



# CogNotes

The Rotary Club of Swarthmore  
P.O. Box 4, Swarthmore, PA 19081

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November is Rotary Foundation Month

**Improving Lives in Communities  
Locally and Around the World for over 75 Years**

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## Today's Program:

**Arto Woodley**, The Lang Center for Civic and Social Responsibility at Swarthmore College, will speak about Urban Leadership.

## Table Grace

"Lord God, we thank you for home, family, friends, and for tasks that are worthy of doing in your name. Help us to weave into every day the ideals that Rotary holds aloft, and may we embody that spirit which puts others ahead of self, as we serve our community and our time, in the strength you give us. We ask it in your name with grateful hearts. Amen." Rev. Dr. Frederick E. Christian

## Coming Programs & Events

**Nov 12 Chris Reynolds**, new editor of the Swarthmorean will speak.

**November 19** Physicist Jamie Saxon, former Rotary Exchange Student and current Enrico Fermi Fellow at the University of Chicago will talk about Why Matter has Mass: The experimental observation of the Higgs boson confirms the physical mechanism through which fundamental particles acquire mass.

**Nov 25 Thanksgiving, NO MEETING** - Gobble Gobble!

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## Last Meeting's Program: Jeff Havilland

Jeff Havilland told us that one competent, caring volunteer can open up the world for someone. As a person who believes that government has a role in solving some of society's problems, I was dismayed to hear the story Warren Wright told Rotary. For 56 years he was failed by multiple organizations. He graduated from high school without being able to read adequately because of dyslexia. Warren continued to try to learn how to read by participating in various literacy programs but these did not help. Poor reading led to poor jobs, bad decisions, and a poor quality of life. But Warren did not give up and in his 56th year he met Jeff Havilland, a volunteer at the Delaware County Literacy Council (DCLC).



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## The Pledge of Allegiance



## Four Way Test:

Of the things we think, say and do:

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOOD WILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all Concerned?



## Guests:

Richard Linderman, potential member; Gale Hale, wife of new member Bill.

## November is The Rotary Foundation Month

### History of The Rotary Foundation

At the 1917 convention, outgoing RI President Arch C. Klumph proposed to set up an endowment “for the purpose of doing good in the world.” In 1928, it was renamed The Rotary Foundation, and it became a distinct entity within Rotary International.

### Growth of the Foundation

In 1929, the Foundation made its first gift of \$500 to the International Society for Crippled Children. The organization, created by Rotarian Edgar F. “Daddy” Allen, later grew into Easter Seals. When Rotary founder Paul Harris died in 1947, contributions began pouring in to Rotary International, and the Paul Harris Memorial Fund was created to build the Foundation.

### Evolution of Foundation programs

**1947:** The Foundation established its first program, Fellowships for Advance Study, later known as Ambassadorial Scholarships. | **1965-66:** Three programs were launched: Group Study Exchange, Awards for Technical Training, and Grants for Activities in Keeping with the Objective of The Rotary Foundation, which was later called Matching Grants. | **1978:** Rotary introduced the Health, Hunger and Humanity (3-H) Grants. The first 3-H Grant funded a project to immunize 6 million Philippine children against polio. | **1985:** The PolioPlus program was launched to eradicate polio worldwide. | **1987-88:** The first peace forums were held, leading to Rotary Peace Fellowships. | **2014:** New district, global, and packaged grants enable Rotarians around the world to respond to the world’s greatest needs. Since the first donation of \$26.50 in 1917, the Foundation has received contributions totaling more than \$1 billion.

**Speaker:** Continued from Front

Jeff is retired from being a guidance counselor at Swarthmore-Wallingford School District (otherwise known as WSSD) who volunteered to tutor literacy at DCLC. Warren’s reading ability went from testing at 3rd grade level to 12th grade in one year because of Jeff’s tutoring and Warren’s diligence. It was a pleasure to meet Warren and Jeff and to hear how we can work to solve some of today’s problems one person at a time.

**Happy Dollars Total for 2015-16:**

**\$882**



2014-2015 total: \$3,168  
2013-14 total: \$2,493  
2012-13 Total: \$2,345  
2011-12 Total: \$2,311

(18,711 Children Immunized)

**All Proceeds go towards  
Polio Eradication.**

### Service Quotation

**“No act of Kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.”** - Aesop (620 B.C.–564 B.C.) Ancient Greek story teller credited with a number of fables now collectively known as Aesop’s Fables

### Rotary Celebrations

#### Birthday:

Nate Much	11/7
Rich Shimko	11/8

#### Member Anniversary:

Joe Lesniak, Dennis Hoffman  
Ken Wright, & Ed Jones 11/1

**Wedding Anniversary:** None



**Speaker: Arto Woodley**  
*Scholar in Residence*  
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