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September is Basic Education and Literacy Month

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Today's Program:

Eric Chapman, former Accenture executive "Impact investing: Can you do well while doing good?"

Table Grace

Lord, at this time of fresh beginnings for so many, help us to reassess our priorities. We get caught up in dull routines and in pursuing empty goals. Help us to see Rotary as a channel to vital and meaningful service.

Give us now the gift of thankful hearts for these blessings of food and friendship. Amen.

Rev. Dr. Frederick E. Christian

Coming Programs & Events

(All meetings at The Inn unless otherwise noted)

Sept 14 Andy Hartzell Chief Counsel for PA Department of Environmental Protection Southeast Region

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

Nov 18 Rise Against Hunger event

April 20-22, 2018 District Conference

June 24-27, 2018 RI Convention, Toronto, Canada

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?



4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all Concerned?

Guests:

Jim Snively, Becky Welsh, Jules Nivlet (incoming Rotary exchange student), Aurora Cody (outgoing exchange student)

Last Week's Program: George Hatzfeld

by Rich Shimko

Several Rotary members are somewhat familiar with Project CURE, having volunteered to help with a shipment. The rest of us learned that Project

CURE provides used and excess medical equipment to needy hospitals in poor countries. The equipment, for the most part, is donated by American hospitals. George Hatzfeld is a former hospital administrator who, upon retirement, jointed the Peace Corps with his wife. While they were stationed in Bulgaria, he helped a local hospital obtain a donation of hospital equipment from the U.S. When they returned to the U.S., George joined Project CURE and became a hospital assessor. George has visited 129 hospitals in 25 countries. He has coordinated the transfer of millions of dollars' worth of hospital equipment.

An interesting anecdote – when Barbara went up to the speaker to introduce herself, his immediate response was "are you a nurse". This continued on reverse

Club Is Awarded District Grant

From President Joy

I am pleased to share the happy news that our District Grant application was fully funded! Haiti Clinic will receive \$6,010.19 to buy dental equipment for teeth cleaning and cavity filling.



At present, the equipment the clinic has allows only extraction as a treatment -- and they extract 25-35 teeth per day. Having the option to begin saving teeth is a big step forward for them.

It was the dental program of Haiti Clinic we supported last February with our dental product drive, and an earlier equipment donation.

I submitted the grant application last spring as chair of International Service, and would be happy to share it if you'd like to see more details. The District Grant gives us \$3,005.09 to match the equal amount that our club agreed to donate. That is a substantial amount for a District Grant, the funds for which come from The Rotary Foundation as a return on the donations we collectively give every year to TRF.

You Are Invited!

Swatties for Houston Chili Cook-Off Saturday, September 9th from 4:00-6:30 **Parrish Beach**

The event is a fundraiser for relief efforts following Hurricane Harvey and the disastrous flooding in Southeast Texas. Though physically far removed, many students and families are directly impacted by this tragedy. Our goal is to unite the entire Swarthmore community--Faculty, Administrators, Staff, Coaches, and Students--in an outpouring of love and support. The event will be family friendly, and open to all ages. Of course, in addition to the competition itself, the event will include refreshments, side dishes, and lots of yard games. There are two ways you can help out:

Attend - Community members who aren't competing can purchase a \$10 entrance ticket which gives them unlimited samples of the various chilis, and several tokens. Tasters will place the tokens by chilis they particularly enjoy.

Compete - Contestants each enter a batch of chili (5-10 pounds) in the competition. At the end of competition, the contestant with the most tokens is declared the winner. In keeping with our goal of bringing the greater community together, we would love to see contestants enter from all across the college. We encourage both individuals and entire departments to enter their own unique chilis. You can sign up to compete in the cook-off online. We're asking competitors for a \$20 donation which will go directly to the St. Bernard Project (more info below) and welcome vegan, vegetarian, and gluten free entries. Your donation will also function as an entrance ticket for the contestant.

We'll be raising funds for the St. Bernard Project (SBP). SBP is recognized as a leader in disaster resilience and recovery, with a mission is to shrink time between disaster and recovery. For more information, go to sbpusa.org.

Last Week's Speaker: George Hatzfeld (continued from front)

story shows George's single-minded focus on Project CURE as well as a generational lack of, shall we say, political correctness. Why not ask if Barbara was a physician? Or a biomedical engineer? Both disciplines also useful to Project CURE.

Happy Dollars 2017-18:

2016-2017 total: \$3,756 2015-2016 total: \$3,756 2014-2015 total: \$3,168

2013-14 total: \$2,493



(20,384 Children Immunized) All Proceeds go towards Polio Eradication.

Service Quotation

"TO BUILD A BETTER AND SAFER WORLD, WE WILL NEED THE ENGAGEMENT OF VOLUNTEERS MORE THAN EVER."

- Kofi Annan (Age 77), Ghanaian diplomat and also the 7th Secretary-General of the United Nations



Rotary Celebrations

Birthday:

9/10 Anne Hansen

Member Anniversary:

Meltem Gonella 9/7

Wedding Anniversary:

none

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.