



Swarthmore Rotary Cog Notes

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Service Quotation

"Do your little bit of good where you are; its those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world."
Desmond Tutu

Rotary Celebrations!

Birthdays

- Raymond F. Hopkins
February 15th
- Dan Honig
February 16th

Wedding Anniversaries

No Wedding Anniversaries

Meetings and Events

February

11th - [Club Meeting](#)

Speaker: Stephen McWilliams and Matt Marencik, Profs, Villanova University
Subject: Documentary Film Making for the Social Good

18th - [Club Meeting](#)

Speaker: Prof. Dan Hopkins, UPENN, Political Science, The Increasingly United States
Subject: Looking Back on the 2020 Election

25th - [Club Meeting](#)

Speaker: Collin Darrell, Business Consultant to Hawaiian farms and restaurants
Subject: Hawaiian Agriculture & Hospitality - Past / Present / Future

Table Grace

By Frederick E. Christian

Amid the maudlin sentiment that surrounds this day, which bandies love about as if it were a commercial product, teach us, God of Love, how to make it a reality in our homes, businesses, and in our world. Instill in us a love that is worthy of Rotary's high purpose. 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?

Club News

At the last club meeting, Lori Markusfeld discussed an option for supporting food banks. The idea would be that "we'll feed you if you feed the hungry". The Inn at Swarthmore has agreed to let the Club give out thank-you meals on a weeknight under the rear entrance to those that give us a money or a check made out to a local food pantry such as City Team, the Media Food Bank or DIFAN. The Inn would purchase and prepare trays of food and we would cover this cost through a donor so everything we collect goes to the food pantries. It was suggested we ask for a minimum donation for a meal. We would ask club members or Interact students to help put the food in serving containers for pick up.

In other news, Carr Everback has applied for membership in Swarthmore Rotary. He will be interviewed by a committee of members. Welcome, Carr.

Last Meeting Summary

SPEECH

Scott Richardson told us that soon after he opened Occasionally Yours, he learned that the overwhelming majority of restaurants close within five years of opening. Against all odds, Occasionally Yours is still in business after 31 years. Scott and Teresa Richardson started their restaurant in 1989. Teresa had previously worked in a restaurant. Scott, with no restaurant experience, had been selling typewriters for IBM.

Found

Years of Service

No Years Of Service Found

Happy Dollars

pledge \$2,438

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

Marv Gelb, Leslie Brennan
Mary Hinds

Scott told us a story about how they reacted after Pennsylvania shut down last March because of the pandemic. Within three days of the shutdown, they organized a St. Patrick's Day take-out dinner fundraiser for Swarthmore Library and sold 138 dinners. After selling 80 pounds of corned beef they had previously purchased, they had raised one thousand dollars for the Library. Soon after that, they organized a take-out dinner fundraiser for the Swarthmore Fire Department. In all, they sold 5400 take-out dinners over the shutdown. This story provides a clue about how Scott and Teresa have been so successful.

Rotarians Ken Wright and George Whitfield offered their praises for Occasionally Yours. Ken described Scott as the epitome of a small-town businessman. Ken said Scott and Teresa have always helped out at Fun Fair. George said Scott always comes out from behind the counter to greet him whenever George eats at the restaurant. Anyone considering opening a new restaurant would be wise to use Scott and Teresa Richardson as their model.

DIFAN

Here is some information about DIFAN

From: delcohsa.org/adultfamily/difan%20brochure_2_16.pdf

DIFAN (DELCO INTERFAITH FOOD ASSISTANCE NETWORK)

DIFAN is a network of food cupboards throughout Delaware County Providing food assistance to at-risk families. Each family receives sufficient food for five days.

ADVOCACY: We advocate for people in need, especially the hungry, in order to bring about individual or community change that benefits our society as a whole.

INFORMATION AND REFERRAL: Rather than duplicating services provided by other agencies, when food center workers identify needs beyond food relief, we refer our clients to other agencies that are set up to directly handle those needs. We work directly with the social service agencies throughout Delaware County, as well as the department of public welfare and children & youth services.

WHO WE ARE: all of our centers are staffed by volunteer workers, we are dependent upon donations of food, money and time to continue our work.

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