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The Rotary Club of Swarthmore
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December is **Family** Month



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Today's Program:

David Gilbert
"TV & U"



Table Grace:

We begin a month marked by shortened days and lengthened nights.

Lord, make us mindful of the meaning of the festivals of this season that tell us that light shines in the darkness and that hope transcends despair. Quicken within us this confidence and accept our gratitude for all your gifts that never fail. Amen.

The Rev. Dr. Frederick E. Christian

Last Meeting's Speaker:

Rick Anthony

Rick Anthony from the Delaware County Foundation spoke to us about the creation of the Life Transition Network web based effort to bring together in one place all the resources the over 50 aged group needs.

The new internet site will be at www.delcocomingofage.org. Their hope is to address this group's interest in information on volunteering, learning, employment, and lifestyle choices.

Coming Program & Events

Dec 10 **Rebecca Chopp**
Open Discussion at *Bond Hall*

Dec 17 **Silvertones**
Meeting at *CADES*

Dec 24 **No Meeting**

Dec 31 **No Meeting**

Jan 7 **Carol Williamson**
"Exchanging Bikes, Saving Lives"



The Pledge of Allegiance

The Rotarian's 4-Way Test

Of the things we think, say and 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 Last Meeting:

PP Mattie Weiss

Progressive Dinner

As you have heard, our annual Progressive Dinner is on Saturday, February 6th.

We need volunteers to host 8 people in their home for the dinner. A menu and wine will be provided. It's easy and fun!

Please contact **Cathy Darrell** at Cathy@DarrellFamily.com for more details.



Meetings Over the Holidays

Our **December 10** meeting **next week** will take place at **Bond Hall**, Swarthmore College.

On **December 17**, we will meet at **CADES**.

For directions to both venues, please see the "Speakers" box on www.SwarthmoreRotary.org.

Saturday December 5th in Swarthmore

On Saturday December 5th, the Borough of Swarthmore will hold its annual "Home for the Holidays" event culminating with Caroling, the tree lighting and a visit from Saint Nick himself from 7:00 to 7:30.

We are looking for 3 Rotarians to volunteer to serve Hot Chocolate between 7:30 and 8:00 at the Firehouse.

If you can help out, please contact **Marty Spiegel**.

December Is Family Month

Rotary International has designated December as Family Month. But what does this mean?

Family is important and this is a time to remember our families at home, our extended families and our Rotary family members. What can we do?

- Invite spouses and children of Rotarians to attend meetings.
- Volunteer at a shelter for homeless families
- Recognize the contributions of members of the Family of Rotary at Meetings
- Encourage spouses, Children and parents of Rotarians to participate in service projects

We all have family near and far, at home and away from home.

As RI President John Kenny said in his December message, "Every club should strive to achieve a balanced interaction between Rotarians and their families -- and the family of Rotary. Only by working together, as a family, can we ensure that the Rotary of today grows into an even stronger Rotary of tomorrow."

This Day in History

1947: A Streetcar Named Desire opens on Broadway

On this day in 1947, Marlon Brando's famous cry of "STELLA!" first booms across a Broadway stage, electrifying the audience at the Ethel Barrymore Theatre during the first-ever performance of Tennessee Williams' play A Streetcar Named Desire.

The 23-year-old Brando played the rough, working-class Polish-American Stanley Kowalski, whose violent clash with Blanche DuBois (played on Broadway by Jessica Tandy), a Southern belle with a dark past, is at the center of Williams' famous drama. Blanche comes to stay with her sister Stella (Kim Hunter), Stanley's wife, at their home in the French Quarter of New Orleans; she and Stanley immediately despise each other. In the climactic scene, Stanley rapes Blanche, causing her to lose her fragile grip on sanity; the play ends with her being led away in a straitjacket.

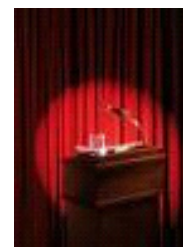
Today's Smile

A man told his doctor he wasn't able to do all the things around the house like he used to.

When the examination was complete, he said "Now Doc, tell me in plain English what is wrong with me."

"Well in plain English," the doctor replied, "you're lazy."

"Okay," said the man. "Now give me the medical term so I can tell my wife."



And I Quote...

"Call it a clan, call it a network, call it a tribe, call it a family. Whatever you call it, whoever you are, you need one."

Jane Howard