

# Swarthmore Rotary Cog Notes



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## September 26, 2019

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## **Service Quotation**

"I cannot do all the good that the world needs. But the world needs all the good that I can do." Jana Stanfield, musician

**Rotary Celebrations!** 

**Birthdays** 

No Birthdays Found

**Wedding Anniversaries** 

No Wedding Anniversaries Found

**Years of Service** 

No Years Of Service Found

**Happy Dollars** 

## **Meetings and Events**

#### September

26th - Meeting

Speaker: Joanne D. Craig, MS, Vice President for Programs, The Foundation for Delaware Co

Subject: The Foundation for Delaware County, Your Community Foundation

October

3rd - Meeting

Speaker: Marty Spiegel, Mayor of Swarthmore Borough

Subject: State of Affairs of Swarthmore Borough

10th - Meeting

Speaker: Kevin Skoglund, Chief Technologist

**Subject: Citizens for Better Elections** 

17th - Meeting

Speaker: Peter Mardinly, District 7450 Governor

**Subject: Meeting Address** 

#### **Table Grace**

By Frederick E. Christian

Thank you, God, for another opportunity to renew our friendships in Rotary, to reaffirm our belief in one another and the great company of all Rotarians. Help us to catch a fresh vision of what a force we are and can be together. Bless us as together we receive renewal of body, mind, and spirit around these tables. 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 last time Tim Kearney spoke at Rotary, he came as a candidate for office. Now he is State Senator Kearney. His victory is an indication of the changing political climate in Delaware County, since he is only the second Democrat elected in our District, the 26th, since the district was established. It would seem

that the work of a minority party senator is frustrating. Of the 200+ bills that Senator Tim has co-sponsored or signed, only two have become law. One bill he seemed particularly proud of would, if ever enacted, remove the statute of limitation on sexual abuse crimes going forward. Senator Tim explained that so far, the insurance companies have succeeded in blocking the proposed legislation because they are worried about liability costs. One frustrating area is fracking. As explained by Senator Tim, nothing will be done regarding additional regulating or taxing of fracking while the Republican party controls the PA legislature. He said he wishes fracking had never started in PA. One initiative he is hopeful about is a hemp processing plant in Delaware County to make material for biodegradable plastics.

Although Senator Tim laments the political partisanship in Harrisburg, he said he frequently talks to Republican Senators in private places such as the Senate dinning room. He is good friends with Republican Senator Tom Killion. He welcomes communications from his constituents but recommends hand written letters instead of form letters or emails.

\$873

2019-20 Happy Dollars for Polio Plus Fund (\$3 to fully protect one child)

> 2018-19 total: \$3,845 2017-18 total: \$4,515 2016-17 total: \$3,756

## **Guests Last Meeting**

Jim Snively (Gladys' husband)

## **Mark Your Calendars:**

Yard clean-up at CADES house Sat., Sept 28, 9:00 am

Phone bank WHYY Sat., Oct. 26

# **Comments by Rotarians and Others on Ed Jones**

#### **Betty Ann Flynn:**

Ed was the guest speaker about 11 years ago. His topic was the Nuremburg Trials. He was so proud to be asked by Supreme Court Justice John Roberts to be part of the trial preparations which took place in 1945. Ed was a recent graduate of Penn Law class of 1942 and was charged with the responsibility of sorting massive amounts of files on the accused German generals. His wife Donna Kay I am sure has the files that Ed retained from the trial.

Mike Malone:

I remember his talk about climbing to the top of each highest peaks of the states. Able to do four states which I believe were the Carolinas Kentucky and Tennessee. He reminded us during meetings to not politicize the meeting by having only one candidate from one party.

He chastised the college on several occasions for thoughtless ideas which were contrary to their Quaker values.

#### **Gudmund Iversen:**

We arrived in Swarthmore as a blended family. When it came time to enroll the children in school, Ed gave us the good legal advice to list all our children as Iversens, even though that was not the real name of all of them. "You can call your children anything you want!" he told us! He was a good lawyer for us. Brian Craig:

Ed was a former Swarthmore mayor and very supportive of the police department which I appreciated. He was extremely helpful in getting funding for the DARE program through the Centennial Foundation. When I was a new police chief he provided valuable guidance about Swarthmore. I greatly appreciated all he did. Ray Hopkins:

I do not have a classic story. I do have memories of Ed from the late 1960s on. He was always warm, gracious and unpretentious. As such, he was readily approachable without notice though as an honored and successful member of the community he could easily have expected substantial deference. He led his class march at reunions at Swarthmore with pride, not pomp!

In his last years I found giving him an occasional ride to his law office, the career that was always central to his character, was amply repaid in his stories about engaging moments in his legal experiences.

#### Marty Spiegel:

I've known Ed for many years. ...His passion for Swarthmore was enormous and far reaching.

#### John Kauffman:

I met Ed Jones at a Swarthmore Rotary luncheon in 1981, when Toni and I moved to Swarthmore. I was involved with Ed in the setting up of the Swarthmore Rotary Trust. He was a member of our very small "Rotarian Book Club" ...Ed, Ray Condren, Kevin Cadigan, and myself. We met monthly in Media, always in a restaurant near the First Keystone Bank, and I got to know Ed personally as a warm and caring individual, and always a gentleman. He loved Swarthmore and was surprised when he learned that Toni and I were moving to Maris Grove — because Ed "would never leave Swarthmore, and would NEVER move to a retirement community." He was close to a father figure to me, and I will miss him very much, as will anyone who knew him.

Nancy Jonaitis (paralegal at Ed's law firm from a tribute written on Ed's 100th birthday)

When asked, "How are you doing?" Edmund ones will smile and tell you, "Oh, I'm chuqqin' along."

When asked, "What is your secret to longevity?" he responds "I never smoked or drank alcohol." (This writer would venture a guess that it is his good genes, positive attitude, and staying active; (and his kind a caring soul enhances his perpetual positivity and good genes!)

On any given day of the week, including some weekends, if you drop by the Offices at Ten Beatty Road in Media, you may see him "chuggin' along" in his law office. I have been blessed to know and work with this gently giant of a man for more than 20 years and look forward to seeing him gently "chuggin' along' in happiness and good health for many years to come.