



CogNotes



The Rotary Club of Swarthmore
December 19, 2013

December is **Rotary Family Month**

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

Rotary International President Ron D. Burton
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Today's Program:

Silvertones

Under the able direction of John Shankweiler

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Table Grace

As we approach the year's end, Eternal God, help us to focus on our successes as much as on our failures, on what we have accomplished in Rotary as on where we have fallen short, that we may be inspired to pursue even more diligently the dream of a united humanity.

So here, today, strengthen us in body by this food, and in mind and spirit by this fellowship, and to you we will give the praise.

Amen.

The Rev. Dr. Frederick E. Christian

Coming Program & Events

Club Meetings

NOTE watch carefully for location changes for meetings between 12/19/13 & 2/6/14

Dec 26 Christmas—No Meeting

Jan 2 New Year's—No Meeting

Jan 9 John Sacharok, Partner at Golden Valley Farms of West Chester
"In the Perfect Pursuit of Coffee"

Jan 16 Peter Hansen

Discussing his book *The Summits of Modern Man: Mountaineering after the Enlightenment*



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 Speakers— Swarthmore Rotaract: Jen Hu, Lauren Sibeck & Marissa Bradley

By Joy Charlton

These three students from the Swarthmore College Rotaract Club updated us on their service activities as well as their increased connections to Rotary. During the year they meet weekly to plan, have occasional Friday lunches at the Dew Drop In with Ville seniors (planned by Putty), volunteer on Saturdays at sites such as Books Through Bars and Cradles to Crayons, help host the Red Cross Blood Drives on campus, hold Purple Pinky days at the dining hall, and support us at the Fun Fair.



Two Rotaractors attended the national RYLA training, and several attended the October UN Day. Our club helped with their expenses, for which they expressed their appreciation. They also attended the recent District Conference, and District Rotaract events.

They presented our club with the proceeds of their Purple Pinky Day fundraising, and they invited us to participate with them as volunteers at Philabundance on March 22nd – for which many of us immediately signed on with enthusiasm.

Guests Last Week

Susan Larson, prospective member
Sukja Bang—Pastor, Swarthmore United Methodist Church

Rotary Responds to Polio Emergency in Syria

Rotary International will provide a US\$500,000 emergency response grant to support efforts to quell a recent outbreak of the crippling disease polio in strife-torn Syria. The funds are the first to the World Health Organization in direct support of a Global Polio Eradication Initiative plan aimed at outbreak response throughout the Middle East, as the region gears up for a multi-country response to the threat of polio.

As of Dec. 9, there have been 17 cases of wild poliovirus confirmed in Syria since October, the first reported cases in the country since 1999. The Rotary grant to the World Health Organization will support immediate response activities in late 2013 and January 2014, such as the establishment of emergency response control rooms and initial vaccination rounds to immunize children in Syria and surrounding countries against polio.



“It is imperative that we stop this outbreak quickly to protect children in Syria and throughout the region, and that is the purpose of this grant,” said Dr. Robert S. Scott, chair of Rotary’s Polio Plus program. “Rotary and our partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative are working together with local health authorities to activate the outbreak response.”

He noted that the cases in Syria appear to be “imported” from Pakistan, one of three countries where the wild poliovirus remains endemic. “These and other recent polio cases in previously polio-free countries serve as stark reminders that as long as polio still exists anywhere in the world, all unimmunized children everywhere remain at risk,” Scott said.

Today, seven countries across the region rolled out vaccination campaigns aiming to reach 22 million children. These campaigns are planned to be repeated over the next 6 months to protect children in the region from the polio outbreak.



CHRISTMAS TRIVIA

(Look for the answers in next Cognotes)

- What famous mathematician was born on Christmas Day?
- I'm sure you know Alvin, the chipmunk. Do you know what he wants for Christmas?
- The Christmas tradition, meaning celebrating Christmas and recognizing it as an official holiday, was initiated by which state in the United States?

Happy Dollars Total for 2013-14:

\$1,103

(This includes \$131.56 collected raised by Rotaract!)
 2012-13 Total: \$2,345
 2011-12 Total: \$2,311
 2009-11 Total: \$2,586



(13,908 Children Immunized)

All Proceeds to Polio Eradication.

Service Quotation

“A person who does things that count, doesn’t usually stop to count them.”

-Albert Einstein (b:March 14, 1879 – d:April 18, 1955), German-born theoretical physicist who developed the general theory of relativity, one of the two pillars of modern physics

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Anniversaries

Birthdays:

Joy Charlton	Dec. 18
Dennis Hoffman	Dec. 22
Rudolf Amann	Jan. 4

Wedding Anniversaries:

Steve Laxton	Dec 16	24 years
Ken & Joan Wright	Jan. 1	1 year
Roberta Elrick	Jan. 1	

Rotary Anniversaries:

Steve Laxton	Dec. 29	6 years
Anne Hanson	Dec. 29	12 years

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

Swarthmore Rotaract has invited us to join them in service at Philabundance helping to sort food.

When: Saturday, March 22, 2014
 ~8:30am to 12:00pm

Sign-up Online at:
swatrotaract.weebly.com/swarthmore-events.html