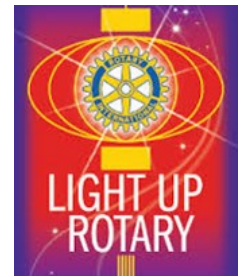




# CogNotes



The Rotary Club of Swarthmore  
December 18, 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: Silvertones Concert at CADES

### Table Grace

As the pace of activity increases toward Christmas, teach us, Good Lord, to slowdown and appreciate the simple joys that this season offers: meeting with friends old and new, the glow of a light in a child's face, this time here together, and so many opportunities that we pass by in our haste that offer abiding joy. Above all, make us truly appreciative of your countless gifts to us. Amen

The Rev. Dr. Frederick E. Christian

## Coming Programs & Events

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 Program: Justus Franz

By Rich Shimko

In addition to watching an exciting PADOT Highway Clean Up safety training video, our program included a chance to meet German exchange student Justus Franz. Justus is currently in the 10<sup>th</sup> grade at Strath Haven High School. He was sponsored by a Rotary Club in the suburb of Frankfurt, where he lives. Justus said he became interested in being an exchange student after his cousin and friends told him it was a "life-changing" experience. He qualified by "attending many meetings" with German Rotary members.



Here are some of Justus's favorites: American food – Chinese (is that fair?). German food – schnitzel, which he makes himself. American location – Washington D.C., he enjoyed seeing all the buildings such as the White House and Capitol building that he has seen in photographs and on TV. American activity – he loves photography, which he started after enrolling in a photography class at Strath Haven. Sport – tennis and building-jumping\*. Career interest – medicine, like his parents.

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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: None

## Some Pictorial Notes from Last Week's Meeting



Joe finds some humor in the otherwise serious issue of Safety Training for PADOT Highway Clean Up work.



Joe and the Club express their appreciation to Ann for leading the carol sing two weeks ago.



Craig and Joe present Ray with his Paul Harris Fellow Plus 1 Award — thank you, Ray, for your continued strong support of the program!

## Rotary leaders under 40 exchange ideas at Young Professionals Summit



From Rotary Membership Minute at Rotary.org (for more information, go to <https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/learning-reference/learn-topic/membership>)

Young Professionals Summit, held in Chicago in September, gave Rotary leaders ages 25 to 40 the chance to share their Rotary experiences, reflect on their stories, and exchange ideas.

The event, which included 32 Rotary and Rotaract members as well as Rotary program alumni, was organized and moderated by Rotary staff. During the discussions, a professional sketch artist illustrated the participants' ideas on whiteboards.

"The energy and ideas that have flowed in this room over the last two days are so refreshing," said Kathryn Fahy, governor of District 5970 and a member of the Rotary Club of Iowa Great Lakes, Iowa. "We've exchanged actual hands-on ideas that we can take back to our clubs and really change momentum in Rotary."

## Last Week's Program (continued)

\*Rotary education minute – For those of you, like me, who wondered what in the world building jumping is, I looked it up on the Internet. Building-jumping, or parkour (a French word) is similar in spirit to skate-boarding in that it involves moving over obstacles. For example, a parkourist might walk through Swarthmore center by going over the buildings and jumping the gaps instead of walking on the sidewalk.

## Happy Dollars Total for 2014-15:

**\$1238**

2013-14 total: \$2,493

2012-13 Total: \$2,345

2011-12 Total: \$2,311



(18,220 Children Immunized)

All Proceeds go towards  
Polio Eradication.

## Service Quotation

"I left a job at a law firm for a career in public service, working to empower young people to volunteer in their communities, because I believe that each of us has something to contribute to the life of this nation."

— Michelle Obama

## Rotary Celebrations

### Birthday:

Joy Charlton — 12/18

Dennis Hoffman - 12/22

### Member Anniversary:

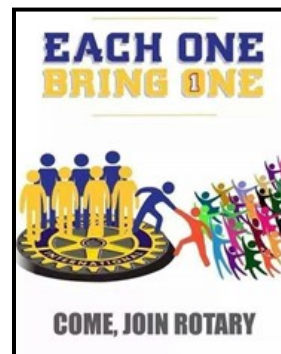
Anne Hanson - 12/29 (14 yrs)

Steve :Laxton - 12/29 (7 yrs)

### Wedding Anniversary:

Jim Sredenschek — 12/29

Andrew Sullivan — 12/30



Have you asked anyone to be a Rotarian today?

