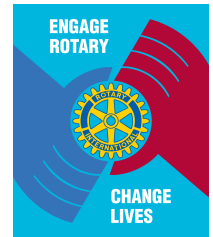


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The Rotary Club of Swarthmore
August 22, 2013

August is **Rotary Membership and Extension** Month

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

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Today's Program:

David Belanger, Director,
Delaware County Library
System

Table Grace

Grant us, Lord, the strength to pass this day in gladness and peace, without stumbling or stain.

May we reach its close with something added of our devotion to Rotary ideals that shall have strengthened and encouraged another on a difficult road.

Receive our thanks for this food and for the exchange of friendly chatter around these tables. And may your name be praised. Amen.

The Rev. Dr. Frederick E. Christian

Coming Program & Events

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

Sept 5 TBD

Sept 12 Lawrence A. Husick, Senior
Fellow Foreign Policy Research
Institute Co-Chair, Center for the
Study of Terrorism
"Understanding Stuxnet and Other
Covert Responses to the Iranian
Nuclear Threat"

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;

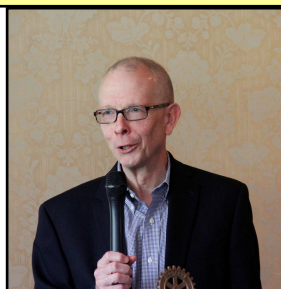
1. Is it the Truth?
2. Is it Fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOOD WILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?



This Week's Speaker: Rick Valeyly

By Joy Charlton

Rick Valeyly, professor of political science at Swarthmore College, explained with remarkable cogency the history of the Voting Rights Act and the import of June's Supreme Court decision. The VRA was first enacted in 1965 to implement the 14th and 15th amendments, to ensure that the right to vote would not be denied by race. Congress has renewed the VRA four times since, with bi-partisan support.



The Court's majority decision cited outdated criteria and halted the provision for federal pre-clearance of states' voting law changes. Congress could choose to make revisions that would meet Court approval. But bipartisan support for that now seems unlikely given the entrenched polarity in Congress, and given the new political entanglements with the Voter ID controversy. Some states have already started changing voter laws in ways that wouldn't have received pre-clearance; on the other hand, potential voter backlash/turn-out might in the short term compensate for potential voter repression effects. Prof. Valeyly disagreed with the Court's decision.

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Guests Last Week
Todd Kitchin (prospective member)

Take Steps to Expand our Club for Membership Month

From Rotary News -- 1 August 2013

During Membership and Extension Month, there are a variety of activities to help club members involved and share your passion for Rotary. Building strong and vibrant clubs is critical for Rotary's future. One such activity is the Membership Challenge, by which you can set concrete goals, such as:

- Sponsoring a new member
- Volunteer as a mentor to a prospective or new member
- Invite a colleague or friend to a club meeting or project
- Tweet about being a member of Rotary
- Change your Facebook profile to show friends your passion for Rotary

Go to this link to submit your goals: https://rotary.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_byAZXrrwVtHrzn. Once you submit your goals, Rotary.org will send you an email listing steps to take to meet your goals.

The Happier We Are, the Better We Serve

Posted on August 5, 2013 by Rotary International

By Mary Berge, a Rotary Coordinator and member of the Rotary Club of Johnstown, Pennsylvania, USA

Did you know that people are more interested in the "why" than the "how?"

This applies strongly to Rotary membership. It's far less interesting *how* you became a Rotarian than *why* you became, and why you remain, a Rotarian.

I became a Rotarian because of my innate character to give. I am, by nature, altruistic and I believe in doing the right thing (even when no one is looking). In a nut shell, I feel good when I'm helping others. I remain in Rotary because I feel good when I'm helping others.

I also remain in Rotary because of the connectedness I feel with my fellow Rotarians through service and fellowship. We are *engaged* in each other's lives in and outside of our Rotary meetings. My fellow Rotarians really care about me and I really care about them. Outside of family, where else does that happen? Rotary has become my extended family and the fact that my family reaches around the world has a huge impact on me!

This Day in History

1864—International Red Cross Founded. The Geneva Convention of 1864 for the Amelioration of the Condition of the Wounded and Sick of Armies in the Field is adopted by 12 nations meeting in Geneva. The agreement, advocated by Swiss humanitarian Jean-Henri Dunant, called for nonpartisan care to the sick and wounded in times of war and provided for the neutrality of medical personnel.



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

"Improvement begins with I."

– Arnold Glasow (b:1905-d:1998),
American humorist

Anniversaries

Birthdays

Hillard Pouncy	Aug. 23
Kat Fava	Aug. 23
Cait Lesniak	Aug. 25
Lynne Urian	Aug. 28

Rotary

Ron Van Langeveld	Aug. 24	12 yrs
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Wedding

Anne Hansen	Aug. 27	45 yrs
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CADES joins with Generations Restaurant and Gretz Beer for an evening of goodwill, good works, and good fun.



On **Wednesday, August 28, from 5 pm to 8 pm**, Generations Restaurant invites everyone to come to this lively event featuring Mike Gretz as Guest Bartender. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres will be served and great music provided by Steve Cofield & Sweet. All profits and donations go to CADES, a local nonprofit serving the needs of children and adults with intellectual and physical disabilities.

Above, right, is Bill Benson, Executive Director of CADES shown with Mike Karasavas, owner of Generations, located at 9 State Road in Media near Five Points.