



CogNotes

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

August 13, 2015



August is Membership and Extension Month

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Today's Program:

August 13: Cricket Brien,
Director of Tyler Arboretum

Table Grace

Lord, as we glance to the left or right or look across the table, we see another human being who bears the imprint of your hand. May we never give up hope or treat indifferently or unfairly any person we meet. Give us a fresh vision of what Rotary calls us to be that we may move our world a step closer to what you would have it be. Receive, Lord, our undying gratitude for the gift of life. Amen.

Rev. Dr. Frederick E. Christian

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Last Meeting's Program:

Chad Rosenberg

By Rich Shimko

Chad Rosenberg, the new District Governor, gave each of us a stone. He said he carries a stone in his pocket to remind him to be grateful for how fortunate he has been and invited us to do the same. (I don't know how that will work with women who general don't have access to many pockets in their clothes). Chad is the son of a Rotarian and said he was first exposed to Rotary as a young tyke. He said being a Rotary-sponsored exchange student to Finland was a life-changing event.



Chad has set many goals for himself during his tenure as District Governor, and he wants us to grade him at the end of his term. His biggest goal?

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Coming Programs & Events

August 16: District Family Picnic & BBQ, Wilson Park Farm.

Aug 20: Ian Dickerson, SHHS Senior/returning Rotary Exchange Student who spent the 2014-15 Academic Year in Germany

August 27: Andy Rosen
"Food Sustainability and Local Food Systems"

September 3: Dinner and Blue Rocks Game

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



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:

Francy Cross,
Assistant District Governor

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.

HISTORY OF THE TYLER ARBORETUM

Tyler Arboretum began as a collection of over 1,000 ornamental plants amassed by brothers Minshall and Jacob Painter for scientific study.

In 1681 Thomas Minshall, an English Quaker, purchased property in Pennsylvania from William Penn that contained the site now occupied by the Arboretum. Between 1681 and 1944, the property was owned by eight generations of the same Minshall/Painter/Tyler family. Until 1944, it was a working farm and served as a summer residence for the Tyler family.

The Arboretum itself began as the private collection of two brothers, Jacob and Minshall Painter. The brothers were fascinated by the popular 19th century study of natural history. During their lifetimes, they managed to amass large collections of dried plants, rocks, and other specimens. In 1825, the brothers set aside some of their land to begin the systematic planting of more than 1,000 varieties of trees and shrubs.

In 1944, Laura Tyler, a direct descendant of Thomas Minshall, bequeathed the property to a board of Trustees that had been established to direct and oversee the land as an arboretum. Dr. John Casper Wister, Tyler Arboretum's first director, was considered by many to be one of the great American horticultural figures of the 20th century. He set out to build upon the Painter legacy, whereupon he created comprehensive collections representing conifers, magnolias, lilacs, hollies, narcissus, peonies and rhododendrons.

Today Tyler Arboretum is non-profit organization. Our mission is to preserve, develop and share our diverse horticultural, historic and natural site resources in order to stimulate stewardship and an understanding of our living world. Tyler fulfills its mission through high quality educational programs, extensive horticultural collections and displays, preservation of its historic buildings and stewardship of 650 acres of woodlands, meadows and stream valleys.

About Cricket Brien: Cricket's mudroom is full of hiking boots and muddy shoes. How better to sample some of Tyler's great trails, than to get out and enjoy them – and all the rest that Tyler's 650 acres of gardens and natural lands have to offer. New to Tyler in 2015, Cricket is inspired by Tyler's special mix of outdoor stewardship, immersive landscape gardens, and excellent education programs that connect visitors to the history, culture, and the natural systems of this former family farm. She lives in Swarthmore with her husband and kids who all grew up with Tyler's meadows, butterflies, hammocks, and treehouses, and are now pursuing careers in conservation, research biology, and economics. She thinks you'll love Tyler too, so come on and join the family!



Happy Dollars Total for 2015-16:

\$351



2014-2015 total: \$3,168
2013-14 total: \$2,493
2012-13 Total: \$2,345
2011-12 Total: \$2,311

(18,711 Children Immunized)

All Proceeds go towards
Polio Eradication.

Service Quotation

“Our prime purpose in this life is to help others”

- The Dalai Lama (Age 80), monk of the Gelug school of Tibetan Buddhism. The 14th and current Dalai Lama is Tenzin Ghatso

Rotary Celebrations

Birthday:

Peter Miller 8/15

Member Anniversary:

None

Wedding Anniversary:

None

Speaker (Continued from Front)

More clubs and members. Chad made a pitch for the value of what some consider the unnecessary bureaucracy at the District level and above. He pointed out that Rotary would not have been so effective in eradicating polio if not for the coordination provided by Rotary International. Chad ended by awarding Hillard and Lisa for their service – Hillard for membership and the work ready program and Lisa for CogNotes.