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The Rotary Club of Swarthmore May 5, 2011

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Coming Program & Events

May 10 District Assembly

May 12 No Meeting

May 13 Members' Social Purcell-Darrell House

May 18 Board Meeting

May 19 Jeanna Vanni The Pilates Connection -Pilates for Everyday Health

Guests Last Meeting:

PDG Russ Defuria, Penelope Reed -Hedgerow Theatre, Sue Lathrop

Today's Program:

Shareen Hinson

Project Manager, PECO Education Team

Table Grace:

Amid the profusion of flowers this month, remind us, O Lord, of our daily dependence upon your goodness, not alone for the necessities we enjoy but for the beauty of fields and flowers.

How can we return our thanks, except by the gift of caring concern for the good earth itself and for those within it who are denied so many blessings that we enjoy.

Teach us so to number our days. Amen.

The Rev. Dr. Frederick E. Christian



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 Speakers: Lisa Lee, Roch O'Donnell

By Mike Malone

Rich O'Donnell was born in Philly, moved to Swarthmore at 6, was previously at Springhaven as a young "fence" member, went to PMC (now Widener). He worked at the college radio station and other local stations before going to the railroad. While in Detroit he was sent to mitigate the damages from a freight train crash which landed the engine on a yacht store and turned a cattle car upside down. When asked to try to sell the cows to local farmers, he knew he had a different future. After a time in insurance he ended up in banking. By 2006 he was in Swarthmore for PNC. He heard of the likely merger of First Keystone and Bryn Mawr Trust and applied directly to the president for the Swarthmore job.

Lisa Lee has been in education in different capacities her whole adult life. She majored in psychology at Swarthmore and received a Master's in Special Ed. from BU. She worked in administration at Penn in Engineering and Wharton an then John Hopkins and Duke.

She is now Director of Alumni Relations at Swarthmore. She gets to know the faculty well by communicating their interesting ventures to the alumni, often traveling with them. She manages many volunteer efforts among the alumni and chairs the conference on entrepreneurship each year at the college. She has become the "tweet" coordinator since the 22 year old doing it before has moved on.



Swarthmore Fun Fair By Josh Twersky

Once again, the weather was spectacular for the 10th annual Swarthmore Charity Fun Fair, held on Sunday, May 1, 2011 from 1PM to 5PM in downtown Swarthmore. While the number of visitors is hard to measure, the general sense is that the crowd was one of the largest in the 10 year history of the Fair, and possibly set a record.

Parade participation was among the highest with groups as diverse as the Strath Haven Silvertones and the Rotary Group Study Exchange Team from Brazil that is nearing the end of their 6 week visit.

In addition to the Parade, the Fair included games for all ages, education, music on 3 stages, races, and a food court to tantalize every palate.

Thousands of people and scores of charities took part in this signature event which is organized and managed by the Rotary Club of Swarthmore on behalf of Swarthmore Town Center, Inc. Additionally, hundreds of local and area businesses combined to contribute and be represented in the Fun Fair.

This year, the Fun Fair is expected to generate in excess of \$35,000 for various charities serving local and international needs. A good time was had by all for a good cause as the community came together to celebrate and help many different charities. Don't miss next year's Swarthmore Charity Fun Fair!



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Happy Dollars Total Since July 1: \$1467



2009-2010 Total: **\$896** (**3938** Children Immunized)

All for the eradication of Polio.

Service Quotation

- "The only gift is a portion of thyself"
- Ralph Waldo Emerson

Greeter



Our greeter next week will be





World of Work By Putty Willetts

A big THANK YOU World of Work to all the Rotarians and Rotarian Spouses who came out to escort the Boys and Girls from SRS.

Coming 2 days before the Big Fun Fair made this a little harder with everything else going on but the children enjoy this every year.

Below are the Rotary Members and Friends who came out to take the children to the businesses in our town and enjoy their creative inventions after the tour:

- 1. Josh Twersky
- Ken Wright
 Dave Welsh
- 4. Mary Gelb
- 5. Dorothy Gelb
- 6. Jim Leming
- 7. George Whitfield
- 8. Marty Spiegel
- 9. Ron Van Langevelt
- 10. Gene and Ann Martenson

- 11. Randy Winton
- 12. Richard Noonan
- 13. Tannei Casey
- 14. Cathy Darrell
- 15. Lisa Lee
- 16. Ann Seidman
- 17. Mike Malone
- iegel 18. Craig Fava