - the original version with Henry Fonda.

Brian has taken Rotary's theme of service to others to heart. One group of people Brian has served is the members of this club. For that, we are grateful.