



# Swarthmore Rotary Cog Notes

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December 10, 2020

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## Service Quotation

"Everybody can be great...because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love."  
Martin Luther King Jr.

## Rotary Celebrations!

### Birthdays

Lori Markusfeld  
December 10th  
John R. Kaufman  
December 13th

## Meetings and Events

December

10th - [Meeting](#)

Speaker: Cory Long, Founder, Making A Change  
Subject: Tackling Gun Violence in Chester

17th - [Meeting](#)

Speaker: The Silvertones and The CADES' "Golden Tongues"  
Subject: Holiday Singing

24th - No Meeting

## Table Grace

By Frederick E. Christian

**Lord, you know that we live in tension between the past and the future. Teach us never to lose sight of the value of the present. It is the bridge over which we must pass. May we not spend so much time looking back or daydreaming about the future that we miss the golden moment you are giving us today. 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?

## Last Meeting Summary

**The main points of Geoffrey Woglom's talk on the economy are: the stimulus package passed in the spring was good and more stimulus would be better. Geoffrey is a retired professor of economics and spoke on What's Next for the Economy. He said the economy's nosedive in March was severe. Spending dropped by 30%. Spending mostly recovered in the third quarter but is still 5% below where it was before the slump. Geoffrey said the recovery was greatly helped by the stimulus package. He thought some of the components of the package, such as the checks to individuals, were very helpful. Other components, such as grants to businesses, were not useful because of inefficiency and bias in selecting companies to aid. His biggest complaint against the stimulus was that it ended too soon. He said that high unemployment will be a drag on any recovery. For this reason, another stimulus package is necessary. He didn't think another stimulus would pass this year because the two sides in Congress will not agree to a compromise. In reply to a question, Geoffrey said we should not be too concerned about the increased federal budget deficits that would be exacerbated by another stimulus. He said interest rates are low so the interest cost of the national debt is not onerous. He said doing too little is a bigger danger than doing too much. By this he meant: it is more important to stimulate the economy than to worry about the debt.**

## Swarthmore Rotary's grant to Lifewerks

## Wedding Anniversaries

Stephen B. Laxton  
December 16th

Years of Service

No Years Of Service Found

## Happy Dollars

pledge \$1542

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

No Guests



**From Bill Hale:**

**I am giving \$2,500 check to Joy Kieffer who runs the Lifewerks Food Pantry to buy food to give out for Thanksgiving. The pantry is located in the basement of the Foundry Church in the Garden City section of Nether Providence Township.**

**Here is an excerpt from a previous description of Lifewerks that Bill submitted to Cognotes:**

**The Foundry Church is located at 25 Cedar Lane in Garden City, which is a lower income area compared to most of Nether Providence Township, and also serves families from neighboring municipalities including Brookhaven and Chester. Lifewerks is a registered 501.c.3 organization which has been operating a food pantry for about seven years and is led by Joy Kieffer, last week's Rotary speaker. Joy is the wife of Chuck Kieffer, the Pastor at The Foundry Church. Associate Pastor Michael "Hair" Kelly also helps oversee the operation of the pantry, which is open Tuesday night from 6:30 to 8:00 pm , Friday night from 4:00 to 6:00 pm and by appointment. During the pandemic, families are encouraged to fill out their order list online and submit via email, although many simply mark up the list on site. Families wait outside in the parking lot while volunteers fill their order requests inside the pantry. Families are asked to limit their visit to once per week. During the Covid-19 pandemic, the food pantry has been overwhelmed by increased needs within the community for food due to high unemployment levels and reduced economic activity. The project will provide funds so that the pantry can purchase food staples to help stock its shelves during the pandemic.**