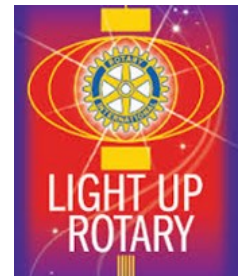




# CogNotes



The Rotary Club of Swarthmore  
January 15, 2015

January is Rotary Awareness Month

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

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## Today's Program:

**Andrew Sullivan,**  
Stop Hunger Now,  
classification talk

## Table Grace

Thank you, God, for this time together when we enjoy one another, rekindle our energies, quicken our minds, and refocus our goals.

As we break bread keep us mindful of those less fortunate and help us to strive for a world where all your children can live an abundant life. Amen.

The Rev. Dr. Frederick E. Christian

## Coming Programs & Events

**Jan 22: Christopher Curtin,**  
Master Chocolatier, Eclat  
Chocolates

**Jan 29: Teya Sepinuck**  
"Theatre of Witness - Finding the  
Medicine in Stories of Suffering,  
Transformation and Peace"

**Feb 5: David Smith, Professor  
Emeritus, Department of Risk,  
Insurance and Health Care  
Management, Temple University**  
"The Neglected Gift: Civil Rights  
Medicare and the Struggle to  
Transform Health Care"

**Feb 12: Bill Menke,**  
Swarthmore Historical Society

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

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## Last Meeting's Program: Allison Stoudt

By Rich Shimko

As a child, Allison Jo Stoutland had a dream: she wanted to be a teacher. When she grew up she became a kindergarten teacher. Unfortunately for her dream career, she married a football coach who has moved eight million times from one team to another. Instead of sitting around all day watching TV and eating bon-bons (she did have two children but how much work could they have been?), she decided to put the lessons she learned with the children she taught into a series of children's books. Her very human stories elicited much laughter from the audience. She read two of her books to us. They were charming, will-illustrated books with simple messages for children (although the messages would benefit most adults.)



## 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:

Mona Sims, Joe Lesniak's paralegal

~ continued on back

# The History of Martin Luther King Day

## Who originated the idea of a national holiday in honor of MLK?

by Shmuel Ross and David Johnson

It took 15 years to create the federal Martin Luther King, Jr., holiday. Congressman John Conyers, Democrat from Michigan, first introduced legislation for a commemorative holiday four days after King as assassinated in 1968. After the bill became stalled, petitions endorsing the holiday containing six million names were submitted to Congress.

Conyers and Rep. Shirley Chisholm, Democrat of New York, resubmitted King holiday legislation each subsequent legislative session. Public pressure for the holiday mounted during the 1982 and 1983 civil rights marches in Washington.

Congress passed the holiday legislation in 1983, which was then signed into law by President Ronald Reagan. A compromise moving the holiday from Jan. 15, King's birthday, which was considered too close to Christmas and New Year's, to the third Monday in January helped overcome opposition to the law.

A number of states resisted celebrating the holiday. Some opponents said King did not deserve his own holiday—contending that the entire civil rights movement rather than one individual, however instrumental, should be honored. Several southern states include celebrations for various Confederate generals on that day. Arizona voters approved the holiday in 1992 after a tourist boycott. In 1999, New Hampshire changed the name of Civil Rights Day to Martin Luther King, Jr., Day.



### Happy Dollars Total for 2014-15:

**\$1382**

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

“The smallest act of kindness is worth more than the grandest Intention.”

- Oscar Wilde, Irish writer and poet who became one of London's most popular playwrights in the early 1890s.

### Rotary Celebrations

**Birthday:**

None

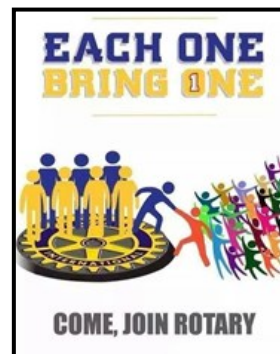
**Member Anniversary:**

Dean Wolfe - 1/15 (5 yrs)

**Wedding Anniversary:**

None

**MLK**  **Day of Service**  
A DAY ON, NOT A DAY OFF



Have you asked anyone to be a Rotarian today?

### Speaker: Continued from Front

Two more facts – her husband is currently offensive line coach at the Philadelphia Eagles – no problem with job security there, right? The other fact is that Allison couldn't find a publisher and she self-published her books. She said it cost her \$15,000 to produce 5,000 copies of her first book. I know I haven't been able to find a publisher for my book "A History of potholes in Swarthmore, Vol. 1" so I will look into this.

### Fun with Homographs

The farm was used to produce Produce.