

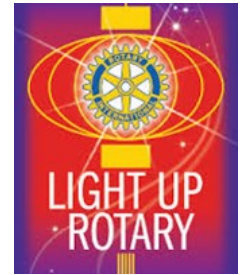


# CogNotes

The Rotary Club of Swarthmore  
P.O. Box 4, Swarthmore, PA 19081

February 19, 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:

**Cheston Lawrence,  
Manager, Swarthmore Co-op**

## Table Grace

As Rotarians, we are aware of countless others, world-wide, who share our goals and for whom we give thanks.

Keep us mindful of brothers and sisters who face harsher realities as they attempt to live out Rotary ideals.

Make us truly thankful for them and doubly grateful to you for all the privileges we enjoy. Amen.

The Rev. Dr. Frederick E. Christian

## Coming Programs & Events

**Feb 26: Sara Heller, University of Pennsylvania Criminology Professor**

"Summer Jobs and Youth Violence"

**March 5:** No Meeting

**March 12: Allison Chisholm, author**

"The Inventive Life of Charles Hill Morgan: The Power of Improvement in Industry, Education and Civic Life"

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

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## Last Meeting's Program: David Smith

By Rich Shimko

Did you know Swarthmore College conducted research with radioactive materials during World War 2 at the present site of Suburban Square North on Baltimore Pike? (Ask me about the work I did on a radioactive shopping mall near Boston.) This was just one fact that Bill Menke related during his presentation of historical photos of Swarthmore.



Some other items of interest: There was a full time crossing guard where the railroad crossed Chester Road before the underpass was built. A trolley ran down Yale Avenue. The Borough was mostly open fields before houses were built and residents planted trees in their yards. The Benjamin West House was almost completely gutted by fire in the 1890s – the College took the opportunity to rebuild it in a more useful configuration.

## 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:** Cheston Lawrence; George Jones; and Linda Hefferman

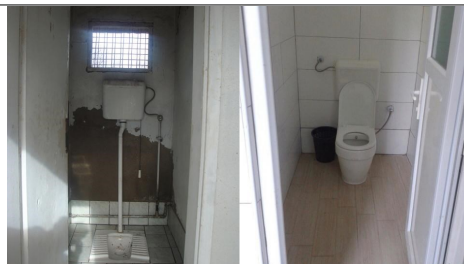
## DONATIONS NEEDED!!!!!!

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.

## Colorado Joins Kosovo Club to Restore Sanitation in Blighted Local Schools



Blighted schools in the mountain city of Peja in western Kosovo are a reminder of the ethnic strife and war that ravaged this area in the 1990s.

To restore ruined sanitation facilities in some of those schools, local Rotary members recently partnered with their counterparts from Colorado, USA. Though residents have been slowly rebuilding the city's infrastructure after years of neglect under earlier governments, most resources are going to improve roads, rebuild homes, and create new businesses. Little money remains to restore the schools.

As a result, students have fallen ill, stayed home from school, and been unable to focus on their education, says Neshad Asllani, a member of the Rotary Club of Peja and a physician with the Health Center of Excellence in Kosovo. "Healthy students make better students," he says.

Last year, his club joined the Rotary Club of Edwards, Colorado, USA, to bring clean water and modern toilet facilities to six area schools with the worst conditions. The \$50,000 project was funded by a Rotary Foundation global grant and completed in September. It replaced all the commodes and sinks, repaired leaking roofs, and installed floor tiles, fixtures, and new septic tanks.

The project was initiated by Edwards club member Richard Dangler, who'd spent time in the area in 2008-09 as the chief water engineer for International Relief and Development, helping to install a \$1 million potable-water system in Kosovo that was funded by USAID. Although that system benefited most homes and businesses, the pipes didn't extend to schools in rural areas. Dangler recalls that those schools' water and sanitation facilities were "ghastly," with flooded commodes; dirty water for washing; and crumbling walls, floors, and roofs that made the facilities almost unusable.

Dangler traveled to Peja in 2013 to plan the project there with local Rotary members. He says the community was instrumental in carrying it out.

"We held planning meetings where 100 people would show up," says Dangler. "They were incredibly engaged. They showed a desire and readiness to be included in planning, designing, and maintaining post-construction tasks. Out of all the war-torn and underdeveloped places in the world I've worked, I found the Kosovo people had the greatest willingness to help themselves." (*more at rotary.org*)

### Speaker: Continued from Front

Biggest surprise? Ken Wright remembers it all.

Bill is a member of the Swarthmore Historical Society. They conduct the annual Swarthmore house tour and they also support an on-line archive of historical photographs of Swarthmore. Bill was a former Rotarian and said he lives in the 2nd most secluded house in Swarthmore.

## Happy Dollars Total for 2014-15:

**\$1,585**

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.

## Service Quotation

"The world is hugged by the faithful arms of volunteers."

- Terri Guillemets (42 years old),  
U.S. quotation anthologist

## Rotary Celebrations

### Birthday:

None

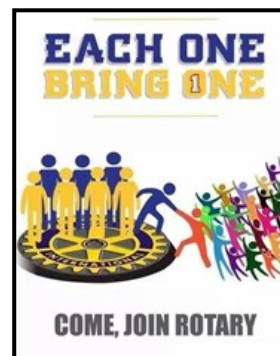
### Member Anniversary:

Susan Larson Feb. 20, 1 year

Nate Much Feb 20, 1 year

### Wedding Anniversary:

Rich Noonan Feb. 18



Have you  
asked  
anyone to  
be a  
Rotarian  
today?

## THIS DAY IN HISTORY

1807: Aaron Burr arrested for treason

1847: Donner party rescued

1878: Thomas Edison patents the  
phonograph

1945: Marines invade Iwo Jima