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The Rotary Club of Swarthmore February 24, 2011

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February is World Understanding Month



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Coming Program & Events

Mar 3 Dr. Chris Williams, "New Technologies in Eye Care"

Mar 10 TBD

Mar 17 George Strimel, Radnor Studios

"How The Boro Can Make Money While Providing a Great Service With Its Government Access Cable"

Mar 23 Board Meeting

Mar 24 Tony Salvatore, Founding member of the Delaware County Suicide Prevention & Awareness Task Force

Today's Program:

Classification Talks

Brian Casey, Dean Wolfe

Table Grace:

Lord of our land, we recall with gratitude during this month those leaders of our nation who have made it a better place because they came this way.

Help us to know that your hand is ever upon us and our land and give us thankful hearts for all your blessings; especially for those today as we gather around these tables.

Amen.

The Rev. Dr. Frederick E. Christian

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?



Last Week's Speaker: Louis Massiah By Mike Malone

Louis Massiah, the Lang Visiting Professor for Issues of Social Change at Swarthmore College, introduced us to the Scribe Video Center. This media arts center exists in West Philadelphia to be an access point for, generally, community groups to make videos for their needs.

In his talk, he highlighted two projects - Precious Places Community History Project, which helps neighborhoods with their oral history; and Community Visions, which helps community groups better speak to their constituency and gain skills to go it alone in the future.

Louis says" video is a powerful way to further the democratic process". He is a documentarian in his own right.

Guests Last Meeting:

Cliff Wadlinger, Lisa Lee



Project Haven HouseBy Marv Gelb

On Wednesday, February 23, 2011, The Swarthmore Rotary Club donated \$500 to Project Haven House. Project Haven House is a humanitarian effort that involves the entire Strath Haven High School Community.

The project allows Strath Haven High School to fulfill one of the core aspects of its mission statement: to "promote leadership in the global community" and to actualize our vision to "develop a world-class school district that provides students with the skills to succeed in a changing global environment." While the classroom offers many opportunities to learn and connect with the larger world through technology, Project Haven House provides students a range of opportunities for direct engagement with a community very different from their own: Nyumbani Village in Kenya. Students will learn about this community and directly participate and contribute to its long-term success.

Some students will actually experience the daily practices of a Third-World country. Project Haven House represents more than a simple humanitarian effort; it builds an international bridge between the Wallingford-Swarthmore School District and a community in need. Student workers will be working hard to stamp out poverty and provide school funding for Nyumbani Children's Home.

Shown in the picture are the students involved in Project Haven House, their advisor and teacher Suzanne Stadnicki, and Rotary members: President Marv Gelb, Asst Governor Anne Hansen, International Service Chairman Ray Hopkins, and Interact Chairman Cathy Darrell.

For additional information, you can go to www.projecthavenhouse.org.

Fun Fair Update - 9 Weeks Away! By Brian Casey

Fun Fair is coming on Sunday May 1 - a little over 9 weeks away. Mark your Calendar.

After the club meeting last week, Ken Wright led and information meeting where we discussed ideas for the Fair and a theme. Fifteen theme idea's were presented and put forth to the membership for a vote and the winner is...:



Celebrate Freedom

Now we are moving forward with the planning and looking for Sponsors and Volunteers for the event. This is the event that funds our initiatives in our communities at home and around the world. Please look at your contacts for possible sponsors.

Happy Dollars Total Since July 1: \$1115



2009-2010 Total: **\$896** (3352 Children Immunized)

All for the eradication of Polio.

Service Quotation

"The only ones among you who will be really happy are those who have sought and found how to serve."

- Albert Schweitzer

Greeter

Our greeter **next week** will be



Cathy Darrel

Update on the College InnFrom President Rebecca Chopp

This weekend, the Board of Managers endorsed the College's proposal to self-develop the Town Center West project, which includes an inn, restaurant, and the relocation of our campus bookstore to a new building on the south side of campus and in close proximity to the Borough's commercial district.

Classification Talk -Anne Seidman By Mike Malone

Ann Seidman went to her first Rotary meeting in 1956



while on a six week venture through France.

Her mother would not allow the phrase "I'm bored" to go unanswered. She felt one should get busy.

Ann stays busy and useful as a Rotarian with her boundless efforts in programs such as coordinating our Youth Exchange Program for our club. She also served Swarthmore Borough as President of the Borough Council.