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The Rotary Club of Swarthmore

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Table Grace

As we pause to give thanks for the present fellowship of Rotary, and for those in earlier years who had a vision and persisted in it, keep us faithful to the trust they have given us. And renew us here as we meet together in mind, body, and spirit to serve you, Lord. Amen.

The Rev. Dr. Frederick E. Christian

Last Week:

Roger Valley, Political Science Professor from Swarthmore College, spoke to us about the public's evolving opinions on the subject of torture. He cited research from various pollsters to show that the public's opposition to torture has lessened since 9/11. One poll showed a nuanced view toward various forms of aggressive interrogation indicating that the electorate has differentiated between each form. There is also a difference seen as to whether the subject of the investigation was a U.S. citizen or not.

APRIL IS MAGAZINE MONTH

Today's Program

April 30 - Rudy Rubeis,
Superintendent, Swarthmore-Wallingford School System –
“The State of the District”



Pledge of Allegiance

Senator McCain opposes torture claiming it is a matter of national honor. He was sustained during his captivity by the idea that he came from a country that did not torture.

Future Programs and Events

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

May 14 - Mark Kuperberg, Economics Department, Swarthmore College, On the Economy

The Rotarian's 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?

World of Work
Volunteers for this event should be at the Swarthmore Elementary School on Friday, May 1.

SAVE THE DATE!!!!!!
Installation Day: June 10

In 1923, Who Was.....

- > 1. President of the largest steel company?
- > 2. President of the largest gas company?
- > 3. President of the New York Stock Exchange?
- > 4. Greatest wheat speculator?
- > 5. President of the Bank of International Settlement?
- > 6. Great Bear of Wall Street?
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- > These men were considered some of the worlds most successful of their days.
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- > Now, 80 years later, the history book asks us, if we know
- > what ultimately became of them.
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- > 1. The president of the largest steel company.
- > Charles Schwab,
- > died a pauper.
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- > 2. The president of the largest gas company,
- > Edward Hopson,
- > went insane.
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- > 3. The president of the NYSE,
- > Richard Whitney,
- > was released from prison
- > to die at home.
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- > 4. The greatest wheat speculator,
- > Arthur Cooger,
- > died abroad, penniless.
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- > 5. The President of
- > the Bank of International Settlement,
- > shot himself.
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- > 6. The Great Bear of Wall Street,
- > Cosabee Livermore ,
- > also committed suicide.
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- > However,
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- > in that same year,
- > 1923,

- > the PGA Champion and
- > the winner of the
- > most important golf tournament,
- > the US Open, was
- > Gene Sarazen.
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- > What became of him?
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- > He played golf until he was 92,
- > died in 1999 at the age of 95.
- > He was financially secure
- > at the time of his death.
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- > The Moral:
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- > Screw work.
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- > Play golf.

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New Water Building in Belize

