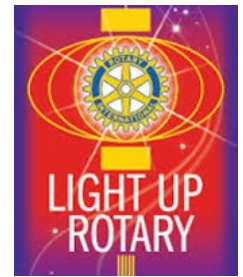




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The Rotary Club of Swarthmore
P.O. Box 4, Swarthmore, PA 19081

March 26, 2015



The name of March comes from Latin Martius, the first month of the earliest Roman calendar

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

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Today's Program:

Dr. Barbara Whitaker-Shimko Classification Talk: Long Term Perspectives on Feminism.

Table Grace

Father, we thank you for the practical common sense and the lofty idealism that are combined in the ideals of Rotary.

We believe that such a combination did not just happen, but that it is a reflection of what you want us to be and of how you would have us to live. Amen.

The Rev. Dr. Frederick E. Christian

Coming Programs & Events

April 2 : John Alston and Maurice Eldridge will give an update on the Chester Charter School for the Arts and Chester Fund for Education and the Arts.

April 9: Norm Mawby, author of *Balls, Bats, and More* will get us ready for baseball season!

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

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Last Meeting's Program: Matt Stewart

By Rich Shimko

Matt Stewart made a return visit to Rotary to report on the state of chicken farming in Swarthmore. He last came seven years ago, when many of us were little tykes. He struck me as being incredibly self-assured compared with many of our older speakers. Matt had one of the first chicken coops in Swarthmore (except of course when the town was a farming community) and he said there are now four chicken growers. These are not Tyson-style industrial coops; at most Matt has had eight chickens free ranging around.



Chicken raising 101: Matt's chickens usually die of heat-stroke in the summer. Their eggs are more nutritious than non-free range. Hawks are the predator about which he is most concerned. Matt's chickens "talk" to him in a language he can understand. Not sure if the communication is two-way.

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:

Mary Gay Scanlon, mother of speaker; Richard Armenia; Lisa Palmer; Louise Burroughs

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.



BOND WITH THE UNITED NATIONS ENHANCES ROTARY'S VISIBILITY AND RESOURCES



A panelist makes a point during the 2014 Rotary Day at the United Nations.

Ask almost anyone at the United Nations and they will know that Rotary, having helped to spearhead the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, has contributed to the 99 percent worldwide reduction in polio cases since the initiative began.

That recognition is no accident. For the last three decades, a network of Rotary representatives has been strengthening ties with the United Nations, its specialized agencies, and other international organizations like the League of Arab States and the European Union. These connections have enhanced Rotary's global visibility and resource network.

For example, some Rotary representatives met three years ago with staff from the Organization of American States (OAS) to review recommended literacy requirements. That meeting led to representatives briefing the ministers of education for all OAS member countries on an approach to improve reading skills. Ecuador bought into the program and agreed to work with three Rotary districts and eight clubs on a Rotary-funded effort, backed by the OAS, which has been training teachers to meet literacy goals. Adds Bradley Jenkins, a former Rotary representative to the UN now serving as an adviser: "It is a constant chance for us to coordinate what we are collectively doing. As far as water goes, it's known we have over 8,000 Rotary clubs involved in water projects. We talk about their work pretty frequently at the agency meetings we attend, and of course, we constantly talk about our Rotary Peace Fellows.

DEEP ROOTS

The roots of Rotary's representative network actually predate the formal chartering of the UN after World War II. In 1942, Rotary clubs from 21 nations organized a conference in London attended by ministers of education to develop ideas for advancing education, science, and culture across nations. This meeting was the impetus for what is known today as UNESCO -- the UN Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization."

Delegations of Rotary members helped draft the UN Charter in San Francisco in 1945 and gave the organization strong support during its early years, until the Cold War turned it into an ideological battleground. Rotary's participation decreased over the following decades in keeping with its policy against political involvement. The spark that restored Rotary's interest in the UN was the launch of the campaign to eradicate polio in 1985, and the ensuing partnership with the World Health Organization and UNICEF. — Read more at www.rotary.org

Speaker: Continued from Front

Matt is going to Massachusetts to college in the fall to study English. He said he wrote a play about chickens several years ago so I am looking forward to reading the Great American Chicken Novel before too long.

**Happy Dollars Total for 2014-15:
\$1,764**



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

"God and angels don't get paid even though theirs is some of the most important work around, just like volunteers."

- Benjamin Franklin, (1706-1790),
USA Founding Father

Rotary Celebrations

Birthday:

Brian Craig 3/28

Member Anniversary:

Brian Casey, 5 years 3/27

Wedding Anniversary:

Dan Honig 3/28



**FUN FAIR
UPDATE**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- No experience necessary
- Service Above Self
- Fun Times with Friends
- Be part of the excitement

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