



CogNotes

The Rotary Club of Swarthmore
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December is **Family Month**



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Today's Program:

Josh Twersky

“The Ins & Outs of Health Care Reform”

Table Grace:

As the pace of activity increases toward Christmas, teach us, Good Lord, to slowdown and appreciate the simple joys that this season offers: meeting with friends old and new, the glow of a light in a child's face, this time here together, and so many opportunities that we pass by in our haste that offer abiding joy.

Above all, make us truly appreciative of your countless gifts to us. Amen.

The Rev. Dr. Frederick E. Christian



Last Meeting's Speaker: Anne Hansen

By Mike Malone

Anne Hansen updated us on the RI Foundation, established after Paul Harris' death in 1947 and funded with donations in his honor. To this day it depends on the generosity of Rotarians like you.

The Ambassadorial Scholarship for \$25,000 annually continues to be a centerpiece of the Foundation. The Group Study Exchange is fully funded by the Foundation and we are expecting an incoming team from Brazil to visit our district in the spring. The Health, Hunger, and Humanitarian program exists for large grants between \$150,000 and \$300,000.

Peace Fellows is a relatively new program with 5 centers throughout the world. This year our district had a candidate accepted - a Philadelphia policeman.

Finally, we had an update to the Polio eradication efforts. Our club is #1 in the district in the last 3 years with nearly \$25,000 contributed.

A few recent outbreaks of polio were addressed by the Rapid Response team. Rotary is committed to this cause until the end.

Coming Program & Events

Dec 9 Silvertones at CADES

Dec 15 Board Meeting

Dec 16 Club Assembly at Swarthmore United Methodist Church

Dec 23 No Meeting

Dec 30 No Meeting

Jan 6 TBD

Jan 13 TBD



The Pledge of Allegiance

Four 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 GOOD WILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?





Welcome to Our Newest Members

In his induction speech last June, President Marv set club growth as one of his top goals for his year and at our last meeting, that goal got a boost with the induction of 3 new members.

We welcome **Jim Leming**, Organizational Development Consultant and Principal at Jim Leming & Associates, **Rich O'Donnell**, Vice President and Manager of the Swarthmore Branch of Bryn Mawr Trust, and **Dr. Rich Noonan**, Superintendent of the Wallingford Swarthmore School District.

We are honored to have these 3 outstanding members of our community as members of the Club and look forward to their contributions to our efforts to serve communities locally and abroad.

Grants Committee

By Mike Malone

Some five years ago the board decided that our ad hoc decisions on appeals made to the club for funds was lacking the kind of analysis and reflection that is warranted.

So, we created a committee to accept requests which we analyze and develop a recommendation for the board. The board makes the decisions. This has led to a clearer process with more professionalism.

Grants requests are welcomed by going to our web site or contacting the Grants Committee Chair who currently is Mike Malone at michael.malone@lpl.com. We have a grants form which lays out our requirements.



December is Family Month

The joy that spills forth as Rotarians take part in service projects, locally or internationally, says volumes about why more than 1.2 million people around the globe belong to Rotary clubs and are committed to making the world a better place.

Family Month celebrates the family of Rotary, which, in addition to individual Rotarians, includes all of those who are involved in Rotary's work from Rotary Foundation program alumni to participants in Rotary youth programs in thousands of communities around the world.

Spouses and children of Rotarians play a vital role in Rotary too. Rotary clubs benefit immensely when they strive to achieve a balanced interaction between Rotarians and their families, enhancing home lives and family interactions.

Your Rotary Smile

From the Mensa Society:

Giraffiti: Vandalism spray-painted very, very high.

Sarchasm: The gulf between the author of sarcastic wit and the person who doesn't get it.

Inoculatte: To take coffee intravenously when you are running late.

Osteopornosis: A degenerate disease.

Karmageddon: its like, when everybody is sending off all these really bad vibes, right? And then, like, the Earth explodes and it's like, a serious bummer.

**Happy Dollars
Total Since
July 1: \$705**



2009-2010 Total: \$934
(2731 Children Immunized)

All for the eradication of Polio.

Service Quotation

"I slept and dreamt that life was joy. I awoke and saw that life was service. I acted and behold, service was joy."

-Rabindranath Tagore,
philosopher, author, songwriter,
painter, educator, composer,
Nobel laureate (1861-1941)

Greeter

Our greeter next meeting will be



Joy Charlton

**Classification
Talk -
Marty Spiegel**
By Mike Malone



Marty Spiegel gave us a mini-classification talk.

He was born and raised in Boston and gravitated to the folk music scene.

After Boston College he spent time in the Peace Corps in Venezuela. After returning stateside he taught and then became involved in disability services.

He eventually married Linda, moved to Swarthmore and started his home inspection business in 1988 which he sold in 2007 to concentrate fully on his current vocation as Town Center Coordinator which he loves. He credits Rotary as an aid in much of this.