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The Rotary Club of Swarthmore
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Today's Program:

**John Linder, Mayor of
Chester**

Table Grace

In a day when so many live by the "ME FIRST" philosophy, we would pause to ask your help, O Lord, that we may strive to seek the benefit of others as well as ourselves in all that we do.

Give us grateful hearts for all your blessings and especially for those of this hour made possible by those who put "Service Above Sell."

In your strong name, we pray.
Amen.

The Rev. Dr. Frederick E. Christian

Coming Program & Events

**Mar 5 Carolyn Pouncy, author of
The Golden Lynx**

**Mar 12 Kate Hyzer, New Executive
Director of Delaware County
Literacy Council**

Mar 15 RYLA Conference

Mar 22 TBA

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— Dr. George Assaf

By Joy Charlton

Dr. George Assaf is Director of the Austria-based United Nations Industrial Development Organization and is its Representative to the United Nations. The mission of UNIDO is to promote small-scale development in countries "in transition." The UN recognizes that energy is the key to international development (as well as foreign policy) and has created a "Sustainability For All Initiative." He encouraged us all to embrace 3 goals. 1) Reduce energy use by one-half by 2030. 2) Increase renewable energy sources. It will take a massive effort in both categories to keep climate change to only a 2 degree increase by 2050, which will already have enormous implications around the world. 3) Increase access to energy more equitably. The "energy-poor" are most likely women and children, especially in Africa and South Asia, whose health, education, and life chances are severely affected by this kind of poverty. Forty percent of the world's population relies on wood, charcoal, and dung for energy.

Dr. Assaf has local Swarthmore connections. He was a professor at Swarthmore College 30 years ago, and was married at what was then Prof. Harry Wright's house on Cedar Avenue.



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

Curt Gardener; prospective member;
Annette Assaf

35 Years of Peacebuilding in Northern Ireland - March 20 at Swarthmore College

A presentation by Dr. Duncan Morrow of The University of Ulster Wednesday, March 20, 2013 4:15 – 5:30 p.m. Science Center 183 Swarthmore College
- contributed by Ray Hopkins



Dr. Duncan Morrow is one of the most knowledgeable people in Northern Ireland when it comes to ethno-political conflict, peacebuilding, and community relations. Northern Ireland is in a state of transition; large-scale organized political violence has all but ended, yet it remains a deeply divided society that, by many measures, is becoming increasingly segregated. On March 20, Dr. Morrow will speak at the college and assess almost 35 years of peacebuilding work during "the Troubles" and since the signing of the Belfast Agreement in 1998. Morrow is a co-author of The Equity, Diversity and Interdependence Framework that has been highly influential in shaping community relations work in Northern Ireland. He has recently returned to his post as a Lecturer in the Department of Criminology, Politics, and Social Policy at the University of Ulster, having served for a decade as the Executive Director of the Northern Ireland Community Relations Council. He also serves as the University of Ulster's Director of Community Engagement.

This event is open to the public and is sponsored by the Northern Ireland Semester, Peace and Conflict Studies, the Lang Center for Civic and Social Responsibility, the Rotary Club of Swarthmore, the Provost's Office, and Sociology and Anthropology.

Seven Ways to Get More Out of Rotary in 2013

(Second of three installments—#1-3 were covered last week)
By Antoinette Tuscano - Rotary International News – January 2013 (from Rotary.org)

4. Help the Foundation fulfill its mission

Make a resolution to donate to the Foundation's [Annual Fund](#) in 2013. Skip one latte a week, and you'd have US\$100 or more to contribute to your club's Every Rotarian, Every Year effort. You can [make a one-time contribution or a recurring gift](#).

5. Get inspired at the RI Convention

The 2013 RI Convention in Lisbon, Portugal, 23-26 June, is an ideal opportunity to network with Rotarians from all over the world, develop your leadership skills, and connect with others who share your recreational, professional, or humanitarian interests. Lisbon was recently voted as the best quality for the price destination in the world and the friendliest city in Europe by TripAdvisor's annual poll of users. Discover why Lisbon is an explorer's paradise on our [convention microsite](#), and [register today](#).

Fun-Fair Update... by Marv Gelb

The 12th Annual Fun-Fair is shaping up nicely. The Rotary Food Tent will be offering an expanded menu this year (chicken sausage, hot dogs, and veggie burgers, just to name a few). The INFLATIBLES will all be in one location called something like "Inflatible City" or "Inflatible Row" and will be all along Park Avenue. New sponsors are "in the works" as well as additional advertisers. New musical and entertaining acts are on all 3 stages around town. Just 9 weeks away! Fun-Fair **Sunday, May 5th**.

Happy Dollars Total for 2012-13:

\$1352



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

(10415 Children Immunized)

All Proceeds to Polio Eradication.

Service Quotation

"You have never really lived until you have done something for someone who can never repay you."

– from the refrigerator of Cynthia Bender, beloved Swarthmore resident for 46 years.

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Anniversaries

Birthday:

Fred Thibodeau Mar 4

Rotary:

John Kaufman Mar 1 32 yrs

Did you know?

On Feb. 28, 1953, Watson and Crick discovered the chemical structure of DNA.

