

CogNotes

The Rotary Club of Swarthmore
August 25, 2011



August is **Membership and Extension** Month

Celebrating 75 Years of "Service Above Self"
April 26, 1937 to April 26, 2012

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Vocational Service
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Today's Program: Thurm Brendlinger, aFewSteps.org

Community-Based Energy
Conservation

Table Grace

Grant us, Lord, the strength to pass
this day in gladness and peace,
without stumbling or stain. May
we reach its close with something
added of our devotion to Rotary
ideals that shall have strengthened
and encouraged another on a
difficult road.

Receive our thanks for this food
and for the exchange of friendly
chatter around these tables. And
may your name be praised. Amen.

The Rev. Dr. Frederick E. Christian

Coming Program & Events

Sept 1 Jeff Haviland

Youth Services at Strath Haven
High School

Sept 8 Visanth Prabhu

Rotary International "Matching
Grants"

Sept 15 Tom Stephenson, Provost, Swarthmore College

The Nicaragua Project

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?

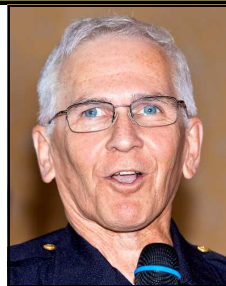


Last Week's Speaker:

William Richard

By Anne Hansen

Bill Richard, a Lead Instructor of EMS Training at Crozer-Chester Medical Center, described the continued consequences of the Great "Wade Dump Fire" which started in Feb. 1978 near the Commodore Barry Bridge in Chester. What began as a fire at a rubber reclaiming operation turned into disastrous chemical fires, as 3 million gallons of toxic waste from 49 companies had been secretly dumped into the ground. Firefighters found themselves unprotected as their coats and boots dissolved if they touched the liquid. Breathing the fumes has had a devastating effect on the responders; well over 50 have developed rare cancers and blood diseases, most have died. Bill has lived with Hodgkin's disease since fighting the fire.



The Toxic Fire of 1978 Memorial Foundation is raising funds to build a memorial to honor those who fought the fire. Donations can be sent to: P.O. Box 1 Chester PA 19016.

Guests Last Week:

Roma Wright

Former Rotary Scholar from Japan Helps Her Homeland Recover



Naoko Kurauchi, a nurse and former Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholar, provided medical relief in Miyako, Japan, two weeks after her country was hit by an earthquake and tsunami on 11 March.

The disaster was overwhelming, she says. "My mind suddenly slipped back to the [South Asia] tsunami in 2004, which was what made me decide to apply for the Rotary scholarship," explains Kurauchi, who studied international health at Queen Margaret University in Scotland in 2008-09. Talking via Skype from Okinawa with her family in Tokyo, she could see their house shaking from aftershocks. "I was used to seeing these things happen in countries where infrastructure is inadequate," says Kurauchi, who never expected a major disaster to strike so close to home.

Her team traveled from Okinawa to Miyako, arriving with two ambulances full of medical supplies and food. Evidence of the tsunami was everywhere. "There were boats in the middle of the road, cars on top of houses, and houses on top of roofs," she says, adding that "the whole town was filled with mud and garbage."

Kurauchi served in Miyako for five days. "I believe we all have something to offer," she says, but emphasizes that "the aid needs to be really organized and well prepared."

Read the full story at Rotary.org.

Happy Dollars Total for 2011-12:

\$338

2010-11 Total: \$1690

2009-10 Total: \$896

(4873 Children Immunized)



Service Quotation

"It is absolutely true that you can succeed best and quickest by helping others to succeed."

-Napoleon Hill, Author of "Think and Grow Rich"



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Anniversaries:

Rotary:

Ron Van Langeveld 9 years

Wedding:

Anne & Hogie Hansen Aug 27

Ken and Mary Wright Aug 27

Paul and Mary Mangelsdorf Aug 27

Maria Zissimos & Arthur Kyriazis
Aug 31

Birthday:

Lynne Urian Aug 28



From left: Foundation Trustee Chair William Boyd thanks RI General Secretary John Hewko for helping the Foundation provide grants by becoming a Paul Harris Fellow.

New RI General Secretary Shows His Support for the Foundation's Work

John Hewko, Rotary International's new general secretary, recently took on another leadership role: that of a Paul Harris Fellow.

Hewko also has facilitated his continuing Foundation support by signing up for TRF-Direct. The online recurring gifts program sends contributions electronically on a regular basis from a checking or credit card account directly to the Foundation.

"The Rotary Foundation has a long history of financial strength and stability and is one of the world's top-rated charities," says Hewko. "I'm proud to lead this organization and to wear my Paul Harris Fellow pin. I hope the 75 percent of Rotarians who don't currently give to the Foundation will join me in supporting our humanitarian work and in utilizing TRF-Direct when giving."

It's through donations to the Foundation that Rotary is able to fulfill its promise to create a polio-free world, and its mission to "advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty."