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## The Rotary Club of Swarthmore May 14, 2009

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### Table Grace

Lord God, we are aware that life is lived but one day at a time, so we reach our goals. Grant us, too, the longer view that we may not be so bound to the present that we lose sight of the larger purpose. Give us, through Rotary, the "Vision Splendid" as we deal with the rough and tumble of daily living. Thank you. Lord, for the gift of life today. Amen.

The Rev. Dr. Frederick E. Christian



**Last Week's Speaker  
David Swanson**

Again your intrepid editor and her faithful ghost writer missed the meeting and another interesting talk!

### MAY IS MONTH

### Today's Program

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



### Pledge of Allegiance

### Future Programs and Events

**May 21 – Michael Smith,**  
Project Forward Leap, Summer Institute

**May 28 – Anne Hansen,** Update on Belize Water Project.

### 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?

### From Betty Anne

Our District 7450 Assembly is Tuesday, May 19, 2009 at Delaware County Community College on Route 252 in Media. You can park in the upper lot and registration will be in the building directly below that lot. The Conference is from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM. I would like each of you to attend if only for one or two sessions (hopefully the afternoon).

The training sessions will include the following: Club Administration, Membership, Public Relations, Service Projects and the Rotary Foundation. This assembly is held once per year and really very informative. I especially would like those of you who have not as yet attended a District event to please try to attend.

Thanks in advance.

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

**"The world is a book, and those who do not travel read only a page."**

**-- Saint Augustine**

## **Friday, May 01, 2009 Happy Labor Day from Belize from Anne Hansen**

Happy Labor Day from Belize (a government holiday) This has definitely been a day of labor for our team working as they build the puzzle that is the system, as well as working with the children and mother's here in Yalbac. The best news of the day is-- we now have water in one tank and the water system is almost finished!

Chuck and I have been building a relationship with the community which has been fun and rewarding. The small village of Yalbac has 17 families, a church, a two room school house with 12 students 1 teacher and the principal. Family Grouping is at it's core. Everyone is a cousin or sibling most come from large families. The children care for each other and treat each other with warmth and affection. The older children have been quite helpful, not only with their siblings, but also helping me with projects. It is fun to once again be back in the classroom watching the younger children following directions and learning from the older children as they color, cut and paste. One of the older boys helped by reading one our new books (from the Del. Valley Reading Council) to the whole group in Spanish. The crafts and projects have varied from creating play dough germs, coloring a creation picture, learning new songs-even singing in rounds. Yesterday we spent two hours together and today four hours plus. We have been enjoying the time together.

All the individuals we have met have been very generous and welcoming. It has been an honor to work with the Mother's developing "the each one, teach one" concept as they learn about the system and the responsibilities they will have to keep it running. They have dreamed of the day that their village would have clean pure water.

All of God's children deserve clean water.  
Anne Hansen

## **AND FROM CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE PROJECT'S WATER**

Yesterday we drank clean water, prayers of thanks we're raised, children sang, speeches were made and a few tears were shed. For me the biggest "Hallelujah" moment is captured in the pictures below. After the ceremony / service I was prepared to play tour guide and explain the water treatment system to the villagers and guests. I got myself a glass of punch and to my joy and surprise, Mirna had gathered Victor Tut and a group of villagers to explain the system.

A few minutes later she was joined by Harrison inside the building. They were speaking in Spanish but it appeared that they were sharing the explanation tasks equally.

We leave tomorrow. The system is now theirs. Whether they have clean water in the future is now up to them. With God's help I have no doubt they'll do it.

Let Clean Water Flow!

## **Gundaker Foundation**

Today starts the beginning of our annual Gundaker Foundation Sustaining Membership solicitation campaign.

What Does the Gundaker Foundation Do?

The Gundaker Foundation provides a maximum of \$1,000 in matching grants to clubs within our district, No. 7450, that apply for local or international service projects.

**Our Swarthmore Club was the beneficiary of a \$1,000 matching grant from Gundaker in 2008 that funded our Belize Water Project.**

The Gundaker Foundation provides both Undergraduate and Graduate educational grants. Gundaker also provides educational grants to foreign students attending post secondary educational institutions in the district.

Last year, only about one-third of Swarthmore Club members supported the work of Gundaker with a Sustaining Membership contribution. Let's improve on that with 100% participation by writing a check for an amount that you can afford to "Gundaker Foundation," and either handing it to Harry Urian, our club's Gundaker representative, at the next Rotary meeting, or mail it to: Gundaker Foundation  
In Care Of/Harry Urian

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