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The Rotary Club of Swarthmore
January 23 2014

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Locally and Around the World for over 75 Years**

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Today's Program:

William Ryan, Chair of the PA Gaming Control Board
Mr. Harbach, Director of Communications: Discussing the PA Gaming Control Board

Table Grace

Father, stir up within us a deep discontent that we may never be complacent when those around us suffer.

When we have the means to ease a hurt or to right a wrong, grant us the will to act.

Use us as instruments to do what we can whenever we can.

Grant us truly thankful hearts.

Amen.

The Rev. Dr. Frederick E. Christian

Coming Program & Events

Jan 30: Susan Smythe, immediate Past President of Swarthmore Council, will present a retrospective of her years on Council

Feb 6: Mary Ellen Mannix, Delaware Valley Association for Education of Young Children (DVAEYC) & Jen Egmont, Economy League for Greater Philadelphia "Pre-K for PA"

Feb 13: Dr. Rebecca Chopp, President of Swarthmore College

Feb 20 Dr. Tom Callaghy, Professor Emeritus Dept of Political Science U of Penn "The Dangers of Sovereign Debt Crises"

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— Peter Hanson

By: Joy Charlton

Peter Hansen, son of Anne and Hogie Hansen, is an historian, Harvard Ph.D., on the faculty at the Worcester Polytechnic Institute. He talked with us about the fascinating topic of his book, *The Summits of Modern Man: Mountaineering After the Enlightenment*.

Peter was interested in the question of why we have cared so much about "who is first" to reach a mountaintop. He pointed out that human relationships to mountains have changed over time, from original avoidance, to reserving summits for kings and gods, and only in the 1700s to becoming interested in climbing to the top. His analysis explains how this coincided in the European world with the "Enlightenment Era," or "Age of Reason," with its emphasis on individualism and nationalism. We have ever since witnessed competition over "who was first?" to reach the tops, for both personal and national pride. Peter says this is the wrong question, as no climber will ever make it to the top without others. "Belay on!"



Guests Last Meeting

Susan Larson & Nathan Much, prospective Members; Kurt Gardner, Allison Hansen, Christel Krugovoy, Hogie Hansen— Past District Governor

Couple's \$1.1 Million Gift Boosts Push to Eradicate Polio

Excerpts from a story at <https://www.rotary.org/en/couple%E2%80%99s-11-million-gift-boosts-push-eradicate-polio>

Rotary member Terry Caster and his wife, Barbara, announced a \$1.1 million gift to Rotary to help eradicate polio. What's more, their gift will be matched two-for-one by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, resulting in \$3.3 million in new funding for the [Global Polio Eradication Initiative](#).

"But as a Rotarian, I can think of no cause more worthy than Rotary's work to end polio and promote peace," said Terry, who received Rotary's Service Above Self Award in 1993 for his humanitarian work.



Terry and Barbara Caster



Famous Mountain Ascents
from www.infoplease.com



Almost all the famous ascents have involved rock and ice climbing. The first significant achievements in mountain climbing were the ascents of Mont Blanc made by Jacques Balmat and Michel G. Paccard (1786) and by Horace B. de Saussure (1787). The ascent of other Alpine peaks, including the Ortles (1804), Jungfrau (1811), Finsteraarhorn (1812), and Mont Pelvou (1848) soon followed, and much useful information was gathered by geologists and topographers.

Modern mountain climbing may be dated from the ascent of Switzerland's Wetterhorn (1854). This feat was followed by a decade in which the popularity of mountain climbing grew tremendously, sparking the founding (1858) of the Alpine Club, in London, and the launching (1863) of its publication, the *Alpine Journal*. An elite class of professional guides soon established itself, and techniques for snow, ice, and rock climbing were developed to the point where highly hazardous ascents were possible for the experienced. This so-called golden age of mountain climbing came to an end with the conquest of the Matterhorn, the last of the great Alpine mountains, by Edward Whymper (1865).

As the Alps became familiar, climbers ventured to other mountainous areas. The English Lake District, Wales, and the Scottish Highlands offered climbing challenges of all degrees of difficulty. William C. Slingsby led the way to the Norwegian mountains; Douglas W. Freshfield was one of the pioneer climbers in the Caucasus, soon followed by Albert F. Mummery. In Africa, Kilimanjaro (1889) and Mt. Kenya (1899) were climbed; the duke of the Abruzzi explored the Ruwenzori group in 1906. In the United States, Grand Teton in the Teton Range was climbed in 1872. In the 1860s and 70s Clarence King and John Muir ranged through the Sierra Nevada. In Alaska, Mt. St. Elias was climbed by the duke of the Abruzzi in 1897; Mt. Blackburn and Mt. McKinley were ascended in 1912 and 1913, respectively. In South America, Whymper climbed Chimborazo (1880) and Aconcagua and Tupungato (both: 1897). Gongga (Minya Konka), in China, was climbed in 1932.

The most challenging of all have proved to be the mountain systems of the Himalayas. Conway of Allington explored the Karakorum range in 1892; in 1895 J. Norman Collie, C. G. Bruce, Geoffrey Hastings, and Albert Mummery attempted Nanga Parbat, but the effort was given up after Mummery's disappearance on the mountain's western face. It was not until 58 years later that Nanga Parbat was climbed by Herman Buhl. The three towering giants Mt. Everest, K2 (Mt. Godwin-Austen), and Mt. Kanchenjunga were conquered in the 1950s: Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay were the first to ascend Everest, the world's tallest mountain, in 1953; an Italian team led by Ardito Desio climbed K2 in 1954; and in 1955 a British expedition led by Charles Evans surmounted Kanchenjunga. With the Chinese claim of an ascent of Gosainthan in 1964, the world's ten tallest mountains, all in the Himalayas, were finally conquered.



Happy Dollars Total for 2013-14:

\$1,298



2012-13 Total: \$2,345

2011-12 Total: \$2,311

2009-11 Total: \$2,586

(14,233 Children Immunized)

All Proceeds to Polio Eradication.

Service Quotation

"Service to others, like a boomerang, always returns."

– Steve Jobs, (b:February 24, 1955 d:October 5, 2011) American entrepreneur, marketer, and inventor, who was the co-founder, chairman, and CEO of Apple Inc.

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Anniversaries:

None

Birthdays:

Marty Spiegel

Jan. 20

Rotary Anniversaries:

None



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