

# CogNotes

The Rotary Club of Swarthmore October 14, 2010

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# October is Vocational Service Month

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# **Coming Program & Events**

Oct 14 Perri Evansen "On Real Estate"

**Oct 21 Richard Noonan, WSSD Superintendent** With Intro by Board Chair Mary Gay Scanlon (Invited)

Oct 27 Board Meeting

Oct 28 Dan Terpstra "Belize Water Project Update"

Nov 4 Cynthia MacLeod Superintendent, Independence National Historical Park (Invited)

# Today's Program:

Perri Evansen,

"On Real Estate"

### **Table Grace:**

Our world is full of problems, Lord. Most of them are bigger than we can solve.

Show us the wisdom by which we can give eyes to read in exchange for those that cannot: feet that can walk unbound: hands that can work and not lie idle: resources sufficient for those who starve.

Thank you for your boundless provision for us today and every day. Amen.

The Rev. Dr. Frederick E. Christian



# 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:

### **Guy Gardner**

**Guy Gardner**, President of Williamson Free School of Mechanical Trades, spoke to us about his past as an astronaut. He invited us to imagine the sensations we would experience from entering the space capsule to lift off. He provided some interesting facts about orbiting the globe - it takes 90 minutes so there is 45 minutes between sunrise and sunset.

Then he told us about the history of Williamson from its establishment by Mr. Williamson in 1888 with a 2 million dollar endowment to today when its 270 students study in building, machine, power plant, and horticultural trades.

The school exists to prepare deserving young men to become useful and respected members of society.

### **Guests Last Week:**

Linda Gardner, Sylvia Bastani, Peter Dorazio, Hogie Hansen, Gavinda Magya, John Connally.

# Oktoberfest District Conference

The purpose of the district conference is to advance the Object of Rotary through fellowship, inspirational addresses, and the discussion of matters of importance to Rotary clubs and Rotary International.



The conference showcases Rotary programs and successful district and club activities.

The District 7450 Oktoberfest Conference, held October 8-10 at the Desmond did that and more! Swarthmore was represented by President Marv Gelb, Anne Hansen, George Whitfield, and Brian Casey.

With 230 Rotarians and guests in attendance, the event was a great success and enjoyed by all. There was constant activity, fellowship, information sessions, the House of Friendship... in short there was more to do, than time to do it!

There were plenary sessions with topics from Service Projects and fundraising ideas, to the Rotary Foundation, and a terrific New Generations session with a panel of Exchange Students, Rotaractors, Interactors and the amazingly articulate and inspiring Earlyactors.

Breakout sessions included New Member Orientation, Club Board Member Orientation, using the District Database, and a number of sessions relating to Rotary Foundation Grants, and the war on Polio, not to mention the Personal and Professional Development Workshops.

Enough with business though... Friday's Oktoberfest Dinner was a great hit and Saturday, we heard from the truly inspirational RI President's Representative and District 7730 PDG John T. Capps. He's the guy with the Rotary tattoo on his head. Yes, Rotary is getting to his head!

He was followed by the Upper Darby School District Encore Singers. We saw a 15 minute video of their trip to New Orleans to help teach music to students there who have not had a music program since the flood. After the video, they wowed the conference attendees with an incredible performance showcasing the depth of their talents.

Happy Dollars Total to date:



**\$1460** (2433 Children Immunized)

All for the eradication of Polio.

### **Service Quotation**

"We can do no great things, only small things with great love."

- Mother Theresa

## Vocational Service Month



As part of our

Vocational Services Month series arranged by Vocational Service Chair, **Randy Winton, Chief Brian Craig** will give a mini classification talk today as Randy reacquaints us with the vocations of some of our longer term members.

The diversity in our vocations is part of what make our club special as we have a wide range of skills and talents on our membership - all contributing to our efforts to serve communities at home and abroad.

### **Your Rotary Smile**

"I went to the doctor the other day and he told me I was really sick. I told him I wanted a second opinion. He said okay you're ugly too!!"



# October 24, 2010 - World Polio Day

Sunday, October 24, 2010 is World Polio Day. To commemorate World Polio Day, the Rotary Foundation has announced 2 for 1 recognition points for every online contribution of

US\$100 or more made to PolioPlus from October 18-24, 2010, Central Standard Time.

Rotarians may go to www.rotary.org/contribute to make their online contribution.

Donors will need to print the tax receipt at the time of donation. Also, online contributions cannot be made on behalf of another individual, club or district.

The Rotary Foundation is expecting a high volume of online traffic associated with this promotion. Please allow 4-6 weeks for the promotional points to appear.

Together we will End Polio Now.