

# CogNotes



**The Rotary Club of Swarthmore**  
**August 6, 2009**  
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## Today's Program:

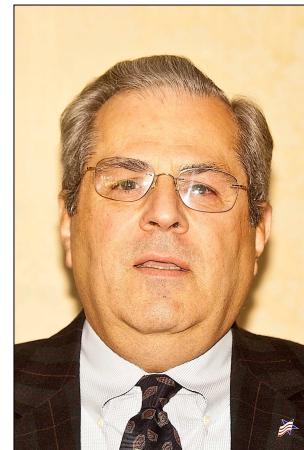
**Hansjakob Werlen,**  
**Professor, Swarthmore College,**  
**Slow Food**

## Table Grace

Lord, we are grateful for this season that affords opportunity for a change of pace and scenery.

As we go our separate ways from time to time, grant us journeying mercies and true recreation. Unite us later, refreshed and ready to show our gratitude for these and all your blessings. Amen.

The Rev. Dr. Frederick E. Christian



**Last Week's Speaker:**  
**Rick Anthony**

Rick Anthony from the Delaware County Community Foundation spoke to us about why they have established the Life Transition Network to pull together resources for those 50+ in Delaware County.

They hope to act as a clearinghouse of information for this fast growing population.

## August is MEMBERSHIP and EXTENSION Month

## Coming Programs & Events

**Aug. 13 Stephen T. Bell,**  
**Executive Director, Marketing and Communications,**  
**Neumann University**  
"Neumann College is Now Neumann University – How We Did It and Why"

**Aug. 20 Quarterly Assembly**

**Aug. 27 Penelope Reed,**  
**Hedgerow Theatre**  
The New Season



## Pledge of Allegiance

## 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?

## Guests:

P/P Matti Weiss, Judy Neale,  
Rachel Coombs



## Silent Auction

Mark your calendars –

**Friday October 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

Planning for the 2009 Silent Auction supporting Polio Plus is well under way.

To support the auction planning, we have added a “Silent Auction 2009” page to **SwarthmoreRotary.org**. This page has information about the event and a link to the Silent Auction Donation form. We have also created an email address, [Auction@SwarthmoreRotary.org](mailto:Auction@SwarthmoreRotary.org), for getting information about the event and also for submitting the donation form.

Please share this information with anyone who may want to donate items for the auction.

For further information, please contact **Marv Gelb**.

## Harry Kingham

Harry Kingham, longtime resident of Swarthmore, died on Sunday.

He and Joanna reside at Kendall. Per Delaware County Times today, services will be at a later date with arrangements by Ruggiero Funeral Home, Trappe.

Harry was a backdoor neighbor of mine and always seemed to have a nice carpentry project going. He was our last Swarthmore-Rutledge School Superintendent as we fought the merger that turned out to be the best course to take as I see it.

Gene Martenson

## Country Profile: Argentina

Argentina is the eighth-largest country in the world. Its terrain includes the Andes mountain range, swamps, the grassy interior plains known as the Pampas, and a long coastline.

Argentina has a wealth of [natural resources](#) including the fertile plains of its central Pampas region, and raw minerals comprising of petroleum, uranium and iron. Though it has the highest per capita income in South America, its economy is still recovering from a 2002 [economic collapse](#) that left more than half the population in poverty. Recovery began in 2003, yet economic concerns remain: The country struggles with the threat of high inflation, a quarter of its population still lives in [poverty](#), and about 7 percent of residents live on less than US\$1 a day.

Children are particularly vulnerable in Argentina. Though the country boasts high youth and adult [literacy rates](#), many students repeat grades or drop out of secondary school. Argentina is making progress in these areas with initiatives such as the government-run Plan Familias, which ensures that children attend school and receive primary health care.

[Environmental](#) challenges in Argentina include a massive increase in soy plantations. The crop accounts for almost 50 percent of the country's grain production, and over half a million acres of forest have been cleared to plant it. Desertification is an issue in many regions, and with soy replacing other grain crops, some worry that the country is in danger of losing its self-sufficiency in food production.

Argentina is striving to improve the lives of the most vulnerable members of its population by working toward the [UN Millennium Development Goals](#). By rebuilding institutional, economic, and social structures, the country has made substantial strides in achieving universal primary education; promoting gender equality and empowering women; reducing child mortality; and combating HIV/AIDS, malaria, and other diseases.



## And I Quote...

"Tough times never last, but tough people do."

Robert Schuller

## This Day in History

1890: Baseball great **Cy Young** made his Major League Baseball debut for the Cleveland Spiders.

## Today's Smile

The Taco Bell Chihuahua, a Doberman and a Bulldog are in a bar having a drink when a great-looking female Collie comes up to them and says, "Whoever can say liver and cheese in a sentence can have me."

So the Doberman says, "I love liver and cheese." The Collie replies, "That's not good enough."

The Bulldog says, "I hate liver and cheese." She says, "That's not creative enough."

Finally, the Chihuahua says, "Liver alone . . . cheese mine."