

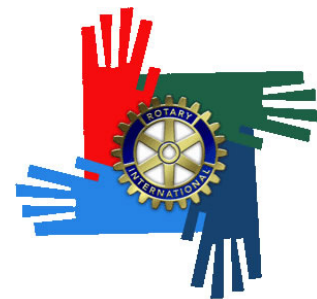


CogNotes

The Rotary Club of Swarthmore
February 18, 2010

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February is **World Understanding** Month



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Today's Program:

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

Table Grace:

Thank you, Lord, for this great land and its blessings of freedom for mind, body, and spirit.

As we renew our pledge to the flag, may we truly appreciate what it means and rejoice in the heritage others have made possible for us and take strength from the knowledge that these freedoms are gaining wider currency across the world.

Keep us mindful of all your gifts. Amen.

The Rev. Dr. Frederick E. Christian

Last Meeting: Club Assembly

Following are the highlights from the Club Assembly last meeting.

Marty Spiegel told us of the trust's finances. While yields on the present \$83,900 are low we lost no money in the last few years!

Marv Gelb, President Elect told us his Installation will be 6pm 6/10/2010. That is a Thursday so there will be no noon meeting.

Steve Laxton, our chair of this year's Auction for Polio Eradication gave us the date September 24 at the Swarthmore Community Center. He also appealed for volunteers for our reading program in Chester.

Ken Wright gave the theme for the Fun Fair "One world, helping others". The Fair is 4/18/10.

Joy Charlton spoke of our Rotaractors determination.

Cathy Darrell updated the club on Interact activities: can food drive; gift boxes for troops; tutoring at East Side Ministries; helping Physicians for Peace to gather canes, walkers, wheelchairs, and crutches.

George Whitfield spoke of a prospect list he has developed for new members.

Ray Hopkins updated us on Belize. New initiatives are in early stages.

Guests Last Meeting:

Chris Rowland, P/P Matti Weiss, Kathryn Garza

Coming Program & Events

Feb 23 Rotary turns 105

Feb 24 Board Meeting

Feb 25 Sharon Ford
"Libraries: Necessities or Amenities"

Mar 4 Brian Casey
"Our Club: How We are Leveraging the Web"

Mar 11 Rick Lowe
"State of the Ville"

Mar 18 Carol Goertzel, President/CEO Pathways
"Vulnerable Families"



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?



Rotary's 105th Anniversary

During the first Rotary club meeting on **February 23, 1905** in Chicago, Paul Harris, Gustavus Loehr, Hiram Shorey, and Silvester Schiele met to talk about their personal experiences. Harris then unfolded his general plan for their club meetings.

This was the simple beginning of the world's first service club, the Rotary Club of Chicago. It was created because of Harris' wish to capture in a professional club the same friendly spirit he had felt in the small towns of his youth. The Rotary name derived from the early practice of rotating meetings among members' offices.

Rotarians continue to take pride in their history. In honor of that first club, Rotarians have preserved its original meeting place, Room 711 in Chicago's Unity Building, by re-creating the office as it existed in 1905. For several years, the Paul Harris 711 Club maintained the room as a shrine for visiting Rotarians. In 1989, when the building was scheduled to be demolished, the club carefully dismantled the office and salvaged the interior, including doors and radiators. In 1993, the RI Board of Directors set aside a permanent home for the restored Room 711 at RI World Headquarters in the Chicago suburb of Evanston.

For more historical information about Rotary, visit [Rotary History and Archives](#) or the [Rotary Global History Fellowship](#).

A Concert for Haiti

A CONCERT FOR RELIEF AND RECONSTRUCTION IN HAITI

Sunday, February 21 at 4:30 PM

Lang Concert Hall, Swarthmore College.

Program will include Western and Haitian classical music presented by Musician Friends of Haiti:

Patrick Desrosiers, violin; Francesca McNeeley, cello; Magloire Casimir, viola; Christopher Pell, clarinet; James Smith, piano; Noah Smith, violin; Tracy Sturgis, Julia Fernandez and John Andrew Fernandez, singers; and the Choir of Trinity Church Swarthmore

Free admission - Donations will be received to benefit Partners in Health and educational institutions damaged in the earthquake of January 12.

Today's Smile

3 men walk into a bar.

A fourth man ducks.

For More Information...

Please visit our Club web site at: www.SwarthmoreRotary.org.

Rotary Foundation Thought

District Simplified Grants allow Rotary clubs to identify, plan, and fund worthy projects in their own communities or internationally. Grants can fund improvements such as kitchen equipment for a food pantry, assistance for after-school programs, dictionaries or encyclopedias for primary school children, or renovations to a playground. The more we contribute to our Foundation's Annual Programs Fund, the more opportunities and funding we will have for such projects. The Rotary Foundation allows us to "do good in the world" here in our own community, as well as internationally.

Please make your contribution to the Annual Program Fund today. This year's **drive ends February 28th!!** You can give your contribution to **Craig Fava** or online at Rotary.org; click on Member Access. Thank you.



District Grant for CUSA Approved

At the Club meeting on February 4, Joy Charlton shared the news that the club has received a District 7450 Simplified Grant of matching funds designated for the Chester Upland School of the Arts ("CUSA").

Through donations from this year's budget in addition to funds remaining from last year, the club donated \$4000. The Chester Rotary Club added \$300 to the grant proposal. The District grant matched these funds, with the result being a total of \$8600 to be made available to CUSA for the purpose of buying books for the creation of a library.

CUSA is a new school now housing grades K-3, created in a partnership between The Chester Fund for Education and the Arts and the Chester Upland School District. The school has a room that can be used for a library, but has needed to raise the funds to purchase the books for it.

