



# CogNotes

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



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January is Rotary Awareness Month

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

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## Today's Program:

**Dr. Valerie Smith,  
President of  
Swarthmore College**

## Table Grace

"Lord God, we come with thankful hearts for the blessings that we enjoy here week-by-week. We cannot fathom why we are so fortunate. But we know that "to whom much is given, from him or her, much will be required." Help us, individually and as a Club, to be good stewards of all you entrust to us that at the year's end, we may hear within us a voice saying, "Well Done." In your strong name we pray. Amen. Rev. Dr. Frederick E. Christian.

## Coming Programs & Events

**Jan 28** Club Assembly at Pendle Hill.

**Feb 4** Jim Rosin, broadcaster and author, will discuss his book PHILLY POP, ROCK, RHYTHM & BLUES about the Philly Music Scene from the 1950's to 1970's.

**Feb 11** Swarthmore Tree Committee

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

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## Last Meeting's Program: Kathy Hornberger

Who would have thought there was an Institute of Science right smack-dab in the middle of Media. I must admit, as a somewhat insular Swarthmorean, Media is the place I go for jury duty, Trader Joe, and the occasional restaurant or play. Dr. Kathy Hornberger came to enlighten us about this little known gem of a museum right next to the Court-house. I was surprised to learn that the Institute (officially the Delaware County Institute of Science) was established in 1833 and has been in the same building since 1867. In fact, she said it is one of the oldest organizations of this type in the country. The bulk of the displays are of the animal, mineral, and vegetable type, most of which are local.



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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:

**Jean Bengtson**  
(prospective member) &  
**Joan Wright**

# MLK DAY OF SERVICE 2015 SUMMARY

**Jan 18, 2016** An army of volunteers made work look like fun at the 21st annual Greater Philadelphia Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service at Girard College. An estimated 5,000 volunteers worked on 150 different projects to celebrate King's legacy.



"We do what we can to make our community stronger, more just," volunteer Katrina Loomey told Action News. "Martin Luther King was an advocate of strong communities," said Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf. "Many things we care most about begin with healthy communities."

From sorting books to thanking veterans, the service projects run the gamut. But there's a shared focus on improving communities, and the educational component here is also key. "Dr. King brought so many different people together of all ages and backgrounds," said Todd Bernstein, president of Global Citizen and founder of the Greater Philadelphia King Day of Service. "If we can do that and have people get to know one another and break down barriers and build understanding, I think that's part of what we need to do."

In all, 140,000 volunteers throughout the Philadelphia region were pitching in Monday. Organizers say that's a national record, making it the biggest King Day event in the nation.

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It also has a large collection of items such as old maps and books, military stuff, Native American, milk The Institute is entirely staffed by volunteers, including Dr. Hornberger. Her day job is professor of botany at Widener University. She enjoys exploring the Institute's large collection of local plants and has determined that some plants that are considered to be recently invasive were here almost 200 years I plan to visit the Institute soon. It is open Monday, Thursday, and Saturday mornings, 9 to noon.

**Happy Dollars Total for  
2015-16:  
\$1450**



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

**"It's nice to be important but it's more important to be nice."**

Author Unknown

## Rotary Celebrations

### Birthday:

**Marty Spiegel** 1/20

### Member Anniversary:

None

### Wedding Anniversary:

None

## READING OPPORTUNITY!

### Chester Charter for the Arts

**Where:** 200 Commerce Drive,  
Aston, PA 19014

**When:** Jan 22, & 29; Feb 5,  
19, & 26.

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