



# CogNotes

The Rotary Club of Swarthmore  
January 21, 2010

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January is **Rotary Awareness Month**



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## Today's Program:

**Elizabeth Price,**  
Executive Director,  
Delaware County Bar Association



## Table Grace:

Lord God, we come with thankful hearts for the blessings that we enjoy here week-by-week. We cannot fathom why we are so fortunate. But we know that "to whom much is given, from him or her, much will be required."

Help us, individually and as a Club, to be good stewards of all you entrust to us that at the year's end, we may hear within us a voice saying, "Well Done." In your strong name we pray. Amen.

The Rev. Dr. Frederick E. Christian

## Last Week's Speakers:

### Geoff Shepard, Ray Hopkins

Geoff Shepard and Ray Hopkins provided differing views on Obama's year one.

Geoff used a format designed by Dr. Skowronek of Yale that focuses on whether the incoming president is in opposition to or agreement with the existing administration which can be either vulnerable or resilient. The combinations determine whether the president will be "great". His feeling is that Obama is fated to fail because of this analysis.

Ray Hopkins addressed Obama's list of some 400 promises, of which he has fulfilled more than 100. He has failed on fewer than 20 leaving him much work to be done.

Both believe the mid term elections are a key to evaluating Obama's success.

## Guests Last Week:

Carol Hopkins, Barrie Shephard,  
P/P Mattie Weiss

## Coming Program & Events

**Jan 27 Board Meeting**

**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"

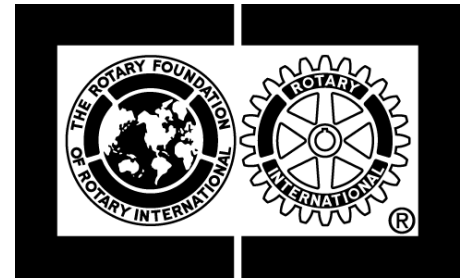


## The Pledge of Allegiance

## 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?



## Members Step Up for Haiti

6 days ago, President Betty Ann reached out to members suggesting that as a club we make a donation of \$1000 to ShelterBox to support the Haiti Relief effort.

Since that time the club has come together to not only support that donation, but in addition, Ken Wright has led the effort to collect donations for additional ShelterBoxes supporting the victims of the earthquake in Haiti.

As of Wednesday mid day, members collected almost \$2000.

Hundreds of community members have contributed to this campaign. As Ken said, "The biggest selling point has been the certainty that the money would be going to the needy, not the greedy. Rotary provides that trust.

As part of this fund raising effort, we are asking all members to donate \$20 to the campaign. If you are not able to attend the meeting, please mail a check payable to "Rotary Club of Swarthmore" to Gudmund Iverson at PO Box 4, Swarthmore PA, 19081.

Indicate "Haiti Shelterbox" on the memo line.

## Quarterly Statements

Our Treasurer has sent out the quarterly Statements via email. Please help him help us by getting your checks back to him as soon as possible.

Thanks.

## Rotary Theme

The 2010 International Assembly is taking place this week in San Diego, California.

The meeting is a week long Training Conference attended by the District Governors Elect.

The conference is also the venue where the RI President elect unveils the theme for the upcoming year.

President Elect Ray Klinginsmith carried on the tradition by presenting the theme for 2010-11, "Building Communities, Bridging Continents". These four words, he said, represent what Rotary is about, and what Rotarians do everyday.

To hear his presentation of the theme of see a clip of his presentation at the Assembly, please visit [SwarthmoreRotary.org](http://SwarthmoreRotary.org).

## This Day in History

1976: Concorde Takes Off

From London's Heathrow Airport and Orly Airport outside Paris, the first Concorde with commercial passengers simultaneously take flight on January 21, 1976. The London flight was headed to Bahrain in the Persian Gulf, and the Paris to Rio de Janeiro via Senegal in West Africa. At their cruising speeds, the innovative Concorde flew well over the sound barrier at 1,350 miles an hour, cutting air travel time by more than half.

The flights were the culmination of a 12-year effort that pitted English and French engineers against their counterparts in the USSR. In 1962, 15 years after U.S. pilot Chuck Yeager first broke the sound barrier, Britain and France signed a treaty to develop the world's first supersonic passenger airline. The next year, President John F. Kennedy proposed a similar U.S. project. Meanwhile, in the USSR, Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev ordered his top aviation engineers to beat the West to the achievement.

## Rotary Foundation Thought

Every minute of every day someone's life is being improved by our Rotary Foundation.

Wells are being dug in India, blind children are using Braille typewriters in Brazil, toilets are part of improved sanitation in Sri Lanka, and dental treatment is available to the needy in Nicaragua. In a world where the divide between the haves and have-nots is growing, we as Rotarians must do our part and "do good in the world."

Every Rotarian, every project, and every contribution makes a difference every year.

## Did You Count Yourself In?

Please remember to check the attendance sheet when you arrive for our weekly meetings. This will make the task of our attendance secretary much easier and more accurate.