



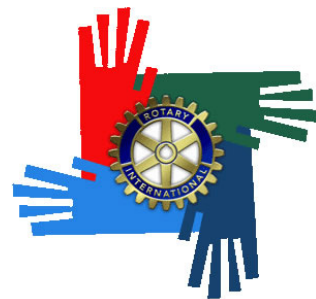
CogNotes

The Rotary Club of Swarthmore

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Coming Program & Events

Apr 8 St. Sen. Ted Erickson
"State House Report"

Apr 15 Faith Holfelder
"Vietnam and Rotoplast"

Apr 18 Fun Fair

Apr 22 Sharon Ford,
Town Librarian
"Libraries - Necessities or Amenities"

Apr 29 District Assembly

May 6 Dr. Mathania Weiss
"My Isreal, My Home, My Pictures"

May 13 Marc Browngold
"Sustainable Agriculture and your
Co-Op"

Today's Program:

Anthony DiTommaso
President, Buys for Good

Table Grace:

Lord God, thank you for this day set
in a month marked by the stirring of
new life.

As we receive these blessings of
food around these tables, send us
back to our tasks ready to live out
more diligently and enthusiastically
that which Rotary envisions, that
our community and world might
be drawn closer in caring concern.
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?



Last Week's Speaker:

**Norman
Mawby**

Norman Mawby discussed the
characters in his new book "Part of
the Parade".

He interviewed the behind the scenes
and game day employees of the
Phillies that account for the great
experience of going to a game. 47
stories are contained in the book from
the Peanut Lady and the Beer Man to
those who grew up doing odd jobs and
now run the facilities at the park.

Each description is patched together
to reveal a "family" at work. We even
had one of the 47 there in person - Pat
McCoy, or as she is known "the real
McCoy".

Mike Malone

Guests Last Meeting:

Jim Rowland, Pat McCoy



Welcome Chris Rowland

On March 25, Membership Chair George Whitfield inducted Chris Rowland into the Rotary Club of Swarthmore.

Chris is a graduate of Strath Haven High School and Penn State University. He is currently a Financial Advisor with Edward Jones Investment.

Born in Langhorne, PA Chris has been in the Swarthmore area for 22 years. While attending Penn State, Chris was involved in raising funds through his fraternity.

We welcome you Chris and look forward to your fellowship and participation in the many activities of the Rotary Club of Swarthmore.

International Service Update

Ray Hopkins reported on his recent trip to Belize accompanied by incoming Springfield club president Nils Nelson.

The team of Rotarians, including Sherri and Aki Fukai from the San Ignacio club, and Living Waters for the World (LWW) found the situation in Yalbac working perfectly except for the small scale of use, explored five other sites for possible water projects - Arenal, Los Tombos, Selena, and two institutions - Octavia Waight and the planned pre-school at San Antonio.

A day was spent reviewing and participating in the food program at Cornerstone foundation for which the last \$5000 of the initial RI grant for water at Yalbac was dedicated. Anne Hansen will get the details of the capital outlays for this last tranche. The program for which our funds went seems an excellent one - targeting at risk youth in school without stigmatizing them and delivering hot meals and weekly food rations to elderly and handicapped adults in desperate circumstances (120 children and 17 adults are served roughly).

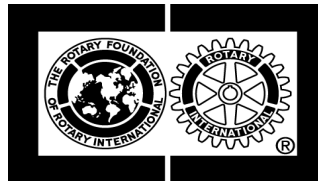
Ray also reported on other cooperative actions with Rotary there. The \$1000 to the San Antonio pre-school from a past year will be used for small tables for break out education in the two 21 student sessions (the pre-school charges per pupil are \$45 per year including snacks and supplies - so it needs funds for many things); the Jump Start pre-school program at Cornerstone to which President Betty Ann committed \$1500 in a conference call last week, and elements of a large education RI/Corporate foundation/GOB funded project for teacher training. This is headed by SI club member and ex-district governor Andre Lopez who outlined special holes that needed to be plugged, including use of IT in schools. Incoming President Bill Butcher who is from the Philadelphia area looks forward to exchanges with incoming President Marv Gelb.



Children in Belize shown during a previous trip.

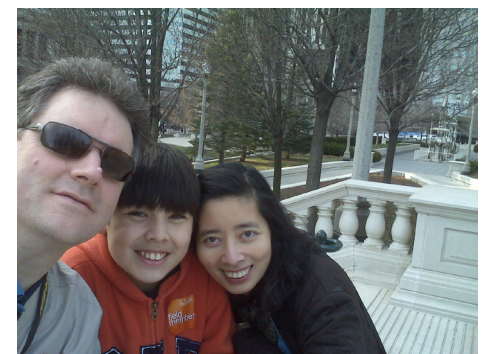
Rotary Foundation Thought

This week's Rotary Foundation Thought is about the Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program (RPCS) – strengthening the leaders of today for peace.



Mid-career professionals from around the world, representing a wide variety of fields, participate in an intensive three month course at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, Thailand. RPCS Program alumnus Richelieu Allison, Regional Director of the West African Youth Network, says, "This course has been the missing link in my [ability] to contribute to the resolution of the numerous problems confronting my region. If I had had the knowledge I am gaining now I would have been in a better position to adequately analyze the conflicts, map out the various actors, go the extra mile, and play a major role in helping to restore peace."

This sentiment has stuck with him, as he wrote in a recent email, "The changes [the program] made in my life cannot be overemphasized." Create awareness. Take action. Make your annual gift today!



Greetings From the Windy City

Greetings from the birthplace of Rotary as your CogNotes Editor spends some quality time with family and hopefully attends a local Rotary Club meeting.

Thank you to **Ken Wright** for printing this week's CogNotes for the meeting.