



CogNotes

The Rotary Club of Swarthmore
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March is Literacy Month

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

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Today's Program:

Dr. Julie Wollman, President of Widener University will talk about her vision for the University

Table Grace

Lord, we are of several persuasions and faiths, but we are one in recalling at this time that a man died on a cross for his conviction and for the love within his heart for others, "Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." Quicken within us firm resolution and solid purpose. Guard us from cheap compromises and the willingness to settle for the second best. Give us now grateful hearts for the blessings you bestow upon us here. Amen.

Rev. Dr. Frederick E. Christian

Coming Programs & Events

(All meetings at The Inn unless otherwise noted)

March 9 Jonathan Corle, Director of Corle Enterprises, LLC , a succession and exit planning firm "LANDING THE PLANE: Business and Career Transitions"

March 16 Greg Brown, Vice President for Finance and Administration at Swarthmore College
Classification Talk

**Know someone who has an interest in any of these topics? Invite them to the meeting!*

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Last Week's Program:

Janice Biros

by Rich Shimko

Rotary as a service organization manifests itself in many ways. One of these ways is Rotaplast, a Rotary-sponsored program that provides corrective surgery to children with cleft lip or cleft palate. Our speaker, Janice Biros of the Phoenixville Rotary Club, told us about Rotaplast. The impact of cleft lip or palate is permanent in many countries, because the victims are too poor to pay for corrective surgery and they suffer the ill effect of the birth defect their whole lives. Janice reported that in some countries, babies with the defects are abandoned by their parents.

Rotaplast consists of doctors, nurses and support personnel, all volunteers, who go on two-week missions to poor countries. Rotary pays for all supplies and other expenses that are not provided by the host country. Last year they went to Cumana, Venezuela. (continued on reverse)



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?

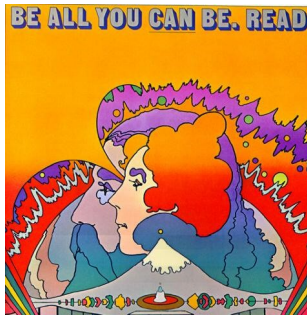


Guests:

Mike Litka (prospective member).

March is Rotary Literacy Month

More than 775 million people over the age of 15 are illiterate. That's 17 percent of the world's adult population. Rotary's goal is to strengthen the capacity of communities to support basic education and literacy, reduce gender disparity in education, and increase adult literacy.



How does Rotary meet that goal?

- Rotary members share their knowledge and experience with educators and other professionals who work with vulnerable populations. Locally, our club helps fight adult illiteracy through support and advocacy for the Delaware County Literacy Council, and members of our club have been readers in the Chester Charter School for the Arts Reading Beach Club.
- Globally, Rotary acts to empower educators to inspire learning at all ages, and invests by giving scholarships to students who have the potential to change our communities.
- The Rotary Foundation supports education through scholarships, donations, and service projects around the world.

Opening schools: In Afghanistan, Rotary members opened a girls' school to break the cycle of poverty and social imbalance.

Teaching adults to read: Rotary members in the United States partnered with ProLiteracy Detroit to recruit and train tutors after a study showed that more than half of the local adult population was functionally illiterate.

New teaching methods: The SOUNDS program in South Africa, Puerto Rico and the United States teaches educators how to improve literacy by teaching children to recognize letters by sounds instead of names.

Making schools healthy: Rotarians are providing clean, fresh water to every public school in Lebanon so students can be healthier and get a better education.

Update on Megan's Adventure

As reported in last week's Cognotes, District Governor Dave Haradon has been posting on the District website on the progress of Megan and her need for surgery to correct her scoliosis.

Megan has been accepted for Vertebral Body Tethering (VBT) surgical program at Children's Hospital sometime in May or June. Once surgery is completed, she is expected to be in the hospital for post-op recovery for 1-2 weeks at which time she will be dismissed. Thereafter, she will be able to go home to Wales and not return for hopefully a year. Megan will need a wheel chair after her surgery for a week or so. Ted Trevorow, who leads our Rotary District's "Project CURE" initiative will easily be able to obtain the wheelchair.

Ted Trevorow is investigating Megan's family housing situation during her return trip for surgery. The Ronald McDonald House is a probable opportunity. Once the family leaves Ronald McDonald House they will need housing for 2 adults and 3 girl children during her post-op, non-hospital portion of her recovery. For further updates and ways to help, please go to: <http://rotarydistrict7450.org/service/servicemegan/>.

The family has now returned to Wales, where Megan's father Philip is the "Constable" at the Dyfed Powys Police Department. Megan just wants to return to school, her gymnastic classes and her friends.

Janice Biros (Continued from Front)

The hospitals there were in very poor condition so the Rotaplast team had to provide all supplies. Janice showed us some very heartening before and after photographs of the children. The work of this team is changing the lives of hundreds of children and their families every year.

Happy Dollars 2016-17: \$1603

2015-2016 total: \$3,756
2014-2015 total: \$3,168
2013-14 total: \$2,493
2012-13 Total: \$2,345



(19,590 Children Immunized)

All Proceeds go towards
Polio Eradication.

Service Quotation

**"DO WHAT YOU CAN TO SHOW
THAT YOU CARE ABOUT OTHER
PEOPLE AND YOU WILL MAKE
OUR WORLD A BETTER
PLACE" -**

Rosalynn Carter, First Lady of the
United States from 1977 to 1981

Rotary Celebrations

Birthday:

None

Member Anniversary:

None

Wedding Anniversary:

None

DONATIONS NEEDED!



The CityTeam Ministries food pantry needs constant replenishing. If you can donate items such as: peanut butter, tuna fish

Please contact Cathy Darrell, who will transport any donated items.

Or just bring them to a meeting.