



CogNotes



**The Rotary Club of Swarthmore
December 5, 2013**

December is **Rotary Family Month**

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

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Today's Program:

**Janet Riley Ford, Executive
Director of the Chester Youth
Collaborative**

Table Grace

Amid the accelerating activity of this season, Lord, slow us down and give us quiet minds to discern the deeper meaning of these days and receptive hearts to respond to those who need our caring concern.

Accept our tribute of thanks for all you have given us in Rotary and for what we enjoy today.

Amen.

The Rev. Dr. Frederick E. Christian

Coming Program & Events

Club Meetings

NOTE watch carefully for location changes for meetings between 11/14/13 & 2/6/14

**Dec 12 Swarthmore College
Rotaract Students**
(at Methodist Church)

Dec 19 Silvertones
(at CADES School)

Dec 26 Christmas—no meeting

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?



Last Week's Speaker—George Whitfield By Ray Hopkins

George Whitfield, Assistant District Governor and Past Club President, offered five points of wisdom. First, he emphasized our District Governor's effort to strengthen links between clubs and the younger Interact and Rotaract members in their area. We should support each other's efforts not only financially but also by participating in one another's' projects. At the district conference—Nov. 22-23—this enhanced linkage would be underlined with over 100 Interact/Rotaractors expected to be attending.

George received three responses to his emails to Philippine clubs near the disaster created by Typhoon Haiyan (Yolanda). Based on their urgent need of money to provide relief, the District has set up an account to facilitate transferring funds raised to help devastated Philippine residents. Checks should be made out to:
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Guests Last Week

Rich Shimko and Susan Larsen, prospective members

A Lesson in the Power of Clean Water

From Rotary.org

Early each morning, the students of Escuela Oficial Rural Mixta in El Tunino, Guatemala, trek down the mountainside on their way to school. They carry the essentials for the day: books, backpacks, and class projects. But one other item they used to haul from home is thankfully absent: a bucket of clean water.

Using a global grant, the Rotary Club of Guatemala Sur, along with clubs in the United States, have provided washing stations and latrines, as well as kitchen equipment and furniture for this school and eight others in Sumpango.

Jorge Luis Chiquito, principal of Escuela Oficial Rural Mixta, says the availability of clean water and sanitation have had a significant impact on his students. With fewer illnesses caused by polluted water, the students are absent from school less and able to concentrate on their studies more.

Clubs in Belize, Guatemala, and Honduras, all part of District 4250, sponsored 43 global grants, five of which were led by the Guatemala Sur club. Providing clean water was one of the club's top priorities.

"Everything begins with water," says Jorge Aufranc, past governor of District 4250 and a member of the Guatemala Sur club. "If there is no water, we cannot have peace. Where there is a lack of water, there is conflict."

Community involvement was key to the success of both projects. Several of Guatemala Sur's global grant projects were made possible by the volunteer labor of local workers and input from community leaders during the planning process.



Happy Dollars Total for 2013-14:

\$854

2012-13 Total: \$2345

2011-12 Total: \$2311

2009-11 Total: \$2586

(13493 Children Immunized)

All Proceeds to Polio Eradication.



Service Quotation

"It isn't what service costs, it's what it will cost if you don't do it."

- Jim Rohn, (b:September 17, 1930 d:December 5, 2009) American entrepreneur, author and motivational speaker. His rags to riches story played a large part in his work, which influenced others.

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What Do Other Rotary Clubs Do to Celebrate the Holidays?

Compiled by Jim Leming

Making Spirits Bright in Sheboygan, Wisconsin: The four Rotary clubs of Sheboygan County are holding the second annual Making Spirits Bright holiday lights display in Evergreen Park for 2013. Admission to this event remains free of charge, however donations for the Sheboygan County Food Bank are highly encouraged. Last year, donations provided a three month supply for area pantries.



Rotary Christmas Parade in Fayetteville, North Carolina: When a member of the Fayetteville Rotary Club learned that there was not going to be a Christmas Parade in 1999, he approached his club and two other Rotary Clubs, suggesting that this would be an excellent Community Service Project. The three clubs agreed and banded together to insure Fayetteville would continue to have a Christmas parade. They have undertaken the parade as a part of their Community Service Avenue, not as a fundraiser, and it continues to this day

Tea Time in the UK: The Battersea Park Rotary Club in London holds an annual Christmas Day lunch and tea party for the elderly people in the Wandsworth area, consisting of Balham, Putney, Tooting and Battersea. Rotarians are asked to join in the event as hosts and volunteers as they entertain their elderly for a fun filled Christmas Day!

Celebrating all the Holidays in California: The Rotary Club of Pasadena, CA, decided to hold its first annual Holiday/Hanukkah Party on December 4 this year. Members of the club used the opportunity to learn more about each other's holiday traditions.

Anniversaries

Birthday:

Brian Casey

Dec 6

Last Week's Speaker

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"District 7450—Phillipines." His third point was to complement our Club for its outstanding communications—website, Cognotes and materials for the Club. "Best in the District," he said proudly.

Fourth, George spoke about the Global Grant (GG) for Chester that the club is pursuing. It exemplifies well, he declared, those goals that RI sought in creating this new and complex modality—to wit: providing the incentives for greater collaboration among clubs both locally and internationally. Our GG effort was proof! We are forced to think hard and build many bridges in the quest of service. Fifth and finally, members were reminded of the importance of "intentionality." Thinking intentionally about our service and particularly our leadership responsibilities strengthen individual members' and the Club's bonds and make impacts in our work greater. "Be intentional."