

# CogNotes

# The Rotary Club of Swarthmore June 28, 2012



June is Rotary Fellowship Month

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

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## Today's Program:

#### **Classification Talks:**

Linda Carpenter,

Donna Amalfitano

### **Table Grace**

During these weeks, scores of our young people have been launched into the world that we call "the world of the professions and of business."

Grant that we who receive them may not dim their high hopes and lofty ideals. Guide us. Lord, that we may give them a vision of service woven out of the fabric of Rotary's goals.

Father, receive our grateful thanks for the gifts of this hour. Amen.

The Rev. Dr. Frederick E. Christian

## **Coming Program & Events**

July 5 No Meeting

July 12 - Mares Stellfox,

Sprint Car Driver, "Will Fairley's Office Manager by Day, Sprint Car Racer and Mom by Night and Weekends"

July 19 - Lyn Samson,

Executive Director of Help Hope Live, "Let Me Introduce to You 'Help Hope Live'"

# 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

# Last Meeting's Speaker: Rich Sedmak by Mike Malone

Rich Sedmak, who founded Startup Corps, explained how his own entrepreneurial career which started at age 8 and resulted in the sale of his software business in 2007 at the age of 22 led him to create a program in the Philadelphia schools to find, train, and unleash young entrepreneurs.

They have classes and lend small amounts of money to help high schoolers to "find their intrinsic motivation" and to "lay out their assumptions for a business idea and test it in the real world".







On Wednesday June 20th we held the Annual Celebration and Installation to celebrate our successes of the past year and install the incoming President and club leadership Team.

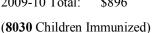
The Celebration capped of a year of successes for the club. These successes were also recognized at the DG Installations with Presentations of Service Project Award for the Fun Fair, Literacy Award, and Swarthmore was one of just 2 clubs in the District to receive the Presidential Citation for 2011-2012.

We are grateful that DGE Dave Ellis and PDG Hogie Hansen were able to join us and conduct the Installations.

# Happy Dollars Total for 2011-12:

\$2232

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



## **Service Quotation**

"You can always choose to help others. if you do, it will change you" -

Susan Ford, Author and Photojournalist

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## Anniversaries

Birthdays:

Gloriann Brower June 29

**Rotary Anniversaries:** 

Mike MaloneJune 2921 yrsGudmund IversenJuly 127 yrsRobin ElrickJuly 124 yrsWill FairleyJuly 118 yrs

Wedding:

Mary and Dorothy Gelb July 3 13 yrs

# President-Elect Will Fairley's Installation Comments

At his acceptance talk at the Recognition and Installation Dinner, June 20, Will Fairley recounted things that struck him about Rotary at the Rotary International Convention in Bangkok: how much Rotary is looked to as a symbol of understanding and peace--"Peace through Service" is more than just a slogan; how unique Rotary is—where Rotary Clubs in every country were able to overcome barriers to national immunization efforts; and what RI President Kalyan Banerjee really meant by "Reach Within and Embrace Humanity."

He distinguished, tongue in cheek, three "Stages of Rotary Enlightenment": (1) "Foggy"; "Club vision"; and "International vision." He labeled three levels of contribution "Low", "Middle", and "High". Every combination is valuable.



Some things he would like to see us do:

Each member set sights on the "International" level of enlightenment; and raise their contributions to the Rotary Foundation. He sees giving to Rotary as investing in a portfolio of good works.

As a Club: create a Club Handbook; every member to be on and participating in a Club Committee.

Bring Rotary at the District and world levels onto your personal radar; attend the District conference November 9-10 (Friday afternoon and Saturday), 2012; and support RI in "finishing the job" on polio eradication.

In closing, he gave his personal vision of Rotary: you and I are the rivulets that feed the streams, that feed the tributaries, that feed the great river. Rotary worldwide is that river.