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**The Rotary Club of Swarthmore
October 18, 2012**



October is **Rotary Vocational Service** Month

**Improving Lives in Communities
Locally and Around the World for over 75 Years**

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Today's Program:

**Debbie Morton, director/
producer of the PBS telecast
"Fast Times at West Philly
High"**

Table Grace

Amid the flaming colors of Fall
and the bracing air that we
breathe, O God, remind us of
the poet's words that "The
Heavens declare your glory;"
that we may never forget that
you are the Giver of all of life.

You have given us ample
provision for our needs of
body, mind, and spirit for
which we are truly grateful.

Amen.

The Rev. Dr. Frederick E. Christian

Coming Program & Events

Oct 25 Rebecca Robert, Scott Arboretum

"The Fall Arts Calendar for the
Delaware Arts Consortium: The Arts
Matter in Delaware County"

**Oct 30 District 450 Foundation
Committee Meeting**

**Nov 3 Rotary Day at the United
Nations**

**Nov 9 2012-13 District
Conference**

*Know someone who might have
interest in one of our upcoming topics?
Invite them to the meeting that day!
They might be a prospective member.*

The Pledge of Allegiance



Last Week's Speaker—Carol Long by Joy Charlton

Carol Long, Assistant Curator of the Winterthur Gardens in Delaware, shared beautiful photographs illustrating how her own home landscape has been inspired by the principles of color, shape, and texture in evidence at Winterthur's gardens, originally planned by owner and Master Gardener H.F. Du Pont. Winterthur is a 9 floor, 189-room mansion on 1,000 acres, with 200 acres in gardens open to the public. The mansion is a prominent museum of American antiques.



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?



Guests Last Week
Lee Leming

October is Vocational Service Month – But How Do Rotarians Provide Vocational Service?

RI President Sakuji Tanaka writes about the importance of vocational service:



In Japan, we place great importance on the value of work. Whatever we are called to do, we should do it to the very best of our abilities, with dignity and with pride. Whether the job is running a country or shining shoes, there is honor in every vocation.

I grew up embracing this belief, but I had never stopped to contemplate it. One day, in my third year in Rotary, we had a speaker at our club who talked about the purpose of one's livelihood. He asked, why do we work hard? What is the importance of our work?

I had never thought about this before. I never saw it as a question. We work to earn money. We work to be successful. We work because it is required of us. To me, this was all.

On that day, I learned about the idea of vocational service. It was the idea that through our work, we can serve others. We think about others' needs, and grow to care more for the needs of our communities. We build positive connections between people, and a more peaceful world.

This is the idea that has changed my life. It did not change how much I worked, or how hard I worked. But it changed why I worked, and how I experienced my life. It has made me see a higher purpose in everything I do. The idea of Service above Self is an idea that is unique to Rotary. But it is an idea that can be embraced by anyone. And I believe very much that in Rotary, and beyond Rotary, we can build Peace through Service.

The question for Swarthmore Rotary members: How do we serve others through the work we do day-to-day? How can we build peace and a sense of community in Swarthmore through our work, our jobs?

Happy Dollars Total for 2012-13: \$456



2011-12 Total: \$2311
2010-11 Total: \$1690
2009-10 Total: \$896

(8922 Children Immunized)

All Proceeds to Polio Eradication.

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Service Quotation

"Love is selfless service to mankind."

- Santosh Kalwar, poet, writer, researcher

Anniversaries

Birthday:

Harry Urian

Oct 22

Rotary:

Fred Thibodeau

Oct 29

3 yrs

Brian Craig

Oct 23

14 yrs

Fall Reception Held at Will and Michele Fairley's Home on Friday, October 12

Delicious food, wine, scrumptious dessert, and lots of visiting were enjoyed by Swarthmore Rotary Club members and guests last Friday, October 12, at the Fall Reception. Our hosts, President Will and wife Michele were extremely warm and gracious and the fellowship was as good as it gets!

