

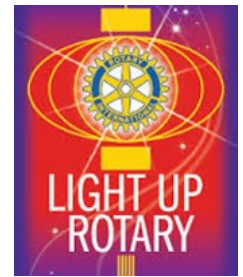


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The Rotary Club of Swarthmore
P.O. Box 4, Swarthmore, PA 19081

May 28, 2015

May is Rotary Volunteer Month



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Locally and Around the World for over 75 Years**

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Today's Program:

**Don Heebner, Rotary District
7450 Rotaplast Committee
Chair**
"The Next Mission: Rotaplast
Returns to Pereira"

Table Grace

The poet has reminded us that a person's "reach must exceed his grasp, else what is heaven for?" In fact, what is it that makes life worth living but our response to the high goals such as Rotary embodies?

Impress on us, Lord, the importance of the ideals for which Rotary stands. Give us grateful hearts for the blessings we enjoy. Amen.

Rev. Dr. Frederick E. Christian

Coming Programs & Events

June 4: Amy Sue Barston, cellist

June 11: Mark Kuperberg, Professor of Economics Swarthmore College

June 18: Installation Dinner (spouses welcome)
RSVP to Lisa Lee
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Know someone who has an interest in any of these topics? Invite them to the meeting!

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Last Meeting's Program: Marge Baker & Guy Smith

By Rich Shimko

Leading up to the day's speakers, Marty Spiegel said organizations either grow or decline. If we apply that idea to Swarthmore Borough, we could say it will improve or deteriorate. Margie Baker and Guy Smith presented a plan for Central Park in the Ville that they think could improve Swarthmore.

Margie and Guy were representatives of the Swarthmore Centennial Foundation. The Foundation is sponsoring a project to rebuild the Borough parking lot to add an amphitheater, a green and a plaza. Their goal is to increase spaces for people to congregate. Several Rotarians stated the design is very compatible with our needs for Fund Fair.



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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:

Theresa Hartzell, prospective member

CHESTER HONORS UGANDAN ROTARIAN FOR GRANT EFFORTS

www.delcotimes.com

By: Vince Sullivan, Delaware County Daily Times

CHESTER, PA. An international partnership between rotary clubs has resulted in more than \$40,000 in grant funds for a Chester youth internship program, and city council honored a Ugandan Rotarian for her role in the effort Wednesday morning. Work Ready Chester administers the internship program for city residents aged 16 to 21 years and places them in area businesses to learn workplace skills. According to Workforce Development Assistant Nefetaria Yates, the program will benefit as many as 60 students this summer.

“We are fortunate to have an internship program here with Work Ready Chester,” Mayor John Linder said at Wednesday’s city council meeting. “This program puts people to work in internships every summer.” Through the efforts of local Rotarians in Media and Swarthmore, an international push began last year that resulted in more than \$40,000 in fundraising. The Rotary Club Global Grant will help to fund expanded operations for the internship program.

Harriet Obbo, of the Rotary Club of Kampala North in Uganda, was recognized for her role in the fundraising. Linder and city council presented her with a proclamation commemorating the grant, and Obbo returned the gesture by presenting a banner from her Rotary Club. Obbo said she was approached by Jeffry Cadorette of the Rotary Club of Media, who had previously worked on a project with in Uganda, and Anne Hansen of the Swarthmore Rotary Club. Obbo said that project was something important to she and her fellow Rotarians in Uganada because unemployment among young people is a global issue. “I have a passion for young people,” Obbo said at a reception following the council meeting. “I know the challenges of employment for youth. We have specific needs in Uganda, but there are similar needs all across the world.”

She praised the partnership with rotary clubs in Delaware County and countries like Thailand, Belize, South Africa and Israel, for helping to raise the funds to improve the programs offered by Work Ready Chester. “This is what the Rotary Club does,” Obbo said. “It makes the world a smaller place ... We have been told of the challenge of youth getting into the work force. We saw a need. We got involved.”

Robert Wrease, who coordinates the Workforce Development Center for the City of Chester, said it is unusual for this grant to be awarded to a local project. “What’s unique about this grant is that it’s usually applied to international issues,” he said. It has previously been awarded for projects dealing disaster relief and disease prevention. “Swarthmore Rotary Club took the lead in applying for it locally. They saw the need to help our youth in Chester.”

Upon receiving the proclamation from the mayor and city council, Obbo said how proud she was to be a part of the grant. “We are humbled to have participated in this experience of changing the lives of our young people,” Obbo said. “There is no better investment .”

Happy Dollars Total for 2014-15:

\$2,328



2013-14 total: \$2,493

2012-13 Total: \$2,345

2011-12 Total: \$2,311

(18,612 Children Immunized)

**All Proceeds go towards
Polio Eradication.**

Service Quotation

“Whether you think you can or whether you think you can’t, you’re right.”

- Henry Ford (1863-1947), American industrialist, the founder of the Ford Motor Company, and sponsor of the development of the assembly line technique of mass production.

Rotary Celebrations

Birthday:

Joan Wright 5/30

Perri Evanson 5/31

Cathy Darrell 6/2

Member Anniversary:

Josh Twersky 6/2

Wedding Anniversary:

None

Speaker: Continued from Front

In response to a question from Ed Jones, Margie said the Foundation would welcome support from the Rotary – perhaps a component of the project could be named for the Rotary in exchange for financial support? Two Rotarians asked questions that may have been based on their backgrounds as skateboarders and graffiti artists.