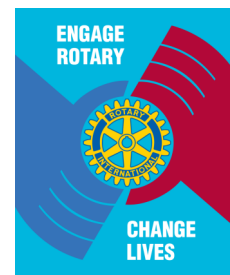




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The Rotary Club of Swarthmore
June 26, 2014

June is Rotary Fellowship Month



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

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Today's Program:

Mike Malone, Principal,
Swarthmore Investments, LLC
"What Do People Do When They
Don't Know What They Are Doing"

Table Grace

Lord of all that is good, help us to
become more conscious and
appreciative of life's highest and
most enduring values and to be
more eager to share them with all
humankind.

Open to us added channels
through Rotary by which we may
bring this to pass.

And now Father, accept our
thanks for the blessings of this
hour. Amen.

The Rev. Dr. Frederick E. Christian

Coming Programs & Events

July 3 Dan Honig, P.E., D-IBFES,
Principal, Structures Consulting
Engineers
"Evaluating Structural Damage in the
Collapse of a Coastal Bulkhead System"

July 10 Jim Freeman, Founder/Artistic
Director/Conductor of Orchestra 2001,
Emeritus Professor of Music,
Swarthmore College
"Stories from a Passion for New Music"

July 17 TBD

July 24 Rob Zarko, Ship Bottom
Brewery
"Building a Brewery One Beer at a Time"

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The Pledge of Allegiance



Last Week's Speaker (6/12/14):

By Jim Leming

Rotary-member Maria is the General Counsel for the Chester Housing Authority (CHA). She discussed the great progress that the CHA has made since it was reorganized in the early 90's as a result of a lawsuit filed by the residents of public housing in Chester. Prior to the lawsuit, the housing was plagued by mismanagement and neglect. Judge Norma Shapiro appointed a Receiver to operate the CHA.

CHA has overseen the demolition of poor housing. This included the Chester Towers high rise, a hotbed for crime. It has also managed the construction of several new projects providing modern family housing. These projects not only consist of housing but they also include retail establishments, parks, libraries, and community centers. The CHA has its own Police department.

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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:

A Note of Appreciation

Jane Williams from the Ardmore Rotary Club visited our club to thank us for our support of their work with the Rotary Club of Tokyo to help victims of the tsunami that devastated northern Japan. Jane provided details about how the money we helped raise had supported the construction of the Kessennuma Child Care Center, and a Human & Community Development Center in northern Japan. Along with Rotary Clubs from all over the world, and a Global Grant, \$27,000 was raised to contribute to the overall \$198,000 cost of the projects.



Happy Dollars Total for 2013-14: \$2,452



2012-13 Total: \$2,345

2011-12 Total: \$2,311

2009-11 Total: \$2,586

(16,157 Children Immunized)

All Proceeds to Polio Eradication.

Scenes from Installation Dinner for our New President, Perry Evanson



Left: Asst. Governor George Whitfield inducts new president Perri Evanson. Below: Rotary guests gather before dinner.



Above: Outgoing President Hillard Pouncy. Right: Evanson with her father, Ken Wright



Left: The Installation Dinner concluded with all attendees in a circle singing "Auld Lang Syne"



Last week's speaker (continued)

The CHA also addresses quality of living issues for its residents such as employment, drug rehab, and psychological counseling. The residents participate in the decision-making. For example, one community voted for a 9 pm curfew for all children less than 18 years old.

The result of this effort has been:

Lower crime

Higher rent collection

Improved housing stock

A knock-on effect improving the quality of life for Chester City.

Because of the efforts of the residents, the City of Chester, and the CHA, the US Dept. of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) raised CHA's rating from "troubled" to "high performer".

Service Quotation

"It is one of the beautiful compensations of life, that no man can sincerely help another without helping himself."

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

Birthday:

Robin Elrick

6/26

Member Anniversary:

Mike Malone: 6/26

23 years

Gudmund Iversen 7/1

29 years

Robin Elrick: 7/1

26 years

Wedding Anniversary:

Joy Charlton

6/21

Joe Lesniak

6/23

Hillard Pouncy

6/24

Art Baker

6/25

Marty Spiegel

6/29

Peter Miller

6/30

George Whitfield

6/30

Marv Gelb

7/3

Program Notes
