



Swarthmore Rotary Cog Notes

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Service Quotation

Thousands of candles can be lighted from a single candle. Happiness never decreases by being shared. Buddha

Rotary Celebrations!

Birthdays

Joe Lesniak
March 17th

Wedding Anniversaries

Michael D. Malone
March 17th

Years of Service

Meetings and Events

March

11th - [Club Meeting](#)

Speaker: Mike Litka, General Manager, Swarthmore Co-op
Subject: COVID and the Co-op: 1 year later..

18th - [Club Meeting](#)

Speaker: Jeannine Osayande & Dunya Performing Arts Company
Subject: Making A Homeplace - Part II: Stories From The Historically Black Neighborhood of Swarthmore

25th - [Club Meeting](#)

Speaker: Danette Reid, Founder of Reid Cares Foundation
Subject: Addressing the Hunger Crisis on Local College Campuses

Table Grace

By Frederick E. Christian

Dear Lord, help us to keep alive the Rotary concept of vocational service. May we serve better in the workplace those less fortunate than ourselves. Strengthen within each of us the resolve to suit action to thought and to reflect in our daily lives better standards of ethics in our workaday world. 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

Anne Hansen reported that she attended a Gundaker Foundation board meeting on March 1. The Gundaker Foundation provides matching financial grants to support District 7450 Rotary club projects. Anne said Gundaker is awarding scholarships of between \$1,000 to \$5,000 to students to attend local trade schools. She said we can go to the Gundaker website, www.gundaker.org, to learn more. While Swarthmore Rotary no longer has a fund drive for the Gundaker Foundation, we can still contribute by going to the website. Anne volunteered to serve as liaison between Gundaker and our club.

Bill reported that the Rotaract club at Swarthmore College is in danger of closing because of inactivity. He will ask Carr Everbach to try to promote student participation.

Last Meeting Summary

Until recently, Dr. Robert Boone was CEO of an agency responsible for worker development for ten counties in southcentral Kentucky. Dr. Boone said that while he was CEO, his focus was on helping job seekers receive the help they need from his agency. He increased the number of offices in his district from two to ten. He also greatly expanded on-line services. One on-line

Happy Dollars

pledge \$2,756

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

Matt Ainslie (Bill's guest)
Ray Jones (Hillard's guest)

service he told us about was training. Job seekers can view on-line modules on goal setting, resume building, job search strategies and many other topics. They can do mock interviews, either in person or on-line. Dr. Boone said one area his agency was particularly successful at was placing persons in entry-level technical jobs such as nursing assistant. In order to obtain work as a nursing assistant, applicants must have completed a state-approved training and certification program. Although nursing assistant is entry-level, Dr. Boone said many workers use the job to put them on the ladder to higher-level nursing jobs.

Dr. Boone recently started a new job at Career Team as Chief Officer of National Workplace Solutions. He will now be able to apply his skills and experience in worker development on a national level. There is much talk about training workers in parts of the country where factories have closed. Hopefully that will happen and Dr. Boone will be able to use his skills to help these areas recover.

Dan Hopkins' email

I asked Dan Hopkins, the political scientist who spoke at Rotary a few weeks ago, the following question by email:

My impression from my reading is that the Republican base could be considered a Trump cult and that political division is increasing. It appears that most elected Republican officials will do anything Trump wants them to do.

He recently provided the following answer:

"In a recent survey I did of Pennsylvania voters (and these tend to be very politically engaged voters), I asked a question about whether people would rather see the Republican party nominate a 2024 candidate "more like Trump" or "more like a typical politician." The Republicans overwhelmingly wanted someone more like Trump, 81% to 9%. (I am pasting the crosstabs below.) So yes, I do think he has substantial sway with the current GOP. I may have rushed through it, but in a national survey I did, I see clear evidence that Trump came to be viewed much more positively by Republicans between 2016 and 2020. I think that this was an important element of 2020 which analysts missed: many didn't realize how much room Trump had to grow.

But at the same time, public opinion on a wide range of issues is very stable since 2016, even among Republicans. So in that sense, Trump's persuasive powers are very limited. With four years and extraordinary amounts of attention, Trump didn't move public opinion toward his views on any major issue I can find. Also, critically, Trump is not unusual in his level of intense support--in fact, Obama has stronger support among his strong supporters. I partly want to push back against narratives suggesting that Trump is somehow atypical in the bond he's built with his voters. So with respect to the political climate, that's what I was thinking of."