



The Rotary Club of Swarthmore April 23, 2009

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APRIL IS MAGAZINE MONTH

Today's Program

April 23 - Richard Vallely, Political Science Department, Swarthmore College, "Hasta La Vista John Yoo and Dick Cheney."

Future Programs and Events

April 30 - Rudy Rubeis,

Superintendent, Swarthmore-Wallingford School System – "The State of the District"

May 7 David Swanson, Philadelphia Inquirer Staff Photographer, "My Life in Pictures: Ground Zero, Afganistan and Iraq."

Table Grace

Creator of life, we thank you that you have put us on this planet earth where we can work with you to make it better. Grant that in our daily labor we may maintain the importance of making a life and not just a living. We believe this is Rotary's high purpose, not alone for us but for all humankind. Help us to fulfill it and accept our gratitude for this time of renewal and refreshment of mind, heart and body for this lofty end. Amen.





Our speaker was Pat Whitehair who educated us about Autism. Pat is with the Davidson School, West Chester. She has 34 years in the field.

Autism used to be diagnosed at the rate of 1 in 10,000 now it is 1 in 150. It is a brain disorder but not psychological. While the specific cause is still a mystery the characteristics and therapies are known and evolving. The Davidson School uses evidence based practices that retrain parts of the brain. These children need to learn things that most children learn naturally. The goal is to make them as independent as possible.

The Rotarian's 4-Way Test

Of the things we think, say or do

 Is it the TRUTH?
Is it FAIR to all concerned?
Will it build GOODWILL and better FRIENDSHIPS?
Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?





WHAT A BEAUTIFUL DAY! WHAT A FUN TIME! WHAT A BLESSING TO HAVE YOU ALL TO THANK FOR THIS SUCCESS! perri

FYI....

Ken Wright, our intrepid Fun Fair Leader is not here today, because Mary's FINALLY getting surgery done on her neck. She went in early this morning, and will have 2 surgeons caring for her. Wish her and Ken your best, please. (perri again)

FAIRMOUNT Arts Crawl

In 2004, Fairmount businesses agreed to open their spaces on the last Sunday in April as a neighborhood-wide celebration of spring and exhibition of wares. The idea became a small tradition and is now a serious organized happening - <u>The Fairmount Arts</u> <u>Crawl</u>.

From 2-6pm on Sunday the 26th, about forty rooms open their doors for the Crawl's fifth afternoon. Never seen the sun set at Bridgid's or Era Bar? Never spoken in ancient tongues with <u>La</u> Chouffe at the Belgian Cafe?

Never had an extremely welldressed guy try to steal your date as you walk past <u>Jack's Firehouse</u> on your way to salvage your brain at Little Pete's?

For one night, you can combine all of these classic Fairmount nightlife opportunities with the goodwill of the neighborhood, performers and jugglers(?!) in the parks, and the work of something like fifty local artists up on all of the walls.

Complete event and artist listings are on the <u>Arts Crawl website</u>. If you don't feel like setting an agenda, showing up near 20th and Fairmount and slowly heading west will be a sure shot for a fine afternoon. Fairmount Arts Crawl Sunday April 26th 2-6pm www.fairmountartscrawl.org



Wondering where your fellow Rotarians got those spiffy shirts? Well, wonder no more. If enough club members are interested Perri will find a new vendor (the old one closed), and order some shirts.

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