

CogNotes

The Rotary Club of Swarthmore
February 23, 2012



February is **World Understanding** Month

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

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Today's Program:

Tony Messina

Me, Sinatra and Music that Swings

Table Grace

During this month when we honor great figures of our nation, show us, Lord, the true measure of their stature.

Help us to see their love of liberty, their devotion to duty, and their passion for justice and freedom.

Inspire us to commit ourselves to the best we see in them. Lord, receive our thanks for all these blessings and for this hour together. Amen.

The Rev. Dr. Frederick E. Christian

Coming Program & Events

Mar 1 Carol Carr, Director of Lending and Training, Woman's Opportunity Resource Center (WORC)

Something Borrowed For Something New – Micro-Enterprise Loans

Mar 8 Carl Cherkin, Vice President, The Philadelphia Union
The Philadelphia Union

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: Mel Allen

by Mike Malone

Mel Allen, President and Founder of Project Forward Leap, spoke to us about the program which attempts to bridge the educational gap between advantaged and disadvantaged youth. Children enter the 5 week summer session away at colleges in grades 6-8, and sessions are continued during the school year on Saturdays. Parents (or another supportive person) are required to give 50 hours to aid their children.



Mel believes "immersion" is key to jumpstarting children into a new educational focus. Their record of high school graduation and college admittance far exceeds urban high school numbers.

Guests Last Week:

William Nganga, Ruth Williams, Donna Amalfitano, Linda Ryan, Bill Baldwin, Penny Hughes

India prepares for Polio Summit 2012

By Dan Nixon

Rotary International News -- 16 February 2012

In the wake of India achieving one year without a case of polio, the Indian Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, in partnership with Rotary International, is organizing [Polio Summit 2012](#). It will be held 25-26 February in New Delhi.

The summit is aimed at sustaining the country's momentum toward eradicating polio by increasing awareness of the disease, securing strong support from governments and other partners, and promoting routine immunization. The meeting also will create a platform for government and health officials to develop a strategy for ending the disease in the three other countries where it is endemic -- Afghanistan, Nigeria, and Pakistan -- and throughout the world.

More than 1,000 government leaders, health officials, and Rotarians from India and neighboring countries, along with representatives from Rotary International, the World Health Organization, UNICEF, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, are expected to attend the event.

"The Polio Summit will help greatly in continuing advocacy with political, bureaucratic, and religious, as well as corporate and social, leaders and other organizations," says RI President Kalyan Banerjee.

Before the summit, on 19 February, more than 200 Rotarians from several countries will participate with their Indian counterparts in the country's National Immunization Day. About half of the visiting Rotarians also plan to attend the Polio Summit.

Afterward, on 27 February, the annual National PolioPlus Orientation and Planning Meeting for RI governors-elect and district PolioPlus chairs will be held in New Delhi, hosted by the India PolioPlus Committee.

See rotary.org for more.



Happy Dollars Total for 2011-12:

\$1434

2010-11 Total: \$1690

2009-10 Total: \$896

(6700 Children Immunized)



Service Quotation

"Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote EVERY DAY about the kind of community you want to live in."

- Anonymous

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**65 DAYS
UNTIL FUN
FAIR!!**



Anniversaries:

Birthday:

Mike Malone

Feb 25

Wedding:

Ann Seidman

Feb 13

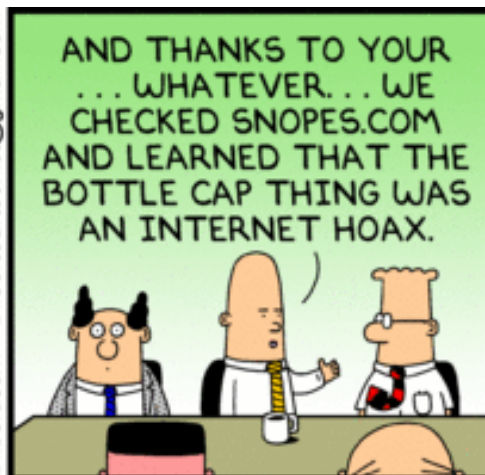
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