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The Rotary Club of Swarthmore
December 13, 2012

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Locally and Around the World for over 75 Years**

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Today's Program:

The Silvertones!

Table Grace

Amid the accelerating activity of this season, Lord, slow us down and give us quiet minds to discern the deeper meaning of these days and receptive hearts to respond to those who need our caring concern.

Accept our tribute of thanks for all you have given us in Rotary and for what we enjoy today.

Amen.

The Rev. Dr. Frederick E. Christian

Coming Program & Events

Dec 20 Collin Darrell, entrepreneur
"You Heard it Here First – Grow Culture Restaurants"
Swarthmore United Methodist Church

Dec 27 no meeting

Jan 3 Eric Jensen, Professor of Physics and Astronomy, Swarthmore College
"Why the New Year Begins on Our January 1st"

Know someone who might have interest in one of our upcoming topics? Invite them to the meeting that day!



The Pledge of Allegiance

Four Way Test:

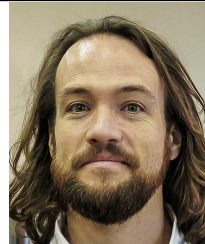
Of the things we think, say and do;

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—Paul Downie by Joy Charlton

Paul Downie is the new Executive Director of the Community Arts Center in Wallingford. A mural artist, he is responsible for 30 murals in the Philadelphia area and in particular for the well-known mural of Martin Luther King in Chester. He has served in multiple capacities at the CAC, most recently as its Program Director. The CAC remains focused on the visual arts and offers on-site classes for adults, teens, and especially pre-school children (about 100 classes in the winter term), in ceramics, painting, sculpture, photography, jewelry-making, and yoga – with ceramics by far the largest program. They also have off-site instructional art and community-based programs with partners in Chester and Upper Darby. The CAC recently added a large gallery space, in which they host the new "Friday Night Live" series combining music performances with art creation, and which they use for the the annual holiday sale, annual arts & crafts festival, the Empty Bowls fundraiser, and as rental space for weddings and other events.



The Community Arts Center was founded by artists in 1948, and since 1968 has been in its present location. Completed in 1889, the current CAC building was originally a summer home of the Widener-Dixon family. A now-empty but medieval-looking water tower on the property is on their agenda for creative use this coming year, as is creating innovative opportunities for artists and serving the community.

Guests Last Week
Roma Wright

Win a Camera in the 2013 Rotarian Photo Contest

-from the RI Web site

Do you have a great shot from a fundraiser, international project, the RI Convention, or a local club event? *The Rotarian*'s 2013 photo contest is now underway. Enter up to three photos taken in 2012 or 2013 that illustrate the spirit of Rotary for a chance to win one of three cameras -- one Nikon digital SLR with lens or one of two Canon ultra-zoom point-and-shoots.

For inspiration, read our [interview with award-winning photographer Harry Benson](#) in the June 2012 issue and view a [slideshow of top photos](http://www.rotary.org/en/mediaandnews/therotarian/pages/contest1206.aspx) (<http://www.rotary.org/en/mediaandnews/therotarian/pages/contest1206.aspx>) from last year's contest.

For more information, go to this link: http://www.rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/News/Pages/071119_news_photocontestpromo.aspx



Carlo Antonio Romero, a member of the Rotary Club of Cagayan do Oro City, Philippines, earned a spot in the pages of The Rotarian magazine with this shot, taken in Gitagum and entered into our 2012 photo contest

Happy Dollars Total for 2012-13:

\$1011

2011-12 Total: \$2311

2010-11 Total: \$1690

2009-10 Total: \$896

(9847 Children Immunized)

All Proceeds to Polio Eradication.



Service Quotation

"It is in the opportunities to serve others that you will find the abundance you seek."

– Albert Schweitzer (1875-1965), Theologian, organist, philosopher, physician, and medical missionary

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Anniversaries

Birthday:

John Kaufman	Dec. 13
Karen Lichter	Dec. 16
Joy Charlton	Dec. 18
Dorothy Gelb	Dec. 19







Wedding:

Steve Laxton	Dec. 16
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*Your contribution to Every Rotarian,
Every Year makes humanitarian projects possible.*

About The Rotary Foundation – Six Areas of Focus

-  Peace and conflict prevention/resolution
-  Disease prevention and treatment
-  Water and sanitation
-  Maternal and child health
-  Basic education and literacy
-  Economic and community development



This Week's Focus: Basic Education and Literacy

The Rotary Foundation promotes education and literacy for all by:

- Ensuring that children have access to quality basic education
- Reducing gender disparity in education
- Increasing adult literacy
- Strengthening the capacity of communities to support basic education and literacy
- Supporting studies related to basic education and literacy

Want to know more about the Rotary Foundation? Go to this link: <http://www.rotary.org/en/AboutUs/TheRotaryFoundation/Pages/ridefault.aspx>

Marv's Amusing Musings - contributed by **Marv Gelb** - second in a series

Q: Why do ships and aircraft use 'mayday' as their call for help?

A: This comes from the French word m'aidez -meaning 'help me' -- and is pronounced, approximately, 'mayday.'

