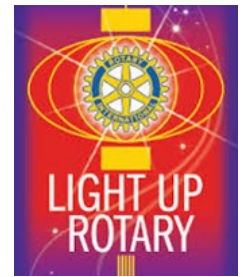




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The Rotary Club of Swarthmore
February 5, 2015

February is World Understanding Month

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

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Today's Program:

David Smith
"The Neglected Gift: Civil Rights, Medicare and the Struggle to Transform Health Care"

Table Grace

Lord, as we pause to count our many blessings, give us a true appreciation of what a blessing it is to meet freely and to associate openly as we do here in Rotary.

This is one of the glorious gifts of the freedoms we enjoy in this great land. Help us to make the most of it and above all to be grateful for your unending bounty and care. Amen.

The Rev. Dr. Frederick E. Christian

Coming Programs & Events

Feb 12: Bill Menke,
Swarthmore Historical Society

Feb 19: Cheston Lawrence,
new General Manager,
Swarthmore COOP

Feb 26: Sara Heller, University of Pennsylvania Criminology Professor

"Summer Jobs and Youth Violence"

March 5: No Meeting

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

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Last Meeting's Program: Christopher Curtin

By Rich Shimko

One minute and a gun – that's all it took for three lives to be ended or ruined in a scene from a video Teya Sepinuck made with inmates at the Chester prison. Teya makes videos with either the perpetrators or victims of violence. They tell their own stories, sometimes acting out certain incidents and other times just relating what happened.

Teya started Theatre of Witness 29 years ago when she was teaching at Swarthmore College. Theatre of Witness promotes healing and peace by having the participants create original theater.

In Teya's second video segment, Kathleen, whose husband was killed by the Irish Republican Army, told of her anger, despair, and nightmares after his death. She decided to participate in the Peace and Reconciliation movement to tell her story along with ex-members of the IRA. She told how she could not be in the same room with IRA vets when she started but now she talks and works with them. She wanted to heal herself ~ continued on back



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: George Jones, Madeline Jones-Blisard, and Cheston Lawrence.

DONATIONS NEEDED!!!!!!

The CityTeam Ministries food pantry is bare and needs constant replenishing. If you can donate items such as: peanut butter, tuna fish...

Please contact Cathy Darrell, who will transport any donated items. Or just bring them to a meeting.



Happy Dollars Total for 2014-15:

\$1482

2013-14 total: \$2,493

2012-13 Total: \$2,345

2011-12 Total: \$2,311



(17,703 Children Immunized)

All Proceeds go towards
Polio Eradication.

President-elect urges Rotary members to 'Be a Gift to the World' (full text at rotary.org)

Using their talents, expertise, and leadership, Rotary members worldwide are asked to be gifts to the world this upcoming 2015-16 Rotary year.

Rotary International President-elect K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran called Sunday's address to incoming district governors the "most significant moment of my life."

"All of you have been given so many gifts. And you have now been given this great gift: one year to take all your talents, all your gifts, everything that you are and can become -- and Be a Gift to the World," said Ravindran, revealing his presidential theme at the annual five-day training meeting in San Diego, California, USA. "You have one year to take that potential and turn it into reality. One year to lead the clubs in your district and transform the lives of others. The time is so short, yet there is so much to be done."

Highlighting Rotary's biggest challenge, the eradication of polio, Ravindran said, "A future without polio is a gift that we have promised to the children of the world. And indeed it is a gift that we will give."

Ravindran, a member of the Rotary Club of Colombo, Sri Lanka, used Rotary's successes in the fight to eradicate the disease as an illustration of the impact Rotary members can have in the world. When Rotary set a goal of eradicating polio 25 years ago, it was endemic in 125 countries, and more than 1,000 children were becoming paralyzed each day. Today, polio remains endemic in just three countries, Afghanistan, Nigeria, and Pakistan. And in all of 2014, only 333 cases were reported. "We will battle on. We will prevail," he said.

Ravindran discussed some of Rotary's other challenges, including membership.

"We have to find a way to bring back the fundamentals that built our organization: the emphasis on high ethical standards in all aspects of our lives, and the classification system that encourages a diversity of expertise in each club," he said. "Too often these ideas are viewed as little more than inconvenient obstacles to increasing our membership. But they have been essential to Rotary's success, and we ignore them at our own peril."



Service Quotation

"Here's to all volunteers, those dedicated people who believe in all work and no pay."

- Robert Orben, (87 years old), Professional comedy writer, and speechwriter for Gerald R. Ford

Rotary Celebrations

Birthday:

Putty Willetts 2/6

Member Anniversary:

Ray Hopkins (9 years) 2/1

Wedding Anniversary:

None

Speaker: Continued from Front

but she also wanted the story of the violence to be heard. Teya returned to Swarthmore six months ago after working in Ireland and Poland for 12 years. She is looking to continue her work when she finds the right project. She recently published a book about her work: "Theatre of Witness: Finding the medicine in stories of suffering, transformation and peace."

If you would like to hear more from Teya Sepinuk:

Theatre of Witness

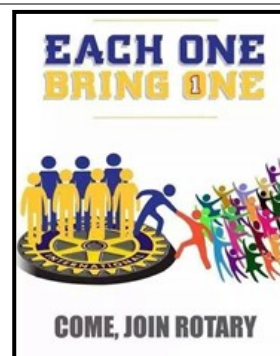
Bearing Witness to Stories of Suffering, Transformation and Peace

A Public Presentation by Teya Sepinuk

Monday February 9th 7pm

Lang Performing Arts Center Cinema, Swarthmore College

Free and Open to the Public



Have you asked anyone to be a Rotarian today?