



Swarthmore Rotary Cog Notes

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Service Quotation

"The human brain is a complex organ with the wonderful power of enabling man to find reasons for continuing to believe whatever it is that he wants to believe."
Voltaire

Rotary Celebrations!

Birthdays

Gladys D. Snively
January 8th

Wedding Anniversaries

Meltem Pusat Gonnella
January 12th

Meetings and Events

January

7th - [Club Meeting](#)
Speaker: Viktoriia Zakharova, student Swarthmore College
Subject: Rotary Grant Report
14th - [Club Meeting](#)
Speaker: Marty Spiegel, Mayor, Swarthmore
Subject: Town Topics
21st - [Club Meeting](#)
Speaker: Jeannine Osayande & Dunya Performing Arts Company
Subject: Making A Homeplace: Stories From The Historically Black Neighborhood of Swarthmore

Table Grace

By Frederick E. Christian

Lord of all ages, we have entered a New Year filled with uncertainty as well as opportunity. Make us aware of the certainty of your presence in all things, that we may be resolute and calm. Use Rotary, far and wide, to forge bonds of understanding. 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

To the many images that I will remember from the year 2020, John Shankweiler has added one more. John showed us a video he made of the Strath Haven High School Silvertones forming a big circle outside in the cold singing "Carol of the Bells". We could barely see the individual singers as John panned the camera around the large circle. Wind noise almost overpowered the sound of the singers. The video made me miss the live concerts the Silvertones have been performing for us every year at CADES. I still appreciated their effort.

John explained some of the difficulties he has had to deal with this year. As we have discovered, only one person can speak on ZOOM at a time. At the beginning of the pandemic, he conducted on-line singing classes. Students had to sing one at a time to back-up music they individually downloaded from the internet. When the school finally reopened for in-school sessions, students in the choir had to stay 20' apart. John explained that he and the administration felt that the choir was the most high risk activity in the school. Safety was enhanced by the purchase of special singing masks. A singing mask allows the wearer to take deeper breaths than with a regular mask. John's observation was that his students who are reaching out for something to do are doing well, those that are not are struggling.

Julie Allmand gave us an update on what is happening at CADES. She said the residents are staying

Years of Service

Kathryn Jones
01-11-2018
3 Years

Happy Dollars

pledge \$1736

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

Julie Allmand (CADES)
Linton Stables (Greg's husband)

in their group homes and not coming to the main facility during the day. They are participating in a lot more video activities.

John said a number of his singers said their biggest disappointment was not being able to perform their Christmas concert at CADES. We in Rotary certainly were disappointed as well.

New Year's Messages

Mike Malone:

One day at a time; count your blessings.

Perri Evanson:

Fellow Rotarians: Hoping the 4-Way test becomes common practice in 2021!

All the best, Perri

George Whitfield:

It costs nothing to be kind. Looking forward to a year of kindness, understanding and love.

Barbara Amstutz:

Here are a couple of predictions:

1. The GOAT effect will take hold - Get Out and Travel will take effect. This past year experienced mostly no gym, dining out and travel, therefore pent-up demand in 2021 for leisure travel starting in June, such that business travel will be significantly reduced.
2. Swift adoption of remote work will continue through 2021, with vaccines required before coming back to work.
3. More focus and commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion policies
4. School will open normally in the fall.
5. Covid restrictions like indoor gathering size limitations, masking, will not go away until June or July or even later.

Hope you are enjoying the holiday

Ray Hopkins:

HNY. The lights at the end of this year's tunnel of difficulties include: a dearth of virus, violence and views about the last President. [T-word]. To that end we look forward to wearing masks, getting a vaccination and marketing an ap that blocks any message with the not-to-be-mentioned word in it! If the latter is a money-maker, all proceeds to Rotary??

Barbara Whitaker-Shimko

Whenever possible, I think it would be great for Rotarians to reach out to another member by phone or email each week. It really raises my spirits when I hear from another member.

Cathy Darrell:

Not sure I have much to predict, perhaps just hope for a moderation to our nation's angst. On a lighter note, NYE was our 44th consecutive Monopoly night with Chris' best friend Roger. Other friends have joined us many times, but Roger is steadfast. This year's game was done over Zoom...and I WON !!