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The Rotary Club of Swarthmore
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Coming Program & Events

**Jan 14 Geoff Shepard &
Raymond Hopkins**

The First Year of the Obama
Presidency

Jan 21 Elizabeth Price

President, Delaware County Bar
Association

Last Meeting:

At our final meeting of 2009, John Shankweiler and the magical voices of the Strath Haven High School **Silvertones** performed for us at CADES.

The 28 students ranging from Freshmen to Seniors performed a number of seasonal favorites to the delight of Club members as well as the staff and students of CADES.

Our thanks to the Silvertones for a truly amazing performance, and also to CADES for their wonderful hospitality.

Today's Program:

Carol Williamson

"Exchanging Bikes, Saving Lives"

Guests Last Meeting:

Anne Martenson, Miss. Lily Twersky

Table Grace:

Thank you, God, for this time together when we enjoy one another, rekindle our energies, quicken our minds, and refocus our goals.

As we break bread keep us mindful of those less fortunate and help us to strive for a world where all your children can live an abundant life. Amen.

The Rev. Dr. Frederick E. Christian



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?



SwarthmoreRotary.com: Your Site, Your Call

With the new District Database launching for District 7450, the time is right to revisit our Club web site.

Why do you care?

The site has 3 audiences:

1. Our Club Members
2. Other Rotarians
3. The communities that we serve

Your webmaster wants to know how to make the site more useful. In an ideal world, if we were to build a completely new site, what would you like to see on the site? How can the site be more **interesting**, more **useful**, more **relevant** to members, other Rotarians and members of the Swarthmore community? Have you seen another site that impressed you?

If you have *any* ideas on how we can improve the site, please email your thoughts to **Brian.Casey@SwarthmoreRotary.com**.



And I Quote...

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RI President John Kenny

Attention Please, Attention:

At the meeting today, we will give out member profile sheets with all of the information that we have on you in Member Access and the new Database.

We need 2 minutes of your time.

Please review the profile and with a pen, *legibly* note any errors and/or omissions in the information.

Please note that the year of your birthday will not appear in any directories. It is used for statistical and demographic purposes only.

Once you have noted all changes, please return the sheet to either Brian (Casey) or Perri.

If you did not get a copy of your profile, please contact Brian and he will get a copy to you.

Thank you in advance for your help.

Progressive Dinner

As a reminder, our annual Progressive Dinner is coming up on Saturday, February 6th.

Gene and Cathy will hold a brief meeting with all host Rotarians following today's meeting.

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

This Day in History

1789: First U.S. Presidential election.

On this day in 1789, America's first presidential election is held. Voters cast ballots to choose state electors; only white men who owned property were allowed to vote. As expected, George Washington won the election and was sworn into office on April 30, 1789.



From RI President John Kenny

January is the month the Romans associated with their two-headed god Janus: one head looking backward to the year that has just passed, and the other looking forward to the year ahead.

In Rotary, January is the halfway point of our year of service, and it is also a time for us all to look at both the past and the future. It is the time of year to take stock, to review the goals that we have set for ourselves, and to evaluate how well we have fulfilled those expectations. It is a time to look honestly at our progress and our challenges and to consider the steps we will need to take to complete our planned service successfully.

For the full text of President Kenny's message, please visit "Rotary.org".



Today's Smile

The bidding was proceeding furiously and strong when the Chief Auctioneer suddenly announced "A gentleman in this room has lost a wallet containing ten thousand dollars. If returned, he will pay a reward of two thousand dollars.

There was a moment's silence in the auction house and from the back of the room came a cry: "Two thousand five hundred"