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The Rotary Club of Swarthmore
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January is **Rotary Awareness Month**



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Today's Program:

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



Last Week's Speaker:

Carol Williamson

Table Grace:

Lord God, teach us that the unfolding tomorrows are not simply times and places where we arrive, but the results of what we create by what we are and do today.

Bless us here as we gather in Rotary's name and help us to act wisely and well. Give us, above all, grateful hearts for the chance you give us to do so in your name in this New Year. Amen. Amen.

The Rev. Dr. Frederick E. Christian

Carol Williamson discussed the Biketown, Africa project, an effort to donate durable bikes to nongovernmental organizations in Africa to help aid workers see more AIDS sufferers in a day. So far 2400 bikes have been delivered and assembled there.

Carol got Steve Madden, one of the originators of the project and the editor of "Biking" Magazine, to come to the Swarthmore Friends Nursery School. The children then raised enough money to buy 250 bikes.

Carol has gone on two volunteer bike construction tours to South Africa, building 150 then 250 bikes. She intends to offer her Africa bike at auction at this year's Charity Fun Fair.

Coming Program & Events

Jan 21 Elizabeth Price
President, Delaware County Bar Association

Jan 28 Lin Axamethy Floyd
Former Nether Providence Commissioner, "Recycling Update"

Feb 4 Chris Darrell
"ABC House"

Feb 6 Progressive Dinner

Feb 11 Club Business

Feb 18 Juhani Rantakallio
"The Year to Date from our Exchange Student"



The Pledge of Allegiance

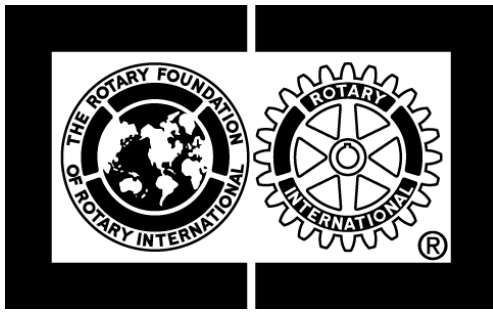
The Rotarian's 4-Way Test

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 Week:

Dorothy Gelb



Rotary Foundation Thought

A member of the Rotary Club of Cleveland, Ohio, USA, Klumph served as the RI president in the 1913-14 Rotary year. In 1917, Klumph declared that “we should accept endowments for the purpose of doing good in the world in charitable, educational, and other avenues of community service.” His vision and a contribution of US\$26 left over from the RI Convention helped to establish the charitable and humanitarian arm of our organization, The Rotary Foundation.

Due to the hard work and generosity of Rotarians worldwide, The Rotary Foundation has improved lives for over 90 years. With ongoing financial support, our Foundation will continue to carry on Klumph’s dream well into our second century of service.

This Day in History

1639: First Colonial Constitution

In Hartford, Connecticut, the first constitution in the American colonies, the “Fundamental Orders,” is adopted by representatives of Wethersfield, Windsor, and Hartford.

The Dutch discovered the Connecticut River in 1614, but English Puritans from Massachusetts largely accomplished European settlement of the region. During the 1630s, they flocked to the Connecticut valley from the Massachusetts Bay Colony, and in 1638 representatives from the three major Puritan settlements in Connecticut met to set up a unified government for the new colony.

Roger Ludlow, a lawyer, wrote much of the Fundamental Orders, and presented a binding and compact frame of government that put the welfare of the community above that of individuals. It was also the first written constitution in the world to declare the modern idea that “the foundation of authority is in the free consent of the people.” In 1662, the Charter of Connecticut superseded the Fundamental Orders; though the majority of the original document’s laws and statutes remained in force until 1818.



Rotary Awareness

January is Rotary Awareness Month and what better way to raise your awareness of Rotary than by taking advantage of some of the Rotary Training Material on Rotary.org.

Whether you want to learn about the history of Rotary, the Foundation, or even get a tour of the Rotary web site to learn how to tap into all the information it holds, the tools are there.

Simply visit Rotary.org. On the top menu, select “Members”, then select “Training”, a world of Rotary information and resource await you.

RGHF.org is also a great source for Rotary History.

Rotary Theme

Each January, as Rotary district governors-elect convene at the International Assembly for training and fellowship, they can be certain of two things: a lot of take-home reading and the new RI theme.

The tradition of crafting a theme is credited to 1949-50 RI President Percy C. Hodgson, who outlined a list of four objectives for his term in office.

Rotarians’ desire to celebrate and support their president’s annual program of service has remained the same. Other early themes include Rotary Is Hope in Action (Joaquin Serratos Cibils, 1953-54), Kindle the Spark Within (Nitish C. Laharry, 1962-63), and Good Will Begins with You (Ernst G. Breitholtz, 1971-72).

In the decades that followed, RI presidents introduced theme logos, lapel pins, ties, and scarves. Theme ties were introduced in the 1990s, and are now given out yearly. Many have incorporated the theme for the year. The first scarves showing the RI theme were designed by 1998-99 RI President James L. Lacy and his wife, Claudine, Follow Your Rotary Dream.

Source: Rotary.org

Today’s Smile

Bumper Stickers:

It’s lonely at the top, but you eat better.

Consciousness: That annoying time between naps.

Ever stop to think, and forget to start again?

Always remember you’re unique... Just like everyone else.

Get really stoned... Drink wet cement.