

# CogNotes

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

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September is New Generations Month

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#### Today's Program:

Joseph Callahan, CEO of Ciright One, "Philadelphia and the Rebirth of Technology Leadership in "Liberty Valley"

#### **Table Grace**

God, grant that today we may be disturbed by some vision of the need for justice or compassion or caring and make this Rotary the channel for renewed life or hope or aspiration for someone down on their luck. Thank you, Lord, for bringing us together and for the rich blessings of this hour. Amen.

Rev. Dr. Frederick E. Christian

#### **Coming Programs & Events**

Sept 8 David Bloom, Managing Director of Wilmington Trust, will tail about the **Economic Outlook and Market** Update combined with insights into the two presidential candidates' tax policies.

**Sept 15 Club Assembly** 

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

# 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?
- Will it build GOOD WILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- 4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all Concerned?

**Guests:** Donna Kay Jones (Ed's wife), and Eric Bayne and Nefetaria Yates of Chester Work-Ready

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# Last Week's Speaker: Lisa Palmer by Rich Shimko

We can look forward to Lisa Palmer joining Rotary soon. Lisa has replaced past Rotarian Rich Noonan as Superintendent of the Wallingford Swarthmore School District (WSSD). She spoke to us about what is going on in education and specifically at WSSD. Here are some highlights of her talk.

The biggest challenge right now is the budget.

WSSD has less commercial properties in its tax base as any district in Pennsylvania. (A trash-to-steam plant anyone?). About 10% of the budget goes towards pension funding and pensions are the fastest growing portion of the budget.

(continued on reverse)



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# **Rotary Brings Aid to Italy Earthquake Victims**

A 6.2-magnitude earthquake struck central Italy a week ago yesterday, killing more than 240 people and trapping an unknown number beneath rubble. Tremors were felt as far away as Rome, 100 km (65 miles) southwest of the quake's epicenter.

International disaster relief agency and Rotary International project partner

ShelterBox has sent a response team from its headquarters in the United Kingdom to the remote mountainous area of Italy where the destruction is most severe. The response team will assess the area's needs.. Learn how you can help at ShelterBox: <a href="https://www.shelterbox.org/">https://www.shelterbox.org/</a>



# **Speaker:** Continued from Front

The district needs to use about one million dollars a year from reserves to cover the current budget. This is obviously a practice that cannot continue. For these reasons, the WSSD administration is looking hard at every expense to determine if the activity could be done less expensively while still maintaining quality.

On a more positive note, Lisa said the WSSD students are "passionate and eager to learn" and the parents and the community "value public education". These positive attitudes are really what we should try to remember from this talk.

# Happy Dollars 2016-17: \$546

2015-2016 total: \$3,756 2014-2015 total: \$3,168 2013-14 total: \$2,493 2012-13 Total: \$2,345



(19,585 Children Immunized)

All Proceeds go towards Polio Eradication.

#### Service Quotation

"YOU MAKE A LIVING BY WHAT YOU GET BUT YOU MAKE A LIFE BY WHAT YOU GIVE" - Winston Churchill, (B:Nov 30, 1874 – D:Jan 24, 1965), British politician who was the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom from 1940 to 1945 and again from 1951 to 1955.

# **Rotary Celebrations**

## Birthday:

Meltem Gonnella 9/3 Anne Hansen 9/10

#### **Member Anniversary:**

Meltem Gonnella 9/7

#### **Wedding Anniversary:**

Brian Casey 9/1

## DONATIONS NEEDED!



The CityTeam Ministries food pantry 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.