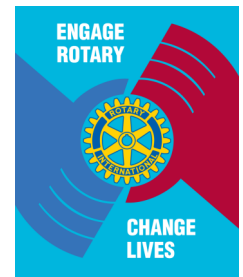




# CogNotes

The Rotary Club of Swarthmore  
June 12, 2014



June is Rotary Fellowship Month

**Improving Lives in Communities  
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## Today's Program:

**Maria Zissimos, Esq,**  
**General Counsel of the Chester Housing Authority**  
"The Chester Housing Authority:  
Building Communities"

## Table Grace

Father, as we enter the summer season, we realize that we shall be going many separate ways seeking refreshment and renewal.

Help us to hold one another in thoughtful remembrance. Direct us into paths where we may make Rotary meaningful. God, source of all plenty, accept our thanks for the blessings of food and friendship. Amen.

The Rev. Dr. Frederick E. Christian

## Coming Programs & Events

**June 18: Installation Dinner**  
Springhaven CC

**June 19 (No Meeting)**

### Rotary & District Events:

**June 29: District Installation Brunch**

**July 23: District Outing to Phillies**



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## The Pledge of Allegiance



## Four Way Test:

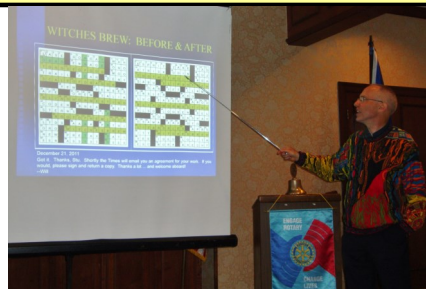
Of the things we think, say and do:

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?



## Last Week's Speaker: Stu Ockman By Joy Charlton

Stu is a crossword puzzle maker by night, a Wharton-trained MBA engineer by day, and always a self-described "nerd" with a beautiful voice. As a New York Times puzzle maker for two years, he shared his running correspondence with the famed editor Will Shortz, and described a social world of puzzle-makers who know about each other, write blogs, and hold tournaments. Old style crossword puzzle-making uses graph paper. Now, a computer program provides the grid and helps with beginning suggestions for "fill" and the clues, after the puzzle-maker has created a theme with the right number of letters -



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### Guest:

Jim Snively— husband of Gladys Snively



## **10 Fascinating Facts About D-Day**

(found at: [www.blog.constitutioncenter.org](http://www.blog.constitutioncenter.org))

**1. What does D-Day mean anyway?** That remains a topic of debate today, since the operation was cloaked in secrecy. One prominent theory is that the word D-Day originated in a World War I tradition of assigning generic words like D-Day and H-Hour to events with unassigned dates. Another is that the “D” stands for the word “departed,” as in “departed date.”

**2. The invading force by sea and air was staggering.** The D-Day attack consisted of more than 150,000 personnel coming across the English Channel by sea and air, and about 100,000 troops were involved in the Invasion on June 6.

**3. The cost of the invasion was high.** Of the 100,000 or so fighters in the invading force, about 9,000 were killed or wounded on June 6, 1944.

**4. How rare is a major amphibious attack?** Throughout history, attacks over water were a feature of many wars and campaigns, but not on the scale of the D-Day invasion. The Spanish Armada in 1588 that failed to invade England had about 130 ships and a potential 55,000 fighters. The D-Day force had about 5,000 vessels involved in various roles.

**5. Was D-Day the biggest marine invasion ever?** Again, that is another debate topic. Many people believe the Normandy invasion was the largest such operation during World War II, but others can make an argument for the April 1945 invasion of Okinawa in the Pacific. The 1943 Allied landing in Sicily was also a very large and complicated operation.

**6. There were live broadcasts of the invasion on radio.** After a German news agency scooped the Western press by confirming the invasion in a wire report, press coverage began in the Allied nations. One CBS reporter broadcasted live from a ship within the invading force. More than 700,000 words recounting the events of June 6, 1944 were relayed to the public.

**7. How did the Allies fool the Germans?** The grand plan included the construction of a dummy invasion force across from the Pas de Calais near Dover. Rubber ships and plywood tanks were part of the fake invasion force.

**8. How did D-Day happen on June 6<sup>th</sup>?** Since everyone knew an invasion of some type was imminent, so weather and timing played prominent roles. General Dwight Eisenhower picked June 5, 1944 as the date for the invasion, but bad weather forced a postponement. After meteorologists told Eisenhower that the weather would clear the next day, the invasion was on. In reality, the weather was nearly as bad on June 6.

**9. Where did the name Operation Overlord come from?** Winston Churchill is believed to be the person who assigned the codename to the D-Day invasion, since he had a very high interest in selecting code names. The Germans actually pioneered the use of code names in World War I.

**10. What was Eisenhower’s message to the troops?** Ike’s Orders of the Day told the force, “The eyes of the world are upon you.”

## **Happy Dollars Total for 2013-14:**

**\$2,417**



2012-13 Total: \$2,345

2011-12 Total: \$2,311

2009-11 Total: \$2,586

(16,098 Children Immunized)

**All Proceeds to Polio Eradication.**

## **Service Quotation**

“To leave the world a better place by a remembered social condition, to know that even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is to have succeeded.”

- Ralph Waldo Emerson, American essayist, lecturer, and poet, who led the Transcendentalist movement of the mid-19th century

## **Rotary Anniversaries**

**Wedding:**

Joy Charlton - 6/21

## **MEETING LOCATION CHANGE**



The **June 26th** meeting will be held at Swarthmore United

Methodist Church on Park Avenue (next to Borough Hall)

## **Speaker Summary (Continued)**

– which is the critical part. Stu demonstrated, using a couple of Rotary terms. At the end, he regaled us with a witty song he had written and performed first for the “Crossworders Got Talent” portion of a tournament, sung to the tune of “To Dream, the Impossible Dream,” called, of course: “To Solve, the Impossible Grid...”