



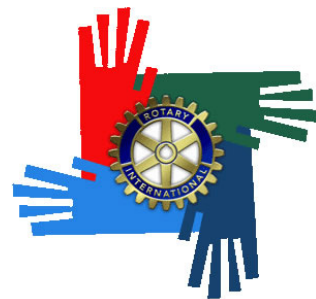
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The Rotary Club of Swarthmore

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Coming Program & Events

Apr 18 Fun Fair

**Apr 22 Sharon Ford,
Town Librarian**

“Libraries - Necessities or Amenities”

Apr 29 Alfred Hurd

“A home for Delaware County
Community Performing Groups”

Apr 29 District Assembly

May 6 Dr. Mathania Weiss

“My Israel, My Home, My Pictures”

May 7 District Conference

May 13 Marc Browngold

“Sustainable Agriculture and your
Co-Op”

Today's Program:

Faith Holefelder
“Vietnam and Rotoplast”

Table Grace:

Lord, out of your bounty you have added this day filled with food to sustain our bodies, friends to kindle our spirits and your mercy to forgive us our shortcomings.

What can we return but to pledge our loyalty to life's loftiest goals?

Grant that, through Rotary, we may confirm that purpose with daily deeds of thanks to you. 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:

**State
Senator Ted
Erickson**

State Senator Ted Erickson visited us with updates on legislative issue.

First of all, he discussed the constant battle over the budget including skirmishes about revenue priorities and tax issues.

Then he spoke of a health care issue he is working on - placing clinics in area hospitals to reduce the use of emergency rooms for regular care.

He finished with the topic of legislative reform, such as reducing the number of representatives in Harrisburg.

Guests Last Meeting:

Ted Erickson, P/P Mattie Weiss



District Assembly

On **Thursday April 29**, join the Club and District Leaders at the District Assembly in Malvern at the Desmond Hotel and Conference Center.

The District Assembly is a great opportunity for fellowship with other Rotarians from our District, but it also provides a great opportunity to learn about matters important to a successful club such as:

- Ideas for successful service projects
- Effective Recruitment and Retentions Programs
- Using PR to increase awareness of Rotary and our club, and attract new members
- Preparing a Club Budget
- Engaging youth in Rotary
- and more...

For more information please see the story on the club web site and click on the link to see the District Assembly Brochure, or click here to sign on to the system and access the Calendar for registration information.

For more details, please see the Club Calendar on SwarthmoreRotary.org.



Rotary Club of Swarthmore takes Wilmington by Storm

On Saturday April 10, 6 of our club Members did the unthinkable and got up early to head down to Wilmington to attend RLI (Rotary Leadership Institute) Training.

PE Marv Gelb completed the Graduate course covering topics such as Public Relations, Motivating Volunteers and The Council on Legislation.

While Marv was completing his RLI Training, PN Steve Laxton, Grace McAndrews, Dean Wolfe, Hillard Pouncy and Brian Casey completed Part II of the Curriculum. Their session covered topics such as Membership, Leadership, The Rotary Foundation, Club Administration, Communications and Ethics.

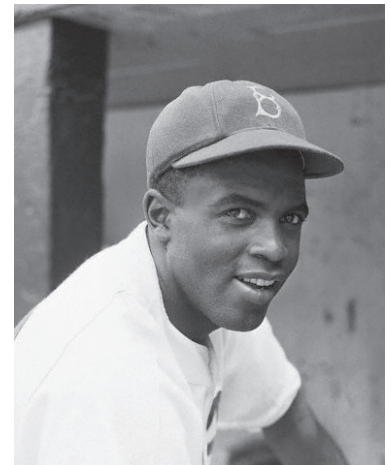
With attendees from 3 districts in the area, Swarthmore had a strong showing and this training is helping to prepare our club as we move forward into the future.



This Day in History

1947: Jackie Robinson Breaks Color Barrier

On this day in 1947, Jackie Robinson, age 28, becomes the first African-American player in Major League Baseball when he steps onto Ebbets Field in Brooklyn to compete for the Brooklyn Dodgers. Robinson broke the color barrier in a sport that had been segregated for more than 50 years. Exactly 50 years later, on April 15, 1997, Robinson's ground breaking career was honored and his uniform number, 42, was retired from Major League Baseball by Commissioner Bud Selig in a ceremony attended by over 50,000 fans at New York City's Shea Stadium. Robinson's was the first-ever number retired by all teams in the league.



Jack Roosevelt Robinson was born January 31, 1919, in Cairo, Georgia, to a family of sharecroppers. Growing up, he excelled at sports and attended the University of California at Los Angeles, where he was the first athlete to letter in four varsity sports: baseball, basketball, football and track. After financial difficulties forced Robinson to drop out of UCLA, he joined the army in 1942 and was commissioned as a second lieutenant. After protesting instances of racial discrimination during his military service, Robinson was court-martialed in 1944. Ultimately, though, he was honorably discharged.

