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The Rotary Club of Swarthmore March 18, 2010

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Coming Program & Events

Mar 25 Norman Mawby Author, "Part of the Parade, The Phillies Come Back"

Apr 1 **Anthony Ditommas** President, Buys for Good

Apr 8 **Ed Jones** "First Keystone Bank - Past and Present"

Apr 15 Faith Holegelder "Vietnam and Rotoplast"

Apr 18 **Fun Fair**

Apr 22 Sharon Ford, **Town Librarian**

"Libraries - Necessities or Amenities

Today's Program:

Carol Goertzel. President/CEO PathWays "Vulnerable Families"

Table Grace:

Father, we thank you for the practical common sense and the lofty idealism that are combined in the ideals of Rotary.

We believe that such a combination did not just happen, but that it is a reflection of what you want us to be and of how you would have us to live.

Thank you Lord, for all your mercies that enrich our lives and for these blessings for our common good here today. 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 Weeks **Speaker:**

Rick Lowe

Rick Lowe, the newly elected mayor of Swarthmore joined us to talk about the State of the Borough.

He recognized the terrific work of Police Chief Brian Craig and his team, and the relationship they have with the town and the College.

Texting while driving represents a risk not only to the drivers, but also people and property around them. While the Borough can not legislate rules on this issue, Mayor Lowe wants all families in the Borough to take a pledge not to do this or any other activity that causes distractions while driving.

Relations with the College are also important. The Mayor and President Chopp agree that the town and the College will rise and fall together. The bonds can grow with students serving as areas such as EMTs and interns working for the Borough. The strength of the College is linked to the vitality of the town and linking the student's charge cards to town merchants will help keep the students in the town and drive this vitality.

Brian Casey

Guests Last Meeting:

Rick Lowe, Mayor of Swarthmore, Chris Rowland



World of Work is Coming

World of Work is once again coming to Swarthmore and the Fifth Grade students at SRS, and thank you to **Putty Willets** for all her work putting this together again this year.

Volunteers are needed to escort the students to the various businesses for the morning on **Friday April 30th**. Please see Putty Willets to sign up.

Also, please let Putty know ASAP of any changes to the list for this year.

- 1. U.S. Post Office
- 2. Keystone Bank
- 3. Provident Bank
- 4. Swarthmore Flower Shop
- 5. Swarthmore Hardware Store
- 6. King's Jewelry Store
- 7. Occasionally Yours
- 8. Welsh Real Estate
- 9. Police Dept.
- 10. Borough Hall
- 11. Public Library
- 12. Renata's Pizza
- 13. New Gift Store
- 14. Soccer Coach

15. Women's Volleyball Coach – Swarthmore College

- 16. Swarthmore Coop
- 17. Paulson's Rugs
- 18. Fine Garden Creations
- 19. Swarthmore Cycles



Ann Seidman needs help finding a third host family for Juhani, our exchange student from Finland.

He needs to move by **March 25th** and Ann hasn't been able to find a third family. She has a couple of possibilities but no one has been willing to commit yet. Perhaps you would like to have him stay with you for a couple of weeks even if you don't have children at home any more. That would buy us some more time to find a longer term family, one preferably with children.

Ann's email address and phone number are:

- seidmanak@gmail.com
- 610-543-6957

The need is critical. Please help.



Books For Belize Literacy

Our very own **Ray Hopkins** is in Belize this week where he is delivering books purchased with money provided by the **Reading Council of Delaware Valley**. These books will go to support literacy among pre-schoolers.

He is also visiting Yalbac to follow up on progress and sustainability of the water project completed last year.

Not to be bored, he will also check up on a new project at the **Cornerstone Foundation**, where we are supporting a kitchen renovation. This will help them in their mission to feed hungry children.



Rotary Foundation Thought

Rotary Clubs in Wisconsin, USA created the Power Flour Action Network to make an impact on the lives of infants and severely malnourished children and adults.

Power Flour has targeted malnourished populations in 65 countries to date, providing a very small amount of barley malt flour to cooked starchy staples, such as rice, wheat or maize. The supplement helps digest the starch, converting it into sugars the body can absorb quickly and easily. The sugars power the body so that it can grow and function.

A Matching Grant from The Rotary Foundation has enabled Rotarians in Wisconsin to bring Power Flour to children in orphanages and feeding programs in Panama. Rotarians in the Rotary del Norte club in Panama will carry out the distribution and training in Panama to reach up to 10,000 children in the first year. Members of the Sturgeon Bay, WI, USA club are now working to develop a commercial model for Power Flour so that it will become self-sustaining. Every Rotarian, Every Year – Nourishing bodies and minds.