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The Rotary Club of Swarthmore
July 12, 2012



July is **Rotary Installation** Month

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/Ray Hopkins

Randy Winton

Ron Van Langeveld

Craig Fava

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Today's Program:

Mares Stellfox, Sprint Car
Driver

Table Grace

Lord, we thank you, as we
reaffirm our independence as
a nation.

We honor our founders who
were held firm by solid
conviction, not defeated by
complaints or discouraged by
discomforts.

Help us to be for something
we like, more than against
something we dislike. This, we
believe, is Rotary. Strengthen
us to do your will. Amen.

The Rev. Dr. Frederick E. Christian

Coming Program & Events

**July 11-15 RYLA North America
Conference, Washington, DC**

**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 FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?



Polio eradication shifts into emergency mode --- Reprinted from Rotary International News -- 25 May 2012

Despite the dramatic drop in polio cases in the last year, the threat of continued transmission due to funding and immunization gaps has driven the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) to launch the Global Polio Emergency Action Plan 2012-13. The plan aims to boost vaccination coverage in the three remaining polio-endemic countries -- Nigeria, Pakistan, and Afghanistan - to levels needed to stop polio transmission. Health ministers meeting at the World Health Assembly in Geneva adopted a resolution on 25 May that declared "the completion of polio eradication to be a programmatic emergency for global public health."

Our Swarthmore Rotary Club contributed \$2311 in Happy Dollars in the last year -- enough to immunize 8,162 children. Yet the need continues to grow.

How can we meet the challenge in the coming year?



Paul Harris Fellows

Marty Spiegel, Gladys Snively, Craig Fava and Ann Seidman were recognized at the June 28th meeting with well deserved Paul Harris Fellow Awards.

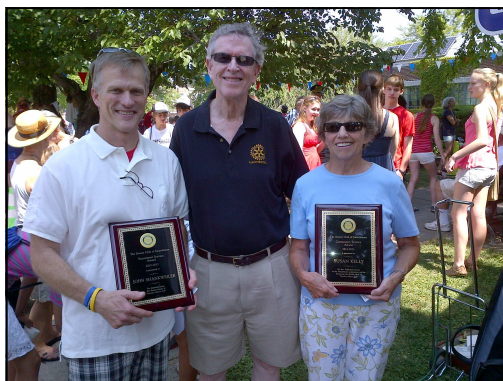


Swarthmore Rotary Celebrates Independence Day

The Club distributed 45 gallons of lemonade and tons of water as well to thirsty customers at the Swarthmore Borough Independence Day celebrations held--fittingly--July 4 at near-100 degree temperatures. Josh Twersky and a cast of thousands aided in dispensing the welcome beverages at a post near the speakers and review stand by the Library. We raised \$139.07 for Alex's Lemonade and \$61.38 for PolioPlus. A number of Club members participated in the parade, taking the Club banner proudly by the crowds and reviewing stand.

Rotary Club Service Awards

At the Independence Day celebrations in Swarthmore, the annual Rotary Club of Swarthmore Community Service Award for "commitment and dedication to 'Service above Self'" was given to Susan Kelly. The Club's Service Award for "exceptional dedication to advancing his/her chosen profession and to service in the community" went to John Shankweiler.



In giving the awards, Will Fairley, the incoming 2012-2013 President of the Swarthmore Rotary Club, said the following about the recipients.

"Susan Kelly has devoted herself to the preservation and improvement of Little Crum Creek Park as a wetlands and community resource, served for years on the Environmental Advisory Board to Borough Council, and is its current Chair. She has been an independent voice in town planning, and is behind those beautiful flowers and plantings at the Swim Club.

"When John Shankweiler, Director of Choral Arts and Musical Theatre, came to Strath Haven High School in 1984, there were twenty-three students; the choral program now includes four choirs. Since 1998 he has organized an annual singing and historical tour of Italy by The Silvertones. Outside the high school, he conducts the Orpheus Club of Philadelphia, sings with the renowned Waverly Consort ensemble in New York City, and is a member of the borough's own Silver Dollar Band."

Classification Talks—Donna Amalfitano and Bill Baldwin

At our last meeting, two of our newer members gave their classification talks.

Donna Amalfitano from the Bryn Mawr Trust was in the last graduating class of Notre Dame located in Nether Providence. She is married to a union electrician who also has a degree in education from Widener. She has 2 grown daughters. Donna is an accomplished bowler who loves to help her "friends" at the bank. She agrees with Bryn Mawr Trust's belief in being fully engaged in the community.

Bill Baldwin has been a lawyer in the non profit sector for his whole career. He began at the Delco Domestic Abuse Project in the early 90's after graduating from Temple Law and served this type of agency in two other counties before taking the position of Director of the Delaware County Bar Association two years ago. Bill loves his job there and "works to travel". He loves to learn of new cultures.



Happy Dollars Total for 2012-13:

\$90



2011-12 Total: \$2311

2010-11 Total: \$1690

2009-10 Total: \$896

(7785 Children Immunized)

Service Quotation

"Life's most urgent question is, what are you doing for others?"

— Martin Luther King, Jr., Minister & Civil Rights Activist

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Anniversaries

Wedding:

Arthur (Art) Baker

July 15

Philadelphia Independence Day Parade

More than 30 of Rotary District 7450's 53 clubs participated in the Wawa Independence Day Parade in on the 4th of July. Thousands of spectators lined the parade route which passed in front of the birthplace of America. This parade was telecast worldwide by ABC. You can see that there is a Rotary Club banner from almost every community in and around Philadelphia. Leading this group is the Rotary District 7450 Governor of its 53 clubs.

