

# CogNotes

The Rotary Club of Swarthmore January 28, 2010



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# **Coming Program & Events**

Feb 4Chris Darrell"ABC House"

- Feb 6 Progressive Dinner
- Feb 11 Club Business

#### Feb 18 Juhani Rantakallio

"The Year to Date from our Exchange Student"

#### Feb 24 Board Meeting

Feb 25Sharon FordLibraries: Necessities or Amenities

# **Today's Program:**

Lin Axamethy Floyd Former Nether Providence Commissioner, "Recycling Update"

### Table Grace:

Father, stir up within us a deep discontent that we may never be complacent when those around us suffer.

When we have the means to ease a hurt or to right a wrong, grant us the will to act. Use us as instruments to do what we can whenever we can.

Grant us truly thankful hearts. Amen.

The Rev. Dr. Frederick E. Christian



# The Rotarian's 4-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 GOODWILL and better FRIENDSHIPS?
- 4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?



Last Week's Speaker: Elizabeth Price

Elizabeth Price, Director of the Delaware County Bar Association, spoke to us about the Bar and her 35 years of service there.

The Bar provides legal education to lawyers and the general public and media. It provides a lawyer referral service and supports much needed Pro Bono activities. It publishes a weekly Legal Journal.

The Association also puts on "Law Day". This is an annual that brings judges to schools to conduct mock trials.

The DCBA also has a strong Bench/ Bar relationship which is the envy of the rest of the country.

## **Guests Last Week:**

Jim Brown, Chris Rowland

# **New Board Responsibilities**

With new accounting requirements and significant changes in documentation for the IRS, Gladys Snively has accepted the role of Treasurer and will work with outside resources specializing in Non-Profits to provide the required IRS documentation.

Gudmund Iverson has assumed responsibilities for Publicity. In true Gudmund form, he has embraced his new responsibilities with an article in the Swarthmorian about the Club's fundraining efforts for the Haiti ShelterBoxes.

As President Betty Ann said, "we are all grateful to Gudmund for his services as Club Treasurer, and we are already seeing his magic as he gets positive press for us in the Swarthmorian."

Thank you Gudmund, and Gladys, welcome to the board.

# Mark the Date

Our meeting on **Thursday June 10th**, our noon meeting will be move to 6:00 for the installation of President-Elect Marv Gelb.

Please mark the date on your calendar. There will be no 12:00 meeting that week.

# This Day in History

1986: Challenger Explodes

At 11:38 a.m. EST, on January 28, 1986, the space shuttle Challenger lifts off from Cape Canaveral, Florida, and Christa McAuliffe is on her way to becoming the first ordinary U.S. civilian to travel into space. McAuliffe, a 37-year-old high school social studies teacher from New Hampshire, won a competition that earned her a place among the seven-member crew of the Challenger. She underwent months of shuttle training but then, beginning January 23, was forced to wait six long days as the Challenger's launch countdown was repeatedly delayed because of weather and technical problems. Finally, on January 28, the shuttle lifted off.

Seventy-three seconds later, hundreds on the ground, including Christa's family, stared in disbelief as the shuttle exploded in a forking plume of smoke and fire. Millions more watched the wrenching tragedy unfold on live television. There were no survivors.



# Update on Haiti

Congratulations to all of our Club Members who have been working the collection, with **special mention to Ken Wright** for leading the charge.

We have now collected enough money to buy **8 ShelterBoxes** which will accommodate up to 80 people.

# **Rotarians Witness Chaos in Haiti**

# **Progressive Dinner**

Our annual Progressive Dinner is just around the corner on Saturday, February 6th.

Hors d'oeuvres will be served at the Darrells' house at 6:00 followed by dinner at the Snivelys' home at 7:00. At 8:30, Dessert will be served at the Welshs' home.

Thanks to all who RSVP'ed. An email will follow with the details.

Please contact **Cathy Darrell** at **Cathy@DarrellFamily.com** for more details.

As president of the Rotary Club of Houston, it had been Michelle Bohreer's dream to travel to Haiti and conduct a service project to improve the lives of children there.

On 12 January, 45 minutes into a weeklong trip to Port-au-Prince to do just that, the dream quickly spiraled into a nightmare.

Bohreer and a team of five Rotarians from Houston were heading into Haiti's capital city to implement a water project for an orphanage when a powerful earthquake rocked the area, causing widespread devastation.

"Minutes after the quake happened, thousands of people poured out into the street running and screaming. Hundreds were walking around bleeding," says Bohreer. "It was moments like that when the absolute catastrophe hit you."

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# And I Quote...

"I was overwhelmed by sights, sounds, and smells that I will never forget... I held tight to the hands of frightened, injured children and looked deep into the eyes of their mothers or fathers begging for help. That left a compelling and lasting impression on me."

Vicki Brentin, past president of the Houston club in Haiti.