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The Rotary Club of Swarthmore
January 30, 2014

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Today's Program:

**Susan Smythe, immediate
Past President of Swarthmore
Council**
"My Years on Council"

Table Grace

We have crossed the threshold into a month full of memories of heroic figures, patriots and prophets who have graced the human race, many of whom have enriched our great land.

We thank you, Lord, for them and pray that we may contribute to a quality of life worthy of our heritage. To that end, strengthen us as we enjoy this hour together. Amen.

The Rev. Dr. Frederick E. Christian

Coming Program & Events

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"

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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— William Ryan

By: Joy Charlton

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 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 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!

Guests Last Meeting
No Guests

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 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."



Sarita Jarmack with Rotary mentor Michelle Frechette

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.

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?

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



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

(14,258 Children Immunized)

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

Birthdays:

Jim Leming Jan 28

Paul Mangelsdorf 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!

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