



The Rotary Club of Swarthmore January 30, 2014

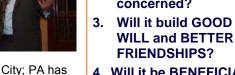
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| Improving Lives in Communities Locally and Around the World for over 75 Years | | | | |
| Rotary International Pres District 7450 Governor | sident Ron D. Burton Charles Streitwieser | Today's Program: | Coming Program & Events | |
| Assistant Governor | George Whitfield | Susan Smythe, immediate Past President of Swarthmore | Feb 6: Mary Ellen Mannix, Delaware Valley Association for | |
| 2013-2014 Board | | Council | Education of Young Children | |
| President President-Elect | Hillard Pouncy Perri Evanson | "My Years on Council" | (DVAEYC) & Jen Egmont, Economy League for Greater Philadelphia | |
| Club Administration | Marv Gelb | | "Pre-K for PA" | |
| President-Nominee | Joe Lesniak | | | |
| Immediate Past President | Brian Craig | | Feb 13: Dr. Rebecca Chopp, | |
| Secretary | Steve Laxton | Table Grace | President of Swarthmore College | |
| E-Secretary/Webmaster | Brian Casey | | | |
| Treasurer | Josh Twersky | We have crossed the | Feb 20 Dr. Tom Callaghy, Professor | |
| Sergeant-at-Arms | Dean Wolfe | threshold into a month full of | Emeritus Dept of Political Science U | |
| Budget Chair | Marty Spiegel | memories of heroic figures, | of Penn | |
| New Media Chair | Joe Lesniak | patriots and prophets who have | "The Dangers of Sovereign Debt | |
| Program and Meetings | Ann Seidman | graced the human race, many of | Crises" | |
| Membership | Lisa Lee | whom have enriched our great | | |
| Retention/Attendance | Cathy Darrell | land. | | |
| Public Relations | Gudmund Iversen | | | |
| Community Service | Ken Wright | We thank you, Lord, for them and | | |
| Grants Chair | Bill Baldwin | pray that we may contribute to a | Follow us at: | |
| International Service | Anne Hansen | quality of life worthy of our | www.twitter.com/SwarthmoreRC | |
| | /Ray Hopkins | heritage. To that end, strengthen | | |
| Vocational Service | Randy Winton | us as we enjoy this hour together. | The Pledge of | |
| Youth Service | Ron Van Langeveld | Amen. | Research | |
| Special Projects | Betty Ann Flynn | | Allegiance | |
| Rotary Foundation | Craig Fava | The Rev. Dr. Frederick E. Christian | | |
| Gundaker | Steve Laxton | | Four Way | |
| Charitable Trust | Brian Craig | | Four Way | |
| CogNotes Editors | Lisa Lee/Jim Leming | | Test: | |
| Last Week's Speaker— William | | Ryan | | |
| By: Joy Charlton | | | Of the things we think, say and do; | |
| PA Gaming Control Board Chair and life-long DelCo resident William Ryan shared with us facts about casino gambling in PA, including: PA passed the Gaming Act in 2004, which allows 14 | | | Is it the TRUTH? Is it FAIR to all concerned? | |

increasing share of the business accounts for the falling fortunes of Atlantic City; PA has received \$9 Billion in tax revenue since 2006, \$1.4 Billion per year, \$4 million/day; PA is the 2nd biggest gaming state (Nevada is 1st) and #1 in tax generation from gaming; 55% of Slots profit go to taxes, 34% of which go to real estate tax reduction. The Gaming Control Board regulates casinos regarding crime, smoking, and addiction.

To receive that real estate tax reduction, a property owner has to apply for a "Homestead Exclusion." See Gladys' related note (opposite page) about how to check online easily to see if you are receiving that benefit. Thank you, Gladys!





