



CogNotes



**The Rotary Club of Swarthmore
September 17, 2009**

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September is **New Generations** Month

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Today's Program:

**Rebecca Chopp, President,
Swarthmore College**
Living and Learning at and in
Swarthmore: A Conversation
with Rebecca Chopp

Table Grace

Thank you, God, for another opportunity to renew our friendships in Rotary, to reaffirm our belief in one another and the great company of all Rotarians. Help us to catch a fresh vision of what a force we are and can be together. Bless us as together we receive renewal of body, mind, and spirit around these tables. Amen.

The Rev. Dr. Frederick E. Christian

Coming Programs & Events

**Sept 24 Carrie Shankweiler,
The Academy In Manayunk**
"The Arts, Learning and Kids:
Making the Connections"

Oct 1 The Coop 6:00
Wine and Cheese at The Coop.

Oct 8 Bryan Lentz
"State House Update"



**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?



**Last
Week's
Speaker:**

**Dave
Welsh**

Our own David Welsh discussed the status of the real estate market, particularly in the Swarthmore/Wallingford area. He believes the first time buyer incentive worked to stabilize the prices for homes in that price range.

However, there has been little activity in the rest of the market so that it is hard to get a feel for prices in the total market. The changes in appraisal practices along with tighter credit are hurting the market.

He feels that the intangibles of living in this area will help to support the market and that we need to point these out to buyers.

Guests Last Week:

P/P Mattie Weiss, Fred Thibodeau,
Ginny Lang



Oct 1 Meeting at the Coop

Week after next on October 1, our weekly meeting will venture out into the heart of Swarthmore for a rare evening meeting on the Terrace at the Coop at 6:00.

This will be a great opportunity to meet in the community, attract new members and promote the Silent Auction coming on October 23rd.

We will have wine, beer, ice tea, coffee and water to drink along with mini sandwiches, cheese tray, crudites, olive tray, deserts.

Rotarians are free and Spouses/significant others will be \$10 to help cover costs.

Please mark your calendars and join us Thursday for an evening on the Terrace at the Coop.

There will be no noon-time meeting that day.



And I Quote...

“Attitude is a little thing that makes a big difference.”

Winston Churchill



From the District...

The September edition of **Rotary Leader** is out and available at www.Rotary7450.org. Read about what is happening in the District including efforts of the Literacy Committee, co-chaired by our own Madeline Bialecki.

Today's Smile

A plane was taking off from Kennedy Airport. After it reached a comfortable cruising altitude, the captain made an announcement over the intercom,

"Ladies and gentlemen, this is your captain speaking. Welcome to Flight number 293, nonstop from New York to Los Angeles. The weather ahead is good and, therefore, we should have a smooth and uneventful flight. Now sit back and relax... OH, MY GOD!"

Silence followed, and after a few minutes, the captain came back on the intercom and said,

"Ladies and Gentlemen, I am so sorry if I scared you earlier. While I was talking to you, the flight attendant accidentally spilled a cup of hot coffee in my lap. You should see the front of my pants!"

A passenger in Business class yelled, "That's nothing. You should see the back of mine!"



Rotary Day at the UN

Each year at Rotary UN Day, more than 1300 Rotarians including many Rotary International Directors, Foundation Trustees, past Senior Leaders, and guests come together at UN Headquarters in New York. The program is designed to inspire and educate all participants as well as provide insight into the relationship between Rotary and the United Nations.

The day will begin at 9:30am and conclude by 4:00pm. Lunch will be in the UN Cafeteria, over looking the East River at 1:00pm.

Rotary Day at the United Nations also includes a special program for youth interested in humanitarian service. Youth will have the opportunity to hear about a model UN program, the Shelter Box project, some projects that Interact Clubs are working on, and an overview of the UN and much more. The program begins at 9:30am and concludes at 12:30 followed by lunch. Participants are welcome to join the adult program after lunch.

See our site for registration details.

This Day in History

1787: The Constitution of the United States of America is signed by 38 of 41 delegates present at the conclusion of the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia. Supporters of the document waged a hard-won battle to win ratification by the necessary nine out of 13 U.S. states.