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The Thoughtful Philanthropist: Civic Reflection Discussion Group

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Syllabus

- February 25** "What I learned from My Mother" by Julia Kasdorf; poem that explores author's family tradition of giving passed from mother to daughter (from *Talking Giving* reader).
- March 30** "The Four Traditions of Philanthropy" by Elizabeth M. Lynn and D. Susan Wisely; essay names distinct philosophies in the history of American philanthropy and calls for increased civic engagement in philanthropic efforts (from *Talking Giving* reader).
- April 29** "Another Case of Ingratitude" by John Reed; short story about expectations of donors in relationships with those to whom they give (from *The Perfect Gift*).
- May 18** "The Eleventh" by Henri Barbusse; a short story that raises the classic dilemma funders face – deciding to whom and how much to give in a world of (virtually) limitless needs. (from *Talking Giving* reader).
- June 22 *** "Spur of the Moment" by Sarah Orne Jewett, a short story that invites reflection on the philanthropic value of impulse giving and how to evaluate philanthropic deeds (from *The Perfect Gift*). * Reading may change to address topics, interests that emerge during our discussions.