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The Rotary Club of Swarthmore June 5, 2014

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Today's Program:

Stu Ockman, Writer of NY **Times Crossword Puzzles** "Confessions of a Crossword Junkie"

Table Grace

Thank you, Lord, for another evidence of your endless provision for our deepest needs: for food and friendship and the need to give in same measure what you have first given us, the freedom to live a fuller life.

Accept our special thanks for the gifts of Rotary and for these blessings around these tables which come from your hand. Amen.

The Rev. Dr. Frederick E. Christian

Coming Programs & Events

June 12 Maria Zissimos, Esq, **General Counsel of the Chester Housing Authority**

"The Chester Housing Authority: **Building Communities**"

June 18: Installation Dinner Springhaven CC

June 19 (No Meeting)



Rotary & District Events:

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?

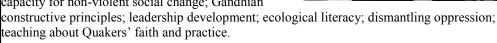
Guests:

Jennifer Magee—a Peace Scholar and guest of Joy Charlton

Last Week's Speaker:

By Joy Charlton

Executive Director of Pendle Hill in Wallingford, Jennifer described the 85 year-old Quaker center's mission as creating a more peaceful world. To do this, she listed their numerous foci as: spiritual deepening; personal discernment; arts and crafts; building capacity for non-violent social change; Gandhian



Pendle Hill is open to all, for learning, retreat, and community, and she made a special point of talking about how we can personally benefit from its presence. We can attend lectures and music events; take courses; attend weekend workshops; read their books and pamphlets, participate in their resident program (e.g., for personal sabbaticals, transition times); use their woodshop and art spaces. (Continued on page 2)



News from the Rotary International Convention in Sydney

It may be the start of winter in Sydney, Australia, but things are heating up down under as more than 18,000 Rotary members from over 150 countries arrive for their biggest international event of the year, the Rotary Convention.

The four-day event, held 1-4 June, offers the perfect venue to experience the global reach of Rotary. Through workshops, special events, and social activities, attendees have the chance to discover and celebrate our members' diverse backgrounds and exchange ideas for making the world a better place.

"At a convention, for a few short days, we see a world where men and women from every corner of the globe come together to build peace, to serve others, and simply to enjoy one another's company," says Rotary President Ron Burton. This year's convention highlights Rotary's progress in eradicating polio, providing clean water and improving sanitation, building peace, fighting poverty, and empowering our youth.

On 30 May, before the convention officially began, Rotarians broke Oprah Winfrey's world record for the most climbers on the Sydney Harbour Bridge at one time. As a result Rotary members raised enough money to protect 240,000 kids from polio. Despite the physically grueling four-hour trek up and down the bridge's storied steel arches, the 340 participants kept their good spirits and stood side-by-side waving 278 flags. "When the helicopters were going around, you just felt like one great big nation," said Graeme Davies, district governor of the Rotary Club of Kincumber in Australia.

Rotary members cheered for each of the 26 groups as they made way through the lobby to the entrance of the bridge climb. "I think that's exactly what Rotary needs," said Nate Harimoto of Thousand Oaks, California, "a show of force from all around the world."

Climbers from Taiwan, Australia, China, Japan, United States, and dozens of other countries and regions supported each other during the event. They watched each other's backs, literally and figuratively, helping to steer climbers' heads away from hanging steel beams. For a day, their commitment to help others also became a commitment to help each other. And in the process, they raised enough money to show the world how committed they are to polio eradication.

Last week's speaker (continued)

Most especially, we might want to use their spaces for our own meetings, workshops, and conferences; have guests stay overnight; walk their grounds; and also to join others (typically 30 to 150 on any given day) enjoying meals cooked with their owngrown, organic produce (with 24-hour notice, so they will make enough). pendlehill.org.

Happy Dollars Total for 2013-14:

\$2,393

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

(16,058 Children Immunized)

All Proceeds to Polio Eradication.

Service Quotation

"It's easy to make a buck. It's a lot tougher to make a difference."

- Tom Brokaw, American television journalist and author best known as the anchor and managing editor of NBC Nightly News from 1982 to 2004.

Birthday:

Cathy Darrell — 6/2

Member Anniversary:

Josh Twersky - 6/2 (12 years)

Wedding Anniversary:

Ray Hopkins - 6/5 (52 years)



Jennifer Hu and Caitlin Sequira wearing their Rotaract sashes at Sunday's Swarthmore College Commencement ceremony