

CogNotes



The Rotary Club of Swarthmore **October 3, 2013**

September is **Rotary Vocational Services** Month

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

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Today's Program:

Rotary District Governor Charles Streitwieser

Table Grace

God of hope, these are days that are often discouraging in business and disquieting as we look at the larger affairs of peoples and nations.

Grant that we may not be dismayed, but encouraged as we work together and serve our community.

Give us grateful hearts for all your bounty, especially, the gifts of the hour. Amen.

The Rev. Dr. Frederick E. Christian

Coming Program & Events

Club Meetings: Oct 10 Brian Lentz, Former PA State Representative

"Strategies for Gun Violence Reduction"

Oct 17 Rob Zarko, Homebrewer "Building a Brewery, One Beer at a Time"

Oct 24 Joe Henwood will speak about the S.S. United States **Delaware River Entertainment** Complex

Rotary Events

Oct. 5: Rotary Leadership Institute Oct. 22: District 7450 Foundation Committee Meeting

The Pledge of **Allegiance**



Four Way Test:

Of the things we think, say and do;

- concerned?
- 3. Will it build GOOD **WILL and BETTER**

1. Is it the TRUTH?

- 2. Is it FAIR to all
 - FRIENDSHIPS?
- 4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

This Week's Speakers: Andrew Huemmler

By Joy Charlton

Formerly employed by Exelon and PECO, now a lecturer in engineering at Penn, Huemmler advocated passionately for taking the consequences of incontrovertibly documented climate change seriously, saying that "Catastrophic Climate Disruptions" such as Hurricane Sandy, raging fires, and extensive floods are already consequences of global warming. Ultimately, changes in temperature threaten entire ecosystems and human life.

The U.S. is a huge energy consumer per capita, thus contributing to climate change disproportionately. The Keystone Pipeline is a bad idea because tar sands oil is very dirty, and will only increase already whopping U.S. carbon emissions; drilling for more oil on U.S. land doesn't help because our reserves are relatively small. We must get away from fossil fuels such as coal and oil, he said, and move toward cleaner solar energy, which will soon be more easily available and less expensive.

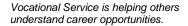


Jim Sredenschek, prospective member

The Concept of Vocational Service From Rotary.org

October is Vocational Services Month. The article here is taken from the introduction to the Rotary Vocational Services Handbook, which is available at Rotary.org at this link: https:// www.rotary.org/en/document/569

The Object of Rotary is a philosophical statement of Rotary's purpose and the responsibilities of Rotarians. The concept of vocational service is rooted in the Second Object, which calls on Rotarians to "encourage and foster":



- High ethical standards in business and professions
- The recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations
- The dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society

As a Rotarian, how can you put these ideals into action? Consider these suggestions:

- Talk about your vocation in your club, and take time to learn about fellow members' vocations.
- Use your professional skills to serve a community.
- Practice your profession with integrity, and inspire others to behave ethically through own words and actions.
- Help a young person achieve his or her career aspirations.
- Guide and encourage others in their professional development.

If you do any of these things, you are performing vocational service. And if vocational service motivates and energizes you, then you're in the right place, because vocational service is the very essence of Rotary. It is what sets Rotary apart from other service organizations.

The Next Generation

From Rotary.org

How will you make room for the next generation of young professionals and volunteers in your clubs? We asked Rotaractors and young Rotarians to weigh in on how it should work and what it will take to turn today's young leaders into tomorrow's Rotary members. Here's an excerpt from the roundtable discussion.

What should older Rotary members understand about young people?

Alyssa Gapske, 22, Rotaract Club of Kalamazoo, Michigan, USA: A major difference is the way we connect. The greatest advantage of social media is that it allows us not only to share meeting and project details but also to communicate with clubs around the world. As a moderator of my club's Facebook page, I see messages every week from clubs hoping to work with us, or community members interested in attending meetings or joining our club.

Evan Burrell, 32, Rotary E-Club of Greater Sydney, New South Wales, Australia; past Rotaractor, RYLA participant, and GSE team member: Our spirit of community service is no different from that of older generations; we just have different methods. We're results-driven, we move quickly — some might think too quickly. We want to feel that our work has purpose when we participate in something, and we get frustrated when our ideas aren't considered just because they're unfamiliar.

Greg Garofolo, 44, Rotary Club of Sharon, Massachusetts, USA, and Rotary E-Club of New England; past Rotaractor and Rotary Youth Exchange student. The workplace has changed a lot: People commute longer distances or take a pay cut to work from home and spend more time with family. We're protective of our spare time and less willing to tolerate wasted time, like spending time in costly meetings discussing information that could be shared through email. Regardless of generation, gender, or vocation, our most valuable resource is the time we give to Rotary and one another.

Happy Dollars Total for 2013-14 \$550

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

(12987 Children Immunized) All Proceeds to Polio Eradication.

Service Quotation

"One of the deep secrets of life is that all that is really worth doing is what we do for others."

- Lewis Carroll (b: January 27, 1832 - d: January 14, 1898) English writer, mathematician, logician, Anglican deacon and photographer.

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Anniversaries

Rotary:

Marty Spiegel Oct. 4 17 yrs Mary Gelb Oct. 6 7 yrs

Wedding:

Cathy Darrell Oct. 4

Where did the name for Rotary come from?

From rotary.org

The name "Rotary" originated with the practice of rotating meeting sites among members' places of business. That tradition remains an excellent way for Rotarians to share their vocations with their club.

