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The Rotary Club of Swarthmore
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March is Water and Sanitation Month

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Today's Program:

Bronwyn L. Martin, District Foundation Chair

Table Grace

In these days of self-examination and self-denial in which many in our society engage at this season, remind us of how subtly the best in us becomes eclipsed. Materialism and selfishness take over and we lose the vision of wonder for which you have created us. Lord, accept our grateful thanks for such times of renewal, and our gratitude for these blessings set before us. Amen.

Rev. Dr. Frederick E. Christian

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Coming Programs & Events

(All meetings at The Inn unless otherwise noted)

March 8: Flutist Audrey Emata, of Wallingford

March 15: Swarthmore Professor Tyrene White: Disaster: Politics & Policy

March 22: Beth Murray: Swarthmore Centennial Foundation's visioning report

March 29: Anita Barrett, Swarthmore Town Center Coordinator

June 24-27: RI Convention, Toronto

April 28: Annual "Kick out Polio" Union Soccer Match

February 22, 2018 Speaker:

Dr. John Davies

by Rich Shimko

Dr. John Davies of Widener University told us how George Washington unwittingly lit the match that started the seven-year war between the English and French in 1754. Washington did not exactly cover himself in glory since he was on the losing side in both campaigns in which he was involved. In fact, John told a story of one blunder after another. On the other hand, when the leaders of the colonial rebellion were looking for someone to lead the new continental army in 1775, Washington was the only person with any significant experience.



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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



Guests:

None

Rotary gives \$53.5 million to help eradicate polio

With 22 confirmed cases in 2017 to date, and just one case in 2018, the world is on the brink of eradicating polio, a vaccine-preventable disease that once paralyzed hundreds of thousands of children each year.

Rotary is giving \$53.5 million in grants to support immunization and surveillance activities led by the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI).

More than half of the funds will support efforts to end polio in two of the three countries where polio remains endemic:

- Afghanistan: \$12.03 million
 - Pakistan: \$19.31 million
- Further funding will support efforts to keep 10 vulnerable countries polio-free:
- Cameroon: \$1.61 million
 - Central African Republic: \$428,000
 - Chad: \$2.33 million
 - The Democratic Republic of Congo: \$6.48 million
 - Ethiopia: \$1.82 million
 - Iraq: \$2 million
 - Niger: \$1.71 million
 - Somalia: \$3.29 million
 - South Sudan: \$835,300
 - Syria: \$428,000

An additional \$731,338 will fund research to be conducted by the World Health Organization (WHO), and another \$518,000 will go toward technical assistance in West and Central Africa.

While significant strides have been made against the disease, polio remains a threat in hard-to-reach and underserved areas and conflict zones. Despite a historically low case count, as long as a single child has polio, all children are at risk, which underscores the need for continued funding and political commitment to eradication.

Rotary has committed to raising \$150 million over the next three years, which will be matched 2-to-1 by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, yielding \$450 million for polio eradication activities, including immunization and surveillance.

February 8, 2018 Speaker: Dr. John Davies

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Joe Lesniak commented during the Q&A that Washington mostly continued his losing streak of battles during the Revolutionary War but kept the Army together long enough to win the war when the French came in on our side. Although John stated that Washington's expedition was the event that triggered the war, it appears that the war between the French and English was probably inevitable because their claims in North America overlapped. Working out disagreements between countries is a skill that is still eluding us today.

Happy Dollars 2017-18:

\$2819



2016-2017 total: \$3,756

2015-2016 total: \$3,756

2014-2015 total: \$3,168

2013-14 total: \$2,493

(21,025 Children Immunized)

All Proceeds go towards

Service Quotation

“The supreme quality for leadership is unquestionable integrity. Without it, no real success is possible, no matter whether it is on a section gang, a football field, in an army, or in an office.”

Dwight D. Eisenhower - 34th President of the United States of America

Rotary Celebrations

Birthday:

None

Member Anniversary:

John Kaufman 3/1 (37 yrs)

Putty Willietts 3/1 (23 yrs)

Wedding Anniversary:

None

PEANUT BUTTER DAY!

When: Every 1st Thursday of the month



Please bring a jar of peanut butter to every first Thursday meeting. Cathy Darrell will