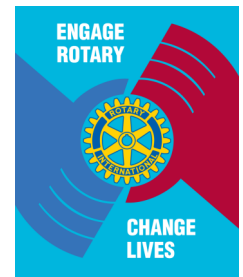




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The Rotary Club of Swarthmore
May 29, 2014



May is Rotary Volunteer Month

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

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Today's Program:

Jennifer Karsten,
Executive Director, Pendle Hill

Table Grace

During this period dedicated by many to a concern for families, we pause to thank you for the family of Rotary and the ties of mutual caring and concern that bind us together around the world.

Here in this family setting around these tables, we are truly thankful that you have set us down in this family of Rotarians and have provided abundantly for our needs.

Again thank you, Father of us all.
Amen.

The Rev. Dr. Frederick E. Christian

Coming Program & Events

June 5: Stu Ockman, Writer of NY Times Crossword Puzzles
"Confessions of a Crossword Junkie"

June 18: Installation Dinner
Springhaven CC

Rotary & District Events:



June 1 - June 4: International Convention, Sydney, Australia

June 29: District Installation Dinner

July 23: District Outing to Phillies

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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?



Guests:

No Guests this week.

Last Week's Speaker: Syd Carpenter

By Joy Charlton

Syd Carpenter, Sculptor and Prof. of Art at Swarthmore College, told the story of her current solo exhibition called "More Places of Our Own" at the African American Museum in Philadelphia. After visiting contemporary farms of African Americans, Syd abstracted elements of each individual farm into a unique sculptural portrait, with shapes distinctive to each farm. She related the origin of her art to her personal biography and family history of gardening, demonstrated the extraordinary effort and detail involved in the production of art, and placed her work in the context of American and African American history as well as the history of art. She explained that while the relationship of African Americans to the land is most often illustrated by farm labor during slavery, it is much richer and varied -- if historically invisible, which her work begins to correct.



The History of Memorial Day

(Article can foundt at: www.va.gov/opa)

Three years after the Civil War ended, on May 5, 1868, the head of an organization of Union veterans — the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) — established Decoration Day as a time for the nation to decorate the graves of the war dead with flowers. Maj. Gen. John A. Logan declared that Decoration Day should be observed on May 30. It is believed that date was chosen because flowers would be in bloom all over the country.

The first large observance was held that year at Arlington National Cemetery, across the Potomac River from Washington, D.C. The ceremonies centered around the mourning-draped veranda of the Arlington mansion, once the home of Gen. Robert E. Lee. Various Washington officials, including Gen. and Mrs.

Ulysses S. Grant, presided over the ceremonies. After speeches, children from the Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphan Home and members of the GAR made their way through the cemetery, strewing flowers on both Union and Confederate graves, reciting prayers and singing hymns.



Official Birthplace Declared In 1966, Congress and President Lyndon Johnson declared Waterloo, N.Y., the “birthplace” of Memorial Day. There, a ceremony on May 5, 1866, honored local veterans who had fought in the Civil War. Businesses closed and residents flew flags at half-

staff. Supporters of Waterloo’s claim say earlier observances in other places were either informal, not community-wide or one-time events. By the end of the 19th century, Memorial Day ceremonies were being held on May 30 throughout the nation. State legislatures passed proclamations designating the day, and the Army and Navy adopted regulations for proper observance



at their facilities.

It was not until after World War I, however, that the day was expanded to honor those who have died in all American wars. In 1971, Memorial Day was declared a national holiday by an act of Congress, though it is still often called Decoration Day. It was then also placed on the last Monday in May, as were some other federal holidays.

Happy Dollars Total for 2013-14:

\$2,359



2012-13 Total: \$2,345

2011-12 Total: \$2,311

2009-11 Total: \$2,586

(16,002 Children Immunized)

All Proceeds to Polio Eradication.

Service Quotation

“The only ones among us who will be truly happy are those who have sought and found how to serve.”

- Albert Schweitzer, (B:Jan 14, 1875- D:9/4/1975) Theologian, organist, philosopher, physician, and medical missionary in Africa

Birthday:

Joan Wright 5/30

Wedding Anniversary:

Linda Carpenter 5/25

Program Notes

From the Rotary Web Site

Take a look at Rotary activities from around the world!

Rotary Project Creates Cookbook for the Visually Impaired—<https://www.rotary.org/en/rotary-project-creates-cookbook-visually-impaired>

New Ugandan Club Takes on Challenges of a Growing Economy—<https://www.rotary.org/en/new-ugandan-club-takes-challenges-growing-economy>

How Rotary Ideas Is Changing the Landscape of Crowdsourcing—<https://www.rotary.org/en/how-rotary-ideas-changing-landscape-crowdsourcing>