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The Rotary Club of Swarthmore
May 10, 2012



May is **Volunteer** Month

Celebrating 75 Years of "Service Above Self"

April 26, 1937 to April 26, 2012

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Today's Program:

Mike Dever, Author

"The Free Lunch Portfolio and
Other Outrageous Investing Advice"

Table Grace

Almighty God, we pray that all
people may be inspired by a
stronger desire to live in a world
of justice and peace.

Help us to realize that this order
must begin within us and prompt
us daily through Rotary ideals, to
do those things which make the
dream possible.

Thank you for the opportunity to
gather around these tables where
food and nourishment for our
bodies and spirits abound. We
pray in your name. Amen.

The Rev. Dr. Frederick E. Christian

Coming Program & Events

**May 17 Rebecca Bonner, Greater
Philadelphia Association for
Recovery Education**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

ROTARY MEMBERS SOCIAL
Saturday, June 19th, 6:00 p.m.
Purcell-Darrell House

This is a potluck dinner. The main
course will provided, and a sheet will be
provided at the meeting today for
members to sign up to bring other items.

Members, spouses, and prospective
members are invited.

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: Michael Ryan by Mike Malone

Michael C. Ryan, the Meat Manager and Fishmonger at the Swarthmore COOP, prepared Maine scallops for us while he raved about the benefits of community interaction in the retail food experience. He encourages COOP customers to involve him in their dining decisions.

Michael tries to bring the best and most ecologically friendly food options to his customers. He described some of the vendors with whom he works and the relationships he has built. He easily addressed questions while simultaneously cooking what turned out to be a delicious dish.



Guests Last Week:

Curtis Reger, Don Carpenter, Karen Hamilton, Dory Piccard Dickson

2012 RI Convention

A royal appearance kicked off the 2012 RI Convention in Bangkok, Thailand, 6 May, where Rotarians gathered to celebrate past accomplishments and future friendships.



Her Royal Highness Princess Chulabhorn represented His Majesty the King at the opening ceremony, thanking Rotarians for their good work around the world.

"I'm truly impressed by the unity of all Rotarians in devoting themselves to charity work in a spirit of selfless benevolence and dedication as befits Rotary's own motto, Service Above Self," said Princess Chulabhorn. "I am confident that your unwavering commitment and good intentions will reap due reward for our common cause."

RI President Kalyan Banerjee presented the princess with a gift of appreciation. Flags of the 200 countries and regions where Rotary clubs serve their communities were presented on stage, followed by a performance of the national anthem of Thailand by Thai pop music star Tata Young.

In his opening remarks, Banerjee said Rotary is stronger today than it was at the beginning of his presidential term.

"I came into this year determined to make a difference, to leave Rotary stronger at the end of my year. And those goals were met," said Banerjee. "But if there is one thing I have learned in this incredible year, it is that the changes that I have seen, the lives that have been touched haven't been because of me. They have been because of you."

Banerjee praised the Rotary projects that he and his wife, Binota, saw during their travels throughout the year, sharing how overwhelmed with pride and joy he was for their great work.

This year, Banerjee visited projects from New York to the newest Rotary country, South Sudan, where Rotarians from several countries are working with the government to build a multimillion dollar hospital. (See [Rotary.org](#) for full story)



Rotarians Celebrate Milestones in the Fight to Rid the World of Polio By Ryan Hyland, Rotary International News – 5/8/2012

Rotarians Tuesday celebrated two major milestones in the organization's decades-long fight to rid the world of polio with a laser light show at the 2012 RI Convention in Bangkok, Thailand.

During the third plenary session, which was also made available through a live webcast, Rotarians were congratulated for meeting and exceeding Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge, Rotary's response to \$355 million in matching grants from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation for polio eradication efforts. Attendees also celebrated India's removal from the polio-endemic list in February, which leaves only three countries where transmission of the virus has never been stopped.

But speakers reminded the festive assembly that the work is far from complete, because the ultimate goal has not been reached.

"We know that we haven't reached our goal. We haven't ended polio," said John F. Germ, chair of Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge Committee. "Our clubs are still planning polio fundraisers for the coming years and encouraging donations from people in their communities."

Germ announced that, as of 4 May, Rotarians and supporters have raised \$215.7 million for the challenge, which runs through June. But with the Global Polio Eradication Initiative facing a significant funding shortfall for 2012 and beyond, it is vital for clubs and districts to keep pushing forward with their many creative fundraisers.

Happy Dollars Total for 2011-12:

\$1941

2010-11 Total: \$1690

2009-10 Total: \$896

(7545 Children Immunized)



Service Quotation

"Do something wonderful. People may imitate it."

– Albert Schweitzer

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SAVE THE DATE!
Wednesday
June 20, 2012
6 p.m.

at the Springhaven Club
(No Thursday Luncheon)

Swarthmore Rotary
Member Recognition
and Installation of Officers
Dinner

