



# CogNotes



**The Rotary Club of Swarthmore  
October 8, 2009**

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October is **Vocational Service** Month

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## Today's Program:

**Bryan Lentz  
State Representative**

“Report to My District”

## Table Grace

Amid the flaming colors of Fall and the bracing air that we breathe, O God, remind us of the poet's words that “The Heavens declare your glory;” that we may never forget that you are the Giver of all of life. You have given us ample provision for our needs of body, mind, and spirit for which we are truly grateful. Amen.

The Rev. Dr. Frederick E. Christian



**Last Meeting's Speaker:**

## Carrie Shankweiler

Carrie Shankweiler, Head of the Upper School at the Academy in Manayunk spoke to us about the program and mission of the school.

The school was established 4 years ago modeled after the Lab School in Washington DC. The Academy is a center for professional development for educators in the Delaware Valley where educators can learn the latest teaching techniques for special needs students and then disseminate them throughout the region.

More than just a educational research institute, the school also recognized the impact of low self esteem, and challenges the children's minds while caring for their emotional well being.

See [www.aimpa.org](http://www.aimpa.org) for more information.

## Guests Last Meeting:

Fred Thibodeau

## Coming Programs & Events

**Oct 15 Alyssa Dickinson and Juhni Rantakallio,**  
“Presentations by Rotary Exchange Students”

**Oct 22 Pat Ukropec,  
Hair Studio Owner**  
“What's New at the Studio”

**Oct 23 Silent Auction**  
Swarthmore Community Center

**Oct 29 Harry Urian**  
“Market 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?



## Vocational Service Message from John Kenny (excerpt):

My fellow Rotarians:

There are many service organizations in the world today, but none so old or so successful as Rotary. There are many reasons for that, and Vocational Service is one of them. This year, I wish you to place a special emphasis on Vocational Service, which is sometimes the forgotten Avenue of Service in Rotary.

High ethical standards in business and personal life are still as important today as they were in 1905. Indeed, many of the problems our world is facing today have been caused by the failure to observe such standards in business affairs.

Vocational Service, in Rotary, means that we are committed to honest business and unassailable ethics, and that we are equally committed to using our vocational skills and advantages to help others. The idea is simple enough – but it is unique to Rotary.

If we wish to see our organization grow and prosper, we must keep Vocational Service front and center in our minds and actions. We must do what is right, even when it is inconvenient. And we must always, always, put Service Above Self.

John Kenny  
President, Rotary International



## Last Week at the Coop

Our evening at the Coop last week was a great success with a lot of familiar faces mixed with some new faces as well. The weather was on our side and as usual, Gerry and his team at the Coop did a terrific job supporting the event.

## This Day in History

1956: Don Larsen Perfect in World Series

On October 8, 1956, New York Yankees right-hander Don Larsen pitches the first no-hitter in the history of the World Series. Even better, it was a perfect game--that is, there were no runs, no hits and no errors, and no batter reached first base. Larsen's performance anchored his team's third-straight win against their cross-town rivals the Brooklyn Dodgers. The Yanks ended up winning the championship, the last all-New York World Series until 2000, in seven games.



## And I Quote...

“Things turn out best for the people who make the best out of the way things turn out.”

Art Linkletter



## Silent Auction for Polio Plus

Our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Silent Auction is in two weeks at the Swarthmore Community Center.

The date is Friday October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

- \$10 Admission, beverages and hord d'oeuvres at 6:00
- Auction at 7:00

Please promote this auction with those in your circles and encourage them to come. The committee has been working hard to put this terrific event together and we can all help in the home stretch by encouraging family, friends and associates to attend and help eradicate polio.

Please contact Marv Gelb if you have any questions.



## Today's Smile

“WHERE is my SUNDAY paper?!”

The irate Senior calling the newspaper office loudly demanded to know where her Sunday edition was.

"Madam", said the newspaper employee, "today is Saturday. The Sunday paper is not delivered until tomorrow, on SUNDAY".

There was a long pause on the other end of the phone, and then she was heard to mutter,

"Well, s... , that's why no one was at church today."