



The Rotary Club of Swarthmore September 29, 2011



October is Vocational Service Month

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

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Today's Program:

Dr. Kevin Browngoehl Doctors in Service: The Haiti Clinic

Table Grace

Lord of the nations, broaden our horizons through Rotary that we may constantly be aware that freedom is indivisible; that justice cannot be denied anywhere without being threatened everywhere and that caring and concern are the coinage of understanding and peace.

Bless us now as we receive the gifts of this hour and make us ever concerned about others. Amen.

The Rev. Dr. Frederick E. Christian

Swarthmore Rotary Attends Foundation Seminar by Brian Casey

On Saturday October 1, Swarthmore Rotarians Anne Hansen, Will Fairley, Craig Fava and Brian Casey attended the Rotary Foundation Seminar in King of Prussia. Roughly 200 Rotarians from District 7450 and 7430 attended the Seminar which covered a variety of topics such as Foundation Basics, Leveraging Your Club's Funds, Keeping your Coffers Full, and District Simplified.

The Featured Speaker was Lt. D.F. Pace of the Philadelphia Police Department who returned from Bangkok, Thailand in September after completing a 3 month Fellowship at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok on Peace and Conflict Resolution. This fellowship, a Rotary Foundation Program, is held at 6 universities around the world.

Lt. Pace described the program and told how his experience in the program is already changing how he looks at conflict resolution and prevention in his work with the Police department.



Coming Program & Events

Oct 13 Rose Fairley My Life on Stage—So Far

Oct 20 Dr. Jerome Parker President, Delaware County Community College—Part II

Oct 26 Board Meeting

Oct 27 Mark Kuperberg The Great Recessiion—Part II

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 FRIEND-SHIPS?
- 4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Guests Last Week:

Gordy Nichols



Swarthmore Rotary Provides Assistance for Sonestown PA Flood Victims

By Brian Casev

Following an emergency meeting of the Grants Committee last Thursday, the Swarthmore Rotary Board approved a grant of \$1000 to provide assistance to flood victims in the town of Sonestown, PA following the recent severe flooding in the area.

Friday morning Gladys Snively called the American Legion Sonestown Post 601, coordinators of the relief effort, to get a sense of the immediate needs of the families. Anne Hansen spent much of her Friday purchasing the water, cleaning supplies, trash bags, charcoal and coffee they requested

On Sunday October 2, Swarthmore Rotarians Gladys Snively and Anne Hansen made the 31/2 hour drive to deliver the needed supplies. They found the situation somewhat improved. Although the American Legion Auxiliary is still feeding victims on a daily basis, electricity is partially restored and some families are ready to move back into their homes.



Foundation Committee Seeks Support Based on Rotarian's **Capability to Pay**

by Brian Casey

In an important change in the message coming from District 7450 Rotary Foundation Committee, District Rotarians are being asked for a contribution to the Rotary Foundation based on the capability to pay and not just for a \$100 annual sustaining member contribution.

In a message, which was scheduled to be delivered to all District Rotary Clubs by the end of September, it is pointed out the compelling needs the Foundation was helping with and the fact that many years have passed since the District began asking for the \$100 amount.

According to Bob Lankin, chair of District 7450 Rotary Foundation Committee, "Over 30 members of our District already give \$1,000 per year.



The Rotary Foundation not only meets compelling needs and changes and saves lives, it also has very low administrative expenses of well under 10 per cent of its funds. It has been recognized by Charity navigator with its highest four star recognition."

Happy Dollars Total for 2011-12:

\$503 2010-11 Total: \$1690 2009-10 Total \$896



(5148 Children Immunized)

Service Quotation

"You can't live a perfect day without doing something for someone who will never be able to repay you"

- John Wooden, Legendary UCLA Basketball Coach



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Anniversaries:

Rotary: Mary Gelb Oct 6 5 years Anne Seidman Oct 11 15 years

Birthdays: Josh Twersky

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Last Week's Speaker: Vitor Gimenens by Mike Malone

Vitor Gimenens, our exchange student from Brazil, gave us a tour of his beloved country from the Amazon to Rio. He is from Sao Paulo, the most populous state. His city is Vinhedo and his neighborhood, which is the size of Swarthmore, is Aquarios. The Campinas Norte Rotary Club is his sponsor.

Vitor has a sister; his father is an electrical engineer; and his mother who is a dentist, is "a magic soul".

