



# CogNotes

The Rotary Club of Swarthmore  
December 17, 2009

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December is **Family** Month



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## Today's Program:

The Silvertones

## Table Grace:

As we approach the year's end, Eternal God, help us to focus on our successes as much as on our failures, on what we have accomplished in Rotary as on where we have fallen short, that we may be inspired to pursue even more diligently the dream of a united humanity.

So here, today, strengthen us in body by this food, and in mind and spirit by this fellowship, and to you we will give the praise. Amen.

The Rev. Dr. Frederick E. Christian



Last Week's Speaker:

Rebecca Chopp

Rebecca Chopp and her team at Swarthmore College hosted the Club at Swarthmore College's Bond Hall for an informative conversation covering a range of topics related to the College and its place in the Swarthmore Community.

President Chopp gave an overview of the College's efforts to do what was necessary in the challenging economic times to protect jobs at the college and the needs blind admissions philosophy - a task made very difficult with the recent impacts on the endowment.

Along with Maurice Eldridge, Joy Charlton and Ray Hopkins, we covered a range of topics from Literacy, to the Democratic/Republican balance in the Student population to the possible relocation of the bookstore to the commercial area of town.

## Guests Last Meeting:

Rebecca Chopp, Maurice Eldridge, Tannei Casey, Linda Heffernan, Julio Alicea

## Coming Program & Events

Dec 24 No Meeting

Dec 31 No Meeting

Jan 7 Carol Williamson  
"Exchanging Bikes, Saving Lives"

Jan 14 Geoff Shepard & Raymond Hopkins  
The First Year of the Obama Presidency

Jan 21 Elizabeth Price  
President, Delaware County Bar Association



## 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?

## 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](mailto:Cathy@DarrellFamily.com) for more details.

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## Trust Meeting

Please note that the Trust Committee will meet after the Club Meeting on Thursday January 7, 2010.

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## More Tomorrow Water Project

The Swarthmore and San Ignacio Rotary Clubs are preparing to partner again for an additional water purification system in the rural village of "More Tomorrow," Belize following the success of the Yalbac Water Project.

The Yalbac project came in below projected costs and in October, the Matching Grants division of the Rotary Foundation approved a request to roll over the money saved, when we did not need to install the Reverse Osmosis system in Yalbac Village Belize.

Orlando Jimenez, the Rural Development Officer for Yalbac sent a letter regarding the improved health of the people in Yalbac, thanks to the clean water that the village now has.

The More Tomorrow Project Team is looking for members who may be interested in making the 6-8 day trip to Belize in March of 2010.

For details, please visit the Club Website at [SwarthmoreRotary.com](http://SwarthmoreRotary.com) or see **Ray Hopkins**, **Anne Hansen** or **Ron Van Langeveld**.

## Celebrating the Family of Rotary

You can see it in their faces.

The joy that spills forth as Rotarians take part in service projects, locally or internationally, says volumes about why more than 1.2 million people around the globe belong to Rotary clubs and are committed to making the world a better place.

Recently, we invited Rotarians to share pictures of their Rotary experience on our Family of Rotary group pool on Flickr. And you did! The above photo gallery is a sample of the more than 170 photos (and counting) that have been added to our Flickr group. See the whole collection, or upload a photo of your own.

Family Month celebrates the family of Rotary, which, in addition to individual Rotarians, includes all of those who are involved in Rotary's work from Rotary Foundation program alumni to participants in Rotary youth programs in thousands of communities around the world.

Spouses and children of Rotarians play a vital role in Rotary too. Rotary clubs benefit immensely when they strive to achieve a balanced interaction between Rotarians and their families, enhancing home lives and family interactions.

For more on the family of Rotary, read the full story on [www.Rotary.org](http://www.Rotary.org).

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## This Day in History

1777: France formally recognizes the United States

On this day in 1777, the French Foreign Minister, Charles Gravier, count of Vergennes, officially acknowledged the United States as an independent nation. News of the Continental Army's overwhelming victory against the British General John Burgoyne at Saratoga gave Benjamin Franklin new leverage in his efforts to rally French support for the American rebels. Although the victory occurred in October, news did not reach France until December 4th.

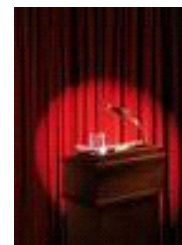


## Have you heard anything?

Part of being a Rotarian is the fellowship and friendships that develop. If you know of someone in the club that is under the weather, or has great news where sympathies, congratulations, or just a "Get Well Soon" are in order, please let **Cathy Darrell** know at [Cathy@DarrellFamily.com](mailto:Cathy@DarrellFamily.com).

Cathy will arrange for a card for everyone to sign and send out as appropriate.

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## And I Quote...

"Only those who dare to fail greatly can ever achieve greatly"

Anonymous