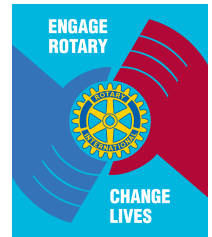


# CogNotes

**The Rotary Club of Swarthmore  
August 1, 2013**



August is **Rotary Membership and Extension** Month

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## 2011-2012 Board

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## Today's Program:

**John Alston, Founder of the  
Chester Children's Chorus**  
"Developments in Chester"

## Table Grace

Lord, we thank you for  
sun-filled days and fun-filled  
hours at this season shared  
with families and friends.

Although our many  
responsibilities continue, we  
carry them with greater  
ease because you have  
blessed us so abundantly.

Amen.

The Rev. Dr. Frederick E. Christian

## Coming Program & Events

**Aug 8 Margie Baker, Master  
Gardener**  
"All about Tomatoes"

**Aug 15 TBA**

**Aug 22 David Belanger, Director,  
Delaware County Library System**

**Aug 29 Dr. Frederic Hellman,  
Delaware County Medical Examiner**  
"Elegant Bones"

*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



## 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?



## Board Update

Ken Wright presented a summary of the July 24 Board meeting minutes at last week's meeting. Here are some highlights.

President Hillard Pouncy stated that host families are needed for this year's Youth Exchange Program. More details can be found in last week's Cognotes.

There were several updates related to grants. Treasurer Josh indicated that he has issued a \$1000 check for the Burkina Faso solar project grant. The money for this grant is coming from the former "Cam's Kids" account in the Trust. President Hillard stated that our Rotary District has approved our preliminary request for \$5000 for our Global Grant project. And Grants Committee Chair Bill Baldwin reported that it's considering two requests for grants. *(continued on opposite page)*



**Guests Last Week**  
none

## Classification Talks: Joan Wright, Joe Lesniak

By Joy Charlton

Joan and Joe shared with us some details of their lives, careers, and families. Joan grew up in the Newtown Square area; she told a hilarious story about traveling to her high school prom in a big hoop dress with friends – in the tractor part of a tractor-trailer truck of her father's. Her first marriage ended with the death of her husband at the age of 32; she subsequently married Bill, a doctor, with whom she moved to Connecticut, where she raised three children, managed a hospital's thrift shop and its volunteer staff, and worked with homeless families. She and Bill retired to Plush Mills. Joan has been married to our colleague Ken Wright for seven months.

Joe grew up in Nether Providence, and has lived in the same house for literally all of his life. After earning a B.A. and then a law degree from Villanova, he served for nine years in the DelCo District Attorney's office in their Special Victims Domestic Abuse Division, and now he has a private law practice in Media. "Little Joey" also told amusing stories, from which we learned that law school is utterly boring; that improving the lives of others is his career motivation; that he is a deeply committed if sometimes mischievous Boy Scout leader; and that his father was a Rotarian. Joe is married to Strath Haven grad Kate, and they have a newborn son Will.

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The Committee will have recommendations on these two grant requests for the Board by our next Board meeting. Ray Hopkins reminded the Board that it needs to determine the allocation percentage for international, national, and local grants and expenditures.

President Hillard stated that Lisa Lee took the initiative to complete the "Planning Guide for Effective Rotary Clubs," a nine page detailed document that assists Rotary clubs in assessing their current state and establish goals for the coming year. This report will be submitted to our District Assistant Governor.

## Polio Eradication Article in New York Times

At last week's meeting, our attention was brought to a New York Times article regarding polio eradication. Here are some details from the Rotary.org web site.

The New York Times has published a major [front-page story](#) about the polio eradication effort in Pakistan, one of three remaining polio-endemic countries. The article highlights Rotary's leadership role, focusing on the contributions of Pakistani Rotarians, led by National PolioPlus Committee Chair Aziz Memon. Rotarians are portrayed as dedicated and courageous front-line volunteers, despite sometimes facing personal risks. The story also mentions International PolioPlus Committee Chair Robert Scott's trip to Pakistan in March.

While the story discusses recent setbacks and challenges in Pakistan's efforts to eradicate polio, the overall tone is cautiously optimistic. Another recent story in [The Wall Street Journal](#) reported on the extension of the partnership between Rotary and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation in support of polio eradication. These articles are the latest in a series of major international stories about Rotary and polio eradication in the past 18 months by BBC TV, *The Economist*, *Time* magazine, and other influential media outlets.

This top tier media coverage enhances the work of the [Global Polio Eradication Initiative](#) by raising the public awareness and support that are crucial as Rotary and its partners implement the [endgame strategic plan](#) to achieve our goal of a polio-free world.

For more information, go to: [http://www.rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/News/Announcements/Pages/130724\\_annnc\\_polio\\_nytimes.aspx](http://www.rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/News/Announcements/Pages/130724_annnc_polio_nytimes.aspx)



## Happy Dollars Total for 2013-14

**\$237**



2012-13 Total: \$2345

2011-12 Total: \$2345

2009-11 Total: \$2586

(12465 Children Immunized)

Note: Today's update Happy Dollars total includes \$127 from Independence Day lemonade donations

## Service Quotation

"Life is like a can of sardines ... we're all of us looking for the key."

- Contributed by Ray Hopkins

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## Anniversaries

### Birthday:

Ann Seidman Aug 3

### Rotary:

Peter Miller	Aug 1	34 yrs
David Welsh	Aug 1	6 yrs

### Wedding:

Dean Wolfe Aug 3



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