

# CogNotes

The Rotary Club of Swarthmore P.O. Box 4, Swarthmore, PA 19081
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October is Vocational Service Month

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### **Today's Program:**

October 13: Daniel Hopkins, Professor of Political Science at the Univ. of Penn., the impact of nationalized politics and political identification on the 2016 Presidential Election and both major political parties.

#### Table Grace

At this time when a great religious tradition reflects upon our corporate need for atonement, cause us, Eternal God, to be doubly conscious of our faults that separate us. Then help us, through Rotary, to seek afresh to bridge the chasms of misunderstanding in our broken world. Receive now our thanks for these gifts of your goodness. Lord, as we break bread together. Amen.

Rev. Dr. Frederick E. Christian

### **Coming Programs & Events**

Oct 20 Dr. Kevin Browngoehl, of Drexel Hill Pediatric Associates and President of the Board of Directors of Haiti Clinic will talk about Haiti Clinic's Dental Program:

Oct 27 Swarthmore High School graduates Paul Tarr and Reds Barr will talk about their Swarthmore High School of the late '40's and its powerhouse football team that went 28 games undefeated.

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

# Last Week's Program: Harry Augensen by Rich Shimko



Harry Augensen said doing astronomy is similar to lis tening to music; it is not necessary to live - but nice to experience if one is to have a good life. Harry is a professor of physics and astronomy at Widener University. He is also the Director of the Widener Observatory. When Harry is working on a project using the Observatory he only sleeps 3 hours a night. Harry's career, if not his sleep, got a big boost when Widener obtained a

NASA grant to build the observatory in 2005. He gave up his smart phone a few years ago because he found it too distracting. In fact, he said a major problem he has as an astronomy teacher is to get his students to look up and not at their phones.

# The Pledge of Allegiance



# Four Way Test: Of the things we think, say and do:





3. Will it build GOOD WILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

Guests: None



#### **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.



## Basic principles about service projects:

From Rotary Voices—Rotary .org

- Sweat equity is the single most vital aspect of our mission and one of our greatest strengths.
- Engaged Rotarians take responsibility for their own learning.
- Technology is important.
- Members should expect to serve.
- We need to recognize the volunteer resource represented by retirees, the self-employed, and non-working parents with time to spare.
- Hands-on projects provide opportunities for members to develop their leadership skills.
- Fund raisers are an important part of what we do, but there is much more to being engaged in Rotary.
- Rotary is more than being a member of a single club.
- Our Rotary Foundation is one of the finest vehicles for giving in the world.
- Club 501(C)(3)s are important to capture individual tax free donations in the USA. Setting one up is not expensive, and within the ability of club leaders.
- Rotaract, Interact, RYLA, and Rotary Leadership Institutes are important to our present and future.
- Most of us learn by doing.
- We need to watch out for the threat of status quo and board inertia.
- We need to say "yes" to good projects promoted by one or more of our members.

# Marv and Dorothy in their new home



**Program:** Continued from Front

In addition to teaching astronomy classes at Widener, Harry conducts free sky tours for the public at the Observatory. These occur every Monday evening, one Friday a month, and for special events and groups. Harry's website at <a href="www.widener.edu/stargazing">www.widener.edu/stargazing</a> gives dates and times and also contains a guide of what to look for in the night sky.

# Happy Dollars 2016-17: \$900

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**

"STRIVE NOT TO BE A SUC-CESS, BUT RATHER TO BE OF VALUE"

– Albert Einstein (1879-1955)

## **Rotary Celebrations**

#### **Birthday:**

None this week

#### **Member Anniversary:**

None this week

#### **Wedding Anniversary:**

Dennis Hoffman 10/15

# **DONATIONS NEEDED!**



constant replenishing. If you can donate items such as: peanut butter, tuna fish

Please contact Cathy Darrell, who will transport any donated items.