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The Rotary Club of Swarthmore
P.O. Box 4, Swarthmore, PA 19081
July 20, 2017



July is Rotary Changeover Month

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Today's Program:

Garrick Schultz
"The Borgen Project"

Table Grace

We pause for this moment, Good Lord, not out of routine or habit but prompted by gratitude for all the common blessings we enjoy which are so often denied others.

How can we thank you, except by beginning now to make Rotary's ideals a reality? Thanks be to you for all your good gifts.

Amen.

Rev. Dr. Frederick E. Christian

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Coming Programs & Events

(All meetings at The Inn unless otherwise noted)

July 26 Rotary Night at the Phillies

July 27 Sa'ed Atshan, Assistant Director of Peace and Conflict Studies, Swarthmore
"The Current US Administration's Policy on the Middle East"

Sept 21 Dawn DeFuria, District Governor

Oct 14 District Project Fair
9:00am-3:00pm, Inn at Swarthmore

Oct 24 World Polio Day

Nov 7 Rotary Day at the United Nations

April 20-22 District Conference

June 24-27 RI Convention, Toronto, Canada

Last Week's Program:

Soloists from the Chester Children's Chorus

by Rich Shimko

Five young women from the Chester Children's Chorus (CCC) entertained us with their outstanding vocal songs. They were led by their instructor Tracy Sturgis and were accompanied by CCC's executive director, Kirsten Halker-Kratz (photo above). Two of the young women will be entering the 8th grade, two will be seniors, and one just graduated from high school. Tracy said this was her third year teaching advanced voice, where she and the student focus on performing solo pieces. Although each of the five students sang a solo, my favorite performance was a duet between Tracy and one of the students of the Barcarolle (a boat song) by Offenbach. This student, by the way, is not going into music at college although she has an excellent voice, but will be majoring in biomedical engineering.



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?



Remembering Sam Owor

Rotary remembers Sam Owor for his 'quiet confidence,' integrity, and friendship

By Ryan Hyland and Abby Breitstein, excerpted from <https://www.rotary.org/en/rotary-remembers-sam-owor>

The Rotary flags in front of Rotary International World Headquarters in Evanston, Illinois, USA, and Rotary offices around the world fly at half-staff this week as friends and Rotary colleagues mourn President-elect Sam F. Owor, who died on 13 July from complications after surgery.



Sam, who had been elected to serve as president of Rotary International in 2018-19, would have been the second African Rotary member, and the first Ugandan, to hold that office. He joined Rotary in 1978 and was a member of the Rotary Club of Kampala, Uganda.

Like many members, Sam was invited to Rotary by a persistent friend. "I did not want to go," he cheerfully acknowledged years later. "I had no interest. But I had respect for my friend, so I went. And when I got there, I was in shock. The room was full of people I knew."

The more Sam saw of Rotary's good work, the more enthusiastic he became. He is largely credited with the tremendous increase in clubs in Uganda: from nine in 1988, when he was district governor, to 89 today. His friends called his enthusiasm "the Owor madness" — to which he mildly replied, "If it is madness, I would be glad if more people would catch it."

Sam described himself as "an incorrigible optimist" who chose to see the best side of everyone and the bright side of any situation. Gentle in manner, unfailingly modest, and quick to smile, Sam is remembered as "Smiling Sam," says RI President Ian Riseley.

SWARTHMORE ROTARY AT THE BLUE ROCKS GAME



Last Week's Guests:

Karen Veseley (CCC), Linton Stables (guest of Greg), Larry Mosher (guest of Tony)

Happy Dollars 2017-18:

\$0



2016-2017 total: \$3,756
2015-2016 total: \$3,756
2014-2015 total: \$3,168
2013-14 total: \$2,493

(21,911 Children Immunized)

All Proceeds go towards
Polio Eradication.

Service Quotation

"Optimism is what brings us to Rotary. But Rotary is not a place for those who are only dreamers. It is a place for those with the ability, the capacity, and the compassion for fruitful service."

Sam F. Owor, 1941-2017, Rotary
President Elect

Rotary Celebrations

Birthday:

Linda Carpenter 7/23

Member Anniversary:

Maria Zissimos 7/14*

Theresa Hartzell 7/17*

Wedding Anniversary:

Sue Larson 7/17*

*from last week, since we had no
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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.