



# CogNotes



The Rotary Club of Swarthmore  
June 20, 2013

June is **Rotary Fellowship** Month

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

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### Today's Program:

**Kelly O'Connor and Lauren Schenkel**

"Our Recent Rotary Group Study Exchange with Korea"

### Table Grace

Father, as we face each other around these tables, test us by Rotary's lofty ideals.

Inspire in us through this meeting a larger loyalty and a steadier vision of what we want our Club to be.

Give us grateful hearts for this food and for our friendships in Rotary, and your name be praised.

Amen.

The Rev. Dr. Frederick E. Christian

### Coming Program & Events

**June 27 Dr. Mark Duggan, Professor of Business Economics and Public Policy at Wharton – Former Senior Economist for Health Care Policy at the White House Council of Economic Advisers**  
"Obamacare at Age 3: An Early Assessment and What Lies Ahead"

**July 4 No Meeting**

*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



### June 6th Speaker: Laura Kiehner

By Lisa Lee

Two weeks ago, Laura regaled the club with the story of Fernando Manzano, also known as "Papa Tortuga," which translates to "Father Turtle." Papa Tortuga wants to educate everyone about the environment in general, and about turtles in particular. He began the educational process in his own community, going against a tradition in which turtles were a food source. His mission has since expanded: he founded a nonprofit organization based in his own home. Each year, he and his volunteers follow mother turtles as they lay their eggs and protect those nests so that the turtles can safely hatch. Schoolchildren and other volunteers visit the site, and each person is allowed to release one baby turtle into the ocean. While only 3% of the turtles are released this way, it helps visitors make a personal connection to the turtles and raises their awareness of the importance of these animals and the environment in which they live. Papa Tortuga's project protected over 1500 nests last year.

Laura's organization, the Tecolutla Turtle Preservation Project, of which she is the founder, supports Papa Tortuga's project. Most recently, they helped him purchase land for an environmental education clinic.

### 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?



## Installation Dinner for 2013-14

By Joy Charlton

A lovely time was had by all at the celebratory Installation Dinner at Springhaven Country Club. The event was organized and orchestrated beautifully by George Whitfield, and attended by our District President Charles Streitwieser, who administered the oath of office. We thanked our outgoing president Brian Craig for his generous, steady service, who in turn thanked our board members for their outstanding support and achievements during the past year.

This new year's board was installed, and after drinking from the ritual silver bowl as leadership was passed from past president to the new, Hillard Pouncy took the oath and thoughtfully reflected on the continuing significance of Rotary's outreach and service, and its role as an influential global organization.

Happy New Year!



**Happy Dollars Total for 2012-13:**  
**\$2048**



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

(11575 Children Immunized)

**All Proceeds to Polio Eradication.**

### Service Quotation

"It is when you give of yourself that you truly give."

- Khalil Gibran (b:1883-d:1931), Lebanese-American artist, poet, and writer.

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### Anniversaries

#### Birthday:

Nancy Miller	June 10
Robin Elrick	June 26
Linda Hefferman	June 25
Barbara Hoffman	June 20
Mary Laxton	June 21

#### Wedding:

Joy Charlton	June 21
Joe Lesniak	June 23
Hillard Pouncy	June 24
Art Baker	June 25

#### Rotarians to march in 'Welcome America' parade

District 7450's 53 Rotary Clubs have been invited to participate in the 2013 Wawa Welcome America Independence Day Parade in Philadelphia July 4th.

Rotarians, Rotaractors, Interactors, Early Actors and families are invited to be a part of the parade. DGE Charles Streitwieser asks each District 7450 Rotary Club to have a few representatives in the parade on July 4th. "The only requirement is that all Rotarians wear blue Rotary shirts. And the more Rotary Club banners the better."

All Independence Day Parade participants must sign the Individual Agreement of Release. Fax "signed" forms no later than June 8 to: attention Sharon Quick at: 215-772-7620 or mail her c/o Rotary Club of Philadelphia, 123 South Broad Street, 24th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19109. The link is also posted on the District 7450 website, [Rotary7450.org](http://Rotary7450.org).

## Excerpts from Incoming President Hillard's Installation Speech

Tonight I have two comments about my time as a Rotarian and our time together this coming year. [the following is the first of those two]

I was at a funeral last year for my oldest Aunt, Aunt Evelyn. She was a colorful character who enlivened our family reunions year after year with her sharp wit and long stories. I thought I knew her well, but at her funeral one of her many sisters told a story that helped me understand her in a way I never knew before. And helped me understand a little what Rotary can mean to the people we help.

I come from southern rural folks on both sides. One of my grandfathers was a minister and my other grandfather was a railroad man and his wife ran a farm. On both sides of my family my grandparents viewed disease as a reflection of their status and a judgment. When one of my mother's sisters showed early signs of having Tuberculosis, her parents were panicked and horrified. They believed that their whole family would be shunned and the opportunities would be blocked more than they were already blocked for all their children. They wanted her institutionalized and forgotten about.

My Aunt Evelyn knew what to do. She had been living in NYC for several years and worked in hospitals. She had a city person's ideas about disease and brought her sick sister with her to live in the city. She did not have tuberculosis and she was successfully treated for whatever illness she had had. More importantly she had been cured of the social illness that had plagued my family.

And in hearing this story about my own family I was able – finally – to understand fully what Rotary's outreach and help around the globe means to thousands of people everyday.