



# Swarthmore Rotary Cog Notes

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Happy Dollars

pledge \$2,755  
2021-2022 \$4,476

Rotary Celebrations!

Birthdays

Raymond F. Hopkins

## Meetings and Events

February 9th  
Swarthmore Weekly Club Meeting (Inn)  
Speaker: Dr. Mark Hopkins, Director, Moody's Analytics  
Subject: The Post Pandemic Economy

February 16th  
Swarthmore Weekly Club Meeting (Inn)  
Speaker: Dr. Joyce Shin, Pastor, Swarthmore Presbyterian Church  
Subject: What I Have Learned about the Church in Community

February 14th  
Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry of Prospect Hill Baptist Church

February 23rd  
Swarthmore Weekly Club Meeting (Inn)  
Speaker: Owen Powell, Pa State Overdose Task Force  
Subject: Trends in Substance Use and Addiction

## Service Quotation

Volunteers are the only human beings on the face of the earth who reflect this nation's compassion, unselfish caring, [patience](#), and just plain loving one another.

Erma Bombeck

## 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?

## Club News

**Dave Firm reminded us about helping at the food pantry on February 14. Please refer to Heather Saunder's email of 1/31/23 for details.**

**Heather asked us to help Julie Millward recover from a broken ankle. Julie will not be able to walk for several weeks and she is requesting visits from Rotarians. See Heather's email of 2/1/23 for instructions on how to sign up.**

**Barbara Whitaker-Shimko presented Rotary Foundation pins to four Rotarians to honor their achievement of higher level donations to the Foundation. Those honored were Bill Hale, Joe Lesniak, Jane Billings, and George Whitfield. In addition, Jane attained membership as a Paul Harris Fellow.**



## Last Meeting Summary

**Three Rotarians gave their Classification talks: Dorothy Gelb, Andrew Bunting, and Jim Snively.**

**Dorothy Gelb**

**Dorothy Lee Gatewood Gelb has been associated with Swarthmore Rotary for many years. Her father, Lee Gatewood, was President of Swarthmore Rotary in 1969-70. Of course, her husband Marv has been a long-**

February 15th

## Wedding Anniversaries

No Wedding Anniversaries Found

## Years of Service

No Years Of Service Found

## Guests Last Meeting

Jessica Donohue  
Shirley Hsia

time member and was President in 2010-11. Dorothy finally became a member herself last year. As she said “Now it is my turn, you have my heart”.

Dorothy told us she grew up at 104 Elm Ave. in Swarthmore. After graduating from William Wood University, she was a teacher in Iowa for six years. She then followed her Father’s example by going into real estate. Dorothy then worked at New York Life, where she met Marv. The two of them eventually moved back to Swarthmore into a house her Father had built years before. She said when they first met Marv asked her to come up to his apartment to see his computer. Apparently that line worked because here they are years later.

### Andrew Bunting

You all have probably heard the saying “A person is lucky if their hobby is also their job”. That describes Andrew Bunting. Andrew told us his interest in plants started as a child in the Midwest. After obtaining a degree in horticulture, Andrew joined the Scott Arboretum in 1986. He worked at the Arboretum for 27 years, leaving in 2015 for a job in Illinois. Andrew moved back to this area in 2019 to become Vice President of Horticulture at Pennsylvania Horticultural Society (PHS). One of PHS’s activities is sponsoring 170 community gardens in the Greater Philadelphia region.

Andrew said he loves connecting people through gardening. As you are probably aware, he currently writes a weekly column in the Swarthmorean about plants. He told us he has been pleased to see former students move on to positions of horticultural authority, including at the White House. Andrew’s love of plants has inspired countless Swarthmoreans over the years.

### Jim Snively

Another example of having a career focus is Jim Snively. He became interested in computers at Drexel as an undergraduate and has continued with it ever since. He mentioned working with a computer that was developed in the 1950s. Clearly Jim has seen a great deal of development of modern computers. He said that a smart phone has more computing power than a room-sized computer he worked with early in his career.

Jim grew up in Upper Darby. He was an Eagle Scout and attended Scouting Jamboree for four years. After a stint in the Air Force, Jim got a Ph.D. at the University of Maryland in Applied Math, with a focus on computers. Eventually Jim moved to Swarthmore and became a computer consultant. One of Jim’s clients was his wife, Gladys. He developed a computerized accounting system for her accounting office.

Just as you can never be too rich, Swarthmore Rotary can never have too many computer experts. Jim makes one more.





### Growing up in Swarthmore

The three speakers were invited to tell a story about themselves. Here is the first one.

#### Growing up in Swarthmore - Dorothy Gelb

We moved into Swarthmore in 1950. My father was a mechanical engineer and had served in the Air Force at Wright Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton Ohio during the war. His parents were Dr. Lee Gatewood and Grace B. Gatewood at Chicago Presbyterian Hospital. Dad grew up in Highland Park, a block from Lake Michigan and grew up sailing any chance he could get on Lake Michigan. Dad attended University of Illinois in Champaign and met my Mother while serving on an internship at Westinghouse in Boston. Mom lived in Hyde Park, near Boston. After a time in the Chicago area, Dad ended up being transferred by Carrier Corporation to a business in Camden. Dad was told to settle his family in Swarthmore to assure a fine education for his family.

We lived at 104 Elm Avenue and could get to school in about a 3 minute walk. When we started school, Nancy and I were in the 3rd and 1st grades. Linda was 2, Peggy was born in 1953 and the only boy came along in 1955. All the teachers had each of us in turn. We all attended K-12 in the College Avenue School building. We were Daddy's little girls and every Easter lined up under the Magnolia trees at the College for a picture in our Easter bonnets, matching dresses made by Momma and our patent leather shoes and white gloves. Lee was dressed in a suit appropriate for the occasion. At Christmas we always put the Christmas tree up on Christmas Eve with Momma passing out the tinsel, one strand at a time, after all the balls were on the tree. We would have hot dogs cooked in the fireplace, and Nancy would often play Christmas Carols for all to sing around the piano in the living room. Santa always came to visit -even when we came back with the grandchildren. By then, brother Lee had become a part of the Brotherhood of Santas and had participated in a variety of ways known only to Santa. Christmases were really special.

One Christmas Carrier wanted Dad to move to headquarters (in Syracuse, NY). My father decided not to move us. He went back to Real Estate School, told us we were to make each other's Christmas gifts and we did. He taught us all how to do something that would make that possible. He taught me how to work the Jigsaw Machine and I made jigsaw puzzles of pictures my brothers and sisters would like. My sister Nancy knitted scarves and gloves, and Mom helped us all make cards out of doilies, paper and fabric. Momma helped sew various items - tablecloths and clothing. We never forgot that Christmas and Daddy passed his Real Estate Exam and went to work for Ed Noyes.

We always had the entire neighborhood in our backyard because Dad had built a Sliding Board, Swing set, Merry Go Round, a playhouse that had electricity and Dutch door on the front as well as shutters, shingles on the roof. When my brother was growing up, Dad built him a barn with electricity and a loft where he could read and hangout. Mom and Dad wanted to know where we were. With all of those things in our backyard, we had the neighbors here happily. Even the Kindergarten would walk up the street to play occasionally.

Mom and Dad were on the AFS Exchange Students committee. We almost always had an exchange student during the years one of us was a Senior. The student from England that we had an exchange program with was Stella Waite. Stella lived with us when Nancy was a Senior. Asta Fels was my exchange Sister from Sweden and I went to the prom with Takemichi Hara from Japan, who was also here my Senior year. My Sister Linda had Ornella DeZordo from Italy and Sister Peggy went to England as an Exchange Student one year.