4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all **Concerned?**

Guests Last Meeting No Guests



ling: PA passed the Gaming Act in 2004, which allows 14 permits for casinos; 12 casinos are in operation around the state; 5 applications have been submitted for the two open permits in the Philly area; the state's incentive for allowing casinos is to receive the tax revenue that otherwise is lost to neighboring states; PA's

Rotary Exchange: Satisfying a Quest for Adventure!

Article at: www.rotary.org

ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF RIO

RANCHO, NEW MEXICO, USA. Sarita Jarmack is only 25 but her passport is filled with stamps from more than two dozen countries—Honduras, Ireland, Panama, Sri Lanka, China—and the list goes on. But her very first stamp is from Sweden, where she spent a year as a Rotary Youth Exchange student in high school. Youth Exchange fueled her love of meeting new people in new countries. "When I am in certain places for a long enough time I feel like I am part of that place and part of



Sarita Jarmack with Rotary mentor Michelle Frechette

the people," she says. "I learn the languages, I learn the customs, I embrace the love from the mothers, and I play with the little kids."

Jarmack credits Rotary member Michelle Frechette with helping fulfill her quest for adventure, including the chance to earn a master's degree in international relations in Denmark thanks to a Rotary scholarship. "Michelle has led me to opportunities that quite frankly were unimaginable," she says. Frechette sees a similar enthusiasm for learning in all of the students her club has helped sponsor. "I look at the kids we select for Youth Exchange as being able to solve long-term global problems."

ARE YOU ELIGIBLE FOR PROPERTY TAX RELIEF?

Following Information provided by: Gladys Snively

The Homestead Exemption (or Exclusion) paid for by gaming revenue works as follows:

The dwelling must be the primary residence of a natural person. If the dwelling is a condominium and the taxes are paid separately for each unit, you are eligible. If the dwelling is a cooperative, your Homestead Exclusion is a pro rata share of the joint property tax.

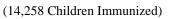
To see if you already have the Homestead Exclusion:

- 1. Google "Delaware County PA Public Access"
- 2. Click on "Real Estate and Tax Records"
- 3. Scroll down to bottom of the Delaware County Real Estate Parcels and Tax Record System & Homestead Status page and click on "I Agree"
- 4. Select your municipality, house number and street
- 5. Find your address and click on the corresponding Folio #
- 6. Scroll down to "Current Homestead Exemption' and see if you are Act I approved.
- 7. The next line should say "2013 School Homestead Tax Reduction Yes"

If it says Act I approved - Yes. School Homestead Exemption -No. Then you should call the tax department of your school district. They will apply to the county for an Application for Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion. After it is sent to the school district tax department, the school district tax department will send it to you. A credit will be taken on your following school tax bill if you file your application by March 1 and it is approved.

Happy Dollars Total for 2013-14: \$1,313

2012-13 Total: \$2,345 2011-12 Total: \$2,311 2009-11 Total: \$2,586



All Proceeds to Polio Eradication.

Service Quotation

"The best portion of a good man's life are his little, nameless, done and unremembered acts of kindness and love."

- William Wordsworth, (b:April 7, 1770 – d:April 23, 1850) English Romantic poet who helped to launch the Romantic Age in English literature

Anniversaries:

| Wedding: Gladys Snively | Jan 29 | |
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| Birthdays: Jim Leming Paul Mangelsdorf | Jan 28 Jan 31 | |
| Rotary Anniversaries: | | |

Gladys Snively Jan 31, 16yrs



FUN FAIR UPDATE

Do you know a local business that wants more exposure in the community?

A business that may be looking for new customers? Looking for more profits!?

If so, sign them up to be a Fun Fair Sponsor!

More Information go to: www.funfair.rcswarthmore.org

Let's face it - English is a crazy language. There is no egg in eggplant, nor ham in hamburger; neither apple nor pine in pineapple. English muffins weren't invented in England or French fries in France. Sweetmeats are candies while sweetbreads, which aren't sweet, are meat. If teachers taught, why didn't preachers praught? If a vegetarian eats vegetables, what does a humanitarian eat?

