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The Rotary Club of Swarthmore
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September is New Generations Month

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Today's Program:

Jim Hazard, long time genealogical researcher, will talk about "*Family History and the Swarthmore Friends Historical Library*".

Table Grace

Eternal God, you hold the past, the present, and the future in your heart and hand. Here we pause to thank you for your loving care of us in the past and your unfailing patience with us in the present and your overarching providence as we face the uncertain future. Bless this hour for us here in Rotary and make us truly grateful for all you bestow upon us. Amen.

Rev. Dr. Frederick E. Christian

Coming Programs & Events

October 6 : Harry J Augensen, Professor of Physics and Astronomy at Widener University, will speak on: *The Widener University Observatory: an Educational Resource for Chester and the Surrounding Region.*

October 13 : Daniel Hopkins, Professor of Political Science at the Univ. of Penn., will discuss the evolution of increasingly nationalized politics and political identification in the United States and the ramifications of those trends for the 2016 Presidential Election and both major political parties.

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

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Last Week's Program:

Tom Childers talked about his book: *Soldier From the War Returning: The Greatest Generation's Troubled Homecoming from World War II*
by **Rich Shimko**

When I was growing up, most men of a certain age were World War 2 (WW2) vets. In spite of that, I don't recall any man ever talking about his war experience. Our speaker, Tom Childers, said most returning vets and the rest of the country just moved on with life. Tom is a professor at the University of Pennsylvania and has written books on modern Germany and WW2.

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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?

Guests: Ron Cohen and Anthony Coschignarro, prospective members.

COMING SOON

The Stop Hunger Now! food packaging event has been set for Saturday, October 22, at the organization's facilities in Folcroft. More information to come, but please save that date on your calendar.



Celebrate World Polio Day this 24 October

No child anywhere should suffer the crippling effects of a completely preventable disease. And that's why we need your help—now more than ever—to finally put an end to polio. This **24 October** join the entire Rotary world to celebrate our fourth annual [World Polio Day](#). Discover all the ways you can help us finish the job:

Advocate. Download the [World Polio Day tool kit](#) and join our worldwide network of End Polio Now advocates.

Amplify. Show your support for the final push to end polio with our [social media graphics](#).

Connect. Host a community gathering to get everyone involved and tell us how you're taking action—[register your event](#).

Give. Support volunteers and Rotary staff from around the world cycling up to 104 miles in [El Tour de Tucson](#) to raise funds for polio eradication.

Program: *Continued from Front*

Tom said that in spite of significant differences in the experience of the soldiers in WW2 compared with Vietnam and the latter wars, probably just as high a percentage of returning soldiers from WW2 suffered from mental issues such as PTSD as did from the latter wars.

Some of the conditions may have made the situation worse for WW2 vets. Tom said many soldiers did not see or speak to their families for several years, unlike today. Tom suggests that the current focus on treating returning vets for conditions such as PTSD did not exist in the 1940's. He said only women's magazines had articles about how to deal with returning vets. Tom said Tom Brokaw glamorized the WW2 generation in his books about the Greatest Generation. Another side of the story was the comment Tom heard many times as he was growing up "He was never the same after the war".

Happy Dollars 2016-17: \$814

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

"THE HEART OF A VOLUNTEER IS NOT MEASURED IN SIZE, BUT BY THE DEPTH OF COMMITMENT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF OTHERS" – Franklin D. Roosevelt (1882-1945), 32nd President of the US.

Rotary Celebrations

Birthday:

None



Member Anniversary:

Marty Spiegel 10/4/1996

20 years !!!

Wedding Anniversary:

**Cathy Darrell
10/4**



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.