



CogNotes

The Rotary Club of Swarthmore
January 20, 2011

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January is **Rotary Awareness** Month



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Today's Program:

Suzanne Stadnicki

"The Strath Haven High School
Kenya Project"



Last Week's Speaker: Donald Appleton

By Mike Malone

Donald Appleton spoke on the National Constitution Center.

He spent much of the time discussing the exhibit which lays out the constitutional crises faced by several presidents and how they were resolved.

Visitors to the Center are immersed in exhibits about the Constitution and how it has shaped and guided the American Government and society over the years. At the end the visitor tries their hand at 3 Supreme Court cases and acts as the judge.

He also talked about "the National Family Tree" exhibit of many people who affected the Constitution in its history.

Finally he described Signer's Hall which is the site of 42 statues of signers of the Constitution.

Guests Last Meeting:

Allen Becton

Table Grace:

Lord God, we come with thankful hearts for the blessings that we enjoy here week-by-week. We cannot fathom why we are so fortunate.

But we know that "to whom much is given, from him or her, much will be required."

Help us, individually and as a Club, to be good stewards of all you entrust to us that at the year's end, we may hear within us a voice saying, "Well Done." In your strong name we pray. Amen.

The Rev. Dr. Frederick E. Christian

Coming Program & Events

Jan 26 Board Meeting

Jan 27 Classification Talks

Feb 3 John Stauffer
"Ethiopian Refugees"

Feb 10 Mayor Lowe
"The College Inn & The Police Department's Green Initiative"

Feb 17 Russell Atkinson
"Why we **Didn't** go to Haiti"

Feb 23 Board Meeting

Feb 24 Classification Talks



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?



Rotaplast Update

January 12, 2011

Dear President Marv,

The District 7450 sponsored Rotaplast mission to Vietnam was successfully completed last October thanks to the generous support of our Partner clubs such as yours.

Attached is the photo of the child that your club sponsored this past October for cleft lip and palate surgery. I am pleased to report that the surgery went well, and thanks to your support she now has an opportunity for a normal life. It is not often that we get the opportunity to make such a profound difference in someone's life. Thanks to the support of your club, and all its members together we have accomplished just such a change.

Please share this success with all your fellow Rotarians by forwarding this e-mail to all your members. Best regards,

Don Heebner, Chairperson
Rotary District 7450 Rotaplast Committee



**Happy Dollars
Total Since
July 1: \$910**



2009-2010 Total: \$896
(3010 Children Immunized)

All for the eradication of Polio.

Service Quotation

“Don’t let what you cannot do
interfere with what you can do”
– John Wooden, College Football
Hall of Famer as a player and a
coach.

Greeter

Our greeter next week will be

Josh Twersky



2011-12 RI Theme Announced: “Reach Within to Embrace Humanity”

RI President-elect **Kalyan Banerjee** will ask Rotarians to Reach Within to Embrace Humanity during the 2011-12 Rotary year. Banerjee unveiled the RI theme during the opening plenary session of the 2011 International Assembly, a training event for incoming district governors. He urged participants to harness their inner resolve and strength to achieve success in Rotary.

“In order to achieve anything in this world, a person has to use all the resources he can draw on. And the only place to start is with ourselves and within ourselves,” Banerjee said. Once Rotarians find their inner strength, he continued, they can accomplish great things in their communities and around the world.

“Discover yourself, develop the strengths within you, and then unhesitatingly, unflinchingly, go forth and encircle the world, to embrace humanity,” he said.

Banerjee emphasized the family as a starting point in serving others. “The communities we live in are not built of individual people but of families - families living in homes together, sharing their lives and their resources and their common destinies. Good families lead to good neighborhoods, and good neighborhoods build good communities.” Rotarians can focus on projects that support families, such as those that provide safe housing or improve maternal and child health, he said.

Continuity in Rotary’s work, including polio eradication, is also important, Banerjee said. “There are so many things we are indeed good at: working for clean, safe water; spreading literacy; working in so many ways with the New Generations, our youth, in our newest Avenue of Service and assisting them to become the leaders of tomorrow.”

See the full story at Rotary.org.