



CogNotes

The Rotary Club of Swarthmore
December 16, 2010

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December is **Family** Month



Last Week's Singers: The Silvertones

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Marty Spiegel

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Today's Program:

Club Assembly

at Swarthmore Methodist
United Church

Table Grace:

As the year ends and so many of us take inventory in our business, forgive us all if we do not take inventory of our lives—where we have been, where we are going and how much we owe to you.

O God, and to all others. Make us grateful for Rotary and especially for this meeting here blessed week by week with rich food for our bodies and rewarding friendships to kindle our spirits.

In your great name we pray. Amen.

The Rev. Dr. Frederick E. Christian

Guests Last Meeting:

Donna Amalfitano, Bill Benson, Tannei Casey, Dan Honig, Anne Martenson, Bitsy Snively, Jim Snively, Miss. Lily Twersky, Paul Zecha, Maria Zissmos



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?



Coming Program & Events

Dec 23, 30 No Meeting

Jan 6 Bryan Craig
"My Life in Pictures"



Happy Holidays

Today is the last meeting for the Calendar year, the end of the first half of the Rotary year, and we are smack in the middle of Rotary Family Month.

What better time to reflect on what we have done, what we are doing and what we will do in the new year.

As Rotarians we live by the motto "Service above Self". Let's all make sure that this is more than 3 words as we go through the Holiday season, what ever holiday we celebrate.

How was 2010 for you and your family? Regardless of the challenges we have faced