

CogNotes



The Rotary Club of Swarthmore August 15, 2013

August is Rotary Membership and Extension Month

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Today's Program:

Rick Valelly , Claude C. Smith '14 Professor of Political Science, Swarthmore College "The Court's Voting Rights Decision and America's Second Reconstruction"

Table Grace

God, grant that today we may be disturbed by some vision of the need for justice or compassion or caring and make this Rotary the channel for renewed life or hope or aspiration for someone down on their luck.

Thank you, Lord, for bringing us together and for the rich blessings of this hour. Amen.

The Rev. Dr. Frederick E. Christian

Coming Program & Events

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?

Guests Last Week

This Week's Speaker: Margie Baker-Tomatoes, Tomatoes

By Joy Charlton

Margie – past president of Scott Associates and the Swarthmore Garden Club – has been enthusiastically growing tomatoes since 1961, starting at a small apartment in Boston. From their home in Swarthmore, Margie has continuously sold many varieties of

tomato plants every spring to the local community, developing a catalog for the sale to teach us what kinds of tomatoes would suit our preferences best.

Margie shared with us the history of tomatoes and showed slides from her catalog as well as examples from her garden. Her personal favorite is the Purple Calabash, but different varieties serve different purposes well. She also offered advice: to thrive, tomatoes need 7 hours of sunlight daily and temperatures not over 86 degrees; they lose flavor if refrigerated.

The biggest news is that the spring tomato plant sale will move next year to Rutledge, where Todd and Courtney Page Smith will take over. They have already been assisting Margie for a number of years.

Rotary Club of Swarthmore Facebook Page, by Brian Casey

As mentioned at our meeting last week, our Club Facebook is now live and just waiting for you to "Like" it.

This page is another channel that we are adding to the CogNotes and our Club Website. The CogNotes and Website are alive and well but the Facebook page will help us to share our club goals and activities with a broader audience and potentially reach new members. Please feel free to post to the wall on our club page, anything related to Rotary or our club activities that is of interest to members and the community at large.

REMEMBER: This page is open and accessible by anyone on Facebook.

<u>How do I see the Facebook Page?</u> To access the Club's Facebook page, please go to www.SwarthmoreRotary.org/facebook. This link will take you to our Facebook page.

As Rotarians, we have mastered the art of doing good things and keeping it a secret. This will help to share what we are about and also reach a that broader audience that includes the demographic that we want in Rotary.

Please contact Brian Casey if you have any questions.

Happy Dollars Total for 2013-14 \$348

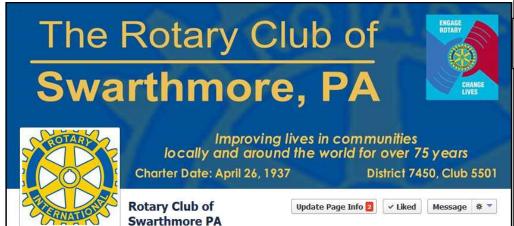
2012-13 Total: \$2345 2011-12 Total: \$2345 2009-11 Total: \$2586

(12650 Children Immunized) **All Proceeds to Polio Eradication.**

Service Quotation

"I've learned that you shouldn't go through life with a catcher's mitt on both hands. You need to be able to throw something back."

- Maya Angelou (85 years old), American author and poet



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Anniversaries

Birthdays

Peter Miller Carmen Amalfitano Aug. 15 Aug. 21

Take steps to expand your club for Membership Month: Part 1

from Rotary.org

During Membership and Extension Month, we have planned a variety of activities to help you get your club members involved and share your passion for Rotary. Building strong and vibrant clubs is critical for Rotary's future. Here are some steps you can take this month to attract new members and engage the ones you already have:

Join our Thunderclap and share a powerful membership message with the world on the last day of August. Thunderclap is a tool that allows thousands of people to connect their social media accounts to send a single, simple, amplified message all at once. Spread a message on Facebook and Twitter that is sure to be heard. Learn more about Thunderclap and how it works at https://www.thunderclap.it/faq.

Take part in our **Membership Challenge** and set concrete plans for increasing your club's membership.

You choose your goals -- such as referring a new member, inviting a friend to your club or service project, or connecting with alumni. Once you submit your goals, we'll send you an email listing steps to take to meet your goals. Learn more at https://rotary.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_byAZXrrwvVtHrzn.

Watch RI President Ron Burton's message on membership at http://vimeo.com/70212984.



