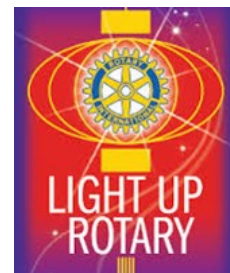




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The Rotary Club of Swarthmore
December 11, 2014

December is Family Month



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

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Today's Program:

**Joe Lesniak - Highway
Clean Up training video
AND Exchange Student
Justus Franz**

Table Grace

Amid the accelerating activity of this season, Lord, slow us down and give us quiet minds to discern the deeper meaning of these days and receptive hearts to respond to those who need our caring concern.

Accept our tribute of thanks for all you have given us in Rotary and for what we enjoy today.

Amen.

The Rev. Dr. Frederick E. Christian

Coming Programs & Events

Dec 18: Silvertones (at CADES)

Dec 25: No Meeting

Jan 1, 2015: No Meeting

Jan 8: Allison Jo Stoutland, Inch by Inch Publications, Author and Motivational Speaker

Jan 15: Andrew Sullivan, Stop Hunger Now

Jan 22: Christopher Curtin, Master Chocolatier, Eclat Chocolates

Know someone who has an interest in any of these topics? Invite them to the meeting!

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Last Week's Fun: Carol Sing with Ann Seidman

By Rich Shimko

Resilience. That's what Ann Seidman exhibited when she came up with a marvelous program of Christmas carols when the scheduled speaker cancelled at the last minute. Or maybe Courage, because she sang the first solo. (A very good solo I might add). Perhaps it was her contagious spirit of comradery and fun which involved everyone in such a good time.



The music critics also praised George Whitfield's solo and the success of the quartet of professional singers masquerading as Rotary members: Lisa, Ann, Ken, and Jim. The Rotary Chorale's singing was loud enough that it masked my experimental singing technique - frequent change of pitch, and heavy use of atonality.

Thanks, Ann, for a delightful Rotary experience.

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: None



The Rotary Carolers



What do other Rotary Clubs do to celebrate the Holidays?

Making Spirits Bright in Sheboygan, Wisconsin

The four Rotary clubs of Sheboygan County are holding the second annual Making Spirits Bright holiday lights display in Evergreen Park for 2013. Admission to this event remains free of charge, however donations for the Sheboygan County Food Bank are highly encouraged. Last year, donations provided a three month supply for area pantries.

Rotary Christmas Parade – Rotary Club of Fayetteville, North Carolina.

When a member of the Fayetteville Rotary Club learned that there was not going to be a Christmas Parade in 1999, he approached his club and the other two Rotary Clubs, suggesting that this would be an excellent Community Service Project. The three clubs agreed and banded together to insure Fayetteville would continue to have a Christmas parade. They have undertaken the parade as a part of their Community Service Avenue, not as a fundraiser.

Tea Time in the UK

The Battersea Park Rotary Club in London holds an annual Christmas Day lunch and tea party for the elderly people in the Wandsworth area, consisting of Balham, Putney, Tooting and Battersea. Rotarians are asked to join in the event as hosts and volunteers as they entertain their elderly guests for a fun filled Christmas Day!

Celebrating all of the Holidays

The Rotary Club of Pasadena, CA, decided to hold its first annual Holiday/Hanukkah Party on December 4. Members of the club used the opportunity to learn more about each other's holiday traditions.

Happy Dollars Total for 2014-15:

\$1195

2013-14 total: \$2,493

2012-13 Total: \$2,345

2011-12 Total: \$2,311



(18,149 Children Immunized)

**All Proceeds go towards
Polio Eradication.**

Service Quotation

"I was raised to volunteer . . . To use my life to help improve the quality of the lives of others."

- Deborah Ann "Debby" Ryan (age 21),
Actress, singer-songwriter, musician
and record producer

Rotary Celebrations

Birthday:

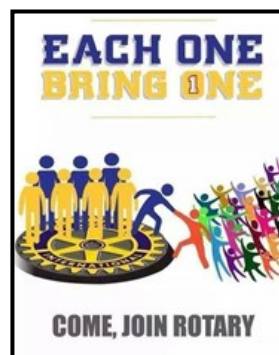
John Kaufman — 12/13

Member Anniversary:

None

Wedding Anniversary:

Steve Laxton - 12/16



**Have you
asked
anyone to
be a
Rotarian
today?**

