



# CogNotes

The Rotary Club of Swarthmore  
P.O. Box 4, Swarthmore, PA 19081  
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## April is Rotary Magazine Month

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

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## Today's Program:

Historian and author **Robyn S Young** on "Marking the Trail of Women's History"

## Table Grace

Amid the profusion of flowers this month, remind us, O Lord, of our daily dependence upon your goodness, not alone for the necessities we enjoy but for the beauty of fields and flowers. How can we return our thanks, except by the gift of caring concern for the good earth itself and for those within it who are denied so many blessings that we enjoy. Teach us so to number our days. Amen

Rev. Dr. Frederick E. Chrstian

## Coming Programs & Events

(All meetings at The Inn unless otherwise noted)

**May 4:** Gautier Joste, Swarthmore Rotary's Inbound Exchange Student from France

**May 11:** Pat Francher & Vince Barrett - Swarthmore21 Initiative

**May 18:** Public Interest Law Center of Philadelphia staff attorney Dan Urevick-Ackelsberg will address the impact of state and local funding of schools on real estate taxes.

**May 25:** Blue Rocks Game (no speaker)

**June 1:** Swarthmore Professor Syom Bhanot, will talk about his work with the City of Philadelphia.

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

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## Last Week's Program:

### Zane Memeger

by Lisa Lee

Zane Memeger has split his law career between private practice and the U.S. government. As a partner at the prestigious firm of Morgan Lewis, he handles a wide variety of litigation matters, but he spent more of his time with discussing his experience as the United States attorney for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. Zane was appointed by President Obama, and in a quirky twist of fate, he served concurrently with two of his law school roommates.



Zane described going after the Philadelphia mob, and his focus on police and government corruption. One of his stories involved the story of Chaka Fattah and how he went from a dedicated public servant to serving a prison sentence.

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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:** Heather Saunders, Shane Cameron, and Frances Sheehan, all prospective members

## **Women Have Come a Long Way in Rotary World**

By Joseph Batory, Delco Times Guest Columnist

It was an "earth-shaking" moment in the Rotary world. In 1978, the Rotary Club of Duarte (California) dared to admit women as members in violation of the Rotary International Constitution. As a result, the Rotary Club of Duarte was almost immediately terminated by Rotary International (March, 1978).

It then took a while for gender-based equality to prevail. The California courts went back and forth for several years regarding a lawsuit by the Rotary Club of Duarte against Rotary International. And finally, the United States Supreme Court in 1987 ruled that Rotary clubs could not exclude women. Things happened fast after that. By 1990, there were more than 20,000 female Rotary members. And currently there are more than 200,000 women Rotary members internationally.

There are 539 Rotary Districts in 200 countries that oversee the 34,000 local Rotary clubs, including Rotary District 7450 (the 50-plus clubs in Greater Philadelphia including those Rotary clubs in Delaware County). 103 of the 539 incoming governors for 2017-2018 are "women leaders who will help Rotary connect with, and represent, and better serve, all of the members of all our communities."

One of those new Rotary women leaders is Dawn deFuria from the Greater West Chester Sunrise Club. She will become the fourth female to be the governor of our area's Rotary District 7450. The others have been Bonnie Korengel (Longwood Rotary 2011-2012), Joan Batory (Philadelphia Rotary, 2010-2011) and Sandra Costanzo (Langhorne Rotary, 1999-2000).

Meanwhile, there are several female Rotarians who have reached the highest levels of Rotary International as officers. So how long before we see a woman president of Rotary International?

"I believe we'll see a female Rotary International president within the next five years," said Jennifer Jones, one of the four Rotary International current directors. "And this will happen because that woman is qualified and not because she is a woman. We now have a critical mass of women in Rotary who have served or currently serving with distinction as directors and one of them is going to achieve that post!"

Paul Harris, who founded Rotary way back in 1905, offered these prophetic words. "This is a changing world; we must be prepared to change with it. The story of Rotary will have to be written again and again!" It took a while to write this change and it wasn't easy... but today Rotarians around the world are celebrating 30 years of "Women in Rotary."

Rotary is currently one of the top humanitarian organizations in the world. Its more than one million members volunteer their expertise, compassion and power to improve communities at home and abroad in more than 200 countries and geographical areas.

Rotary members have contributed more than \$1.2 billion and countless volunteer hours to help immunize more than two billion children with polio vaccine in 122 countries. The disease is now 99 percent eliminated. Maternal and child health, clean water and sanitation, disease prevention and treatment and conflict resolution and peace building are Rotary's other top areas of focus.

*Joseph Batory is the former superintendent of the Upper Darby School District and a member of the Rotary Club of Philadelphia.*

## **Zane Memeger**

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Zane discussed his commitment to building trust between police and the communities they serve, which depends not only on supporting police officers but also on prosecuting those who commit crimes.

Zane also discussed the importance of supporting former inmates as they re-enter their communities. He is worried that the current administration philosophy is to focus more on punishment than rehabilitation and urged us as citizens to consider getting involved.

## **Happy Dollars 2016-17:**

**\$2265**



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**

## **Service Quotation**

**"EVERY ACTION IN OUR LIVES TOUCHES ON SOME CHORD THAT WILL VIBRATE IN ETERNITY"**

- Edwin Hubbel Chapin, American Preacher, Editor of the Christian Leader, and poet

## **Rotary Celebrations**

**Birthday:**

**None**

**Member Anniversary:**

**Dave Smith 5/1 (2 years)**

**Wedding Anniversary:**

**Theresa Hartzell 4/29**

**Lori Markusfeld 4/29**

**John Kaufman 4/30**

## **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.**