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The Rotary Club of Swarthmore November 18, 2010

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Coming Program & Events

Nov 25 Thanksgiving No Meeting

Dec 2 Josh Twersky "The Ins & Outs of Health Care Reform"

Dec 9 Silvertones at CADES

Dec 15 Board Meeting

Dec 16 Club Assembly at Swarthmore United Methodist Church

Dec 23 No Meeting

Dec 30 No Meeting

Today's Program:

Anne Hansen

"Foundation Update"

Table Grace:

Lord of the nations, in a day when new freedoms are emerging in many lands, restore within our country a fresh appreciation of what we have so long enjoyed.

Forgive our indifference to the privileges we have and the rights we possess.

Make Rotary, through each one of us, a beacon proclaiming far and wide the hope of a better day for all your people and accept our thanks for all your good gifts. Amen.

The Rev. Dr. Frederick E. Christian



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?



Last Week's Speaker: Chris Darrell By Mike Malone

Chris Darrell, past president of A Better Chance - Strath Haven, spoke to us about the ABC House.

The local mission is to provide a high quality secondary school education for talented people of color from seriously under performing school districts in other parts of the country. Since their founding of the boys house in 1975 (girls 1988) virtually all of their students who have remained in the program (and only a very few have not) have graduated from high school. Virtually all go to college.

Strath Haven ABC is the largest in the country housing 8 boys and 8 girls. They also have reduced their budget from \$194,000 per year to \$170,000.

Guests Last Week:

Paul Osimo, Rob Scaife, Tyrone Charles, Renee Austin





Spotlight on International Service

Swarthmore Rotary in Belize, 2006-2010

By Ray Hopkins

In 2006 Betty Ann Flynn proposed the club

focus on water for service projects. To follow up, Ray Hopkins, along with Swarthmore residents Don Larson and Jeff Darlin visited Yalbac, Cayo District, Belize. Yalbac, though small, was very needy and lacked reliably safe water.

In 2007, under Anne Hansen's leadership, we partnered with the San Ignacio Club ("SI") and three other US clubs, to pursued a matching RI grant. By winter 2008-09, RI sent \$15,000 to a Rotary account in Belize.

Now, ready to go, we collaborated with Living Waters of the World ("LWW") led by Dan Terpstra to install a purification plant at Yalbac. Sheree Fukai, from the SI club initially identified this organization. Anne Hansen went to LWW's "Clean Water U" for training before helping with the installation in April/May of 2009. Ray and Ron Van Langeveld had been in Belize earlier in March with Dan and others in the LWW team to cement plans for this event.

A central goal is for the village to understand their responsibilities, i.e. owning and using the plant properly based on training in health, technical and organizational knowledge. This March, Ray, Dan, and Nils Nelson from the Springfield club visited the site for a first year follow up.

At that time remaining funds from the matching grant were used to enable the Cornerstone Foundation in SI to serve hot meals to nutritionally vulnerable school children and several dozen handicapped and aged shut-ins.

While Belize will not be the sole focus for our club's international service, further endeavors with the SI club in Belize are envisaged.





Betty Ann Flynn showed us examples of her commercial photography which is her current field.

She began in wedding/ public relations photography but quickly realized it was more fun and profitable in the commercial end of the business

Yasu Iida's American Adventure

My name is Yasu Iida. I am from Komagane city, Nagano, Japan. I like Japanese archery and Baseball.

I am living with Ron & Karen & Jake & Ella Van Langeveld. I came here August 18th. I first lived with Joy Charlton & David Page.

I like Strath Haven High School. My favorite class is Graphic Design. At first I could not speak English very well but now I am improving in speaking English. I was surprised the find people very friendly.

I went to watch Phillies play the Washington Nationals. Too bad the Phillies lost game. I went to the Franklin Institute with my host family and it was very fun.

So far I have been in Atlantic City, Wildwood, Ithaca, NY, the Cow Town Rodeo, the Rotary Chili Cook Off in West Chester, Philadelphia, and New York City. Cow Town Rodeo was really wild and exciting. We saw the Bull riding, Calf Roping and Rodeo Clowns.

I went to New York with the district exchange students. We went to the Statue of Liberty, the Empire State Building, Times Square, Central Park, and Grand Central Station. New York City is similar to Tokyo.

I want say "Arigato Gozaimasu" which means "Thank You Very Much" to my host family and the Rotary club.





2009-2010 Total: **\$934** (2698 Children Immunized)

All for the eradication of Polio.

Service Quotation

"You must be the change you wish to see in the world"

- Mahatma Ghandi

Greeter



Our greeter next meeting will be

George Whitfield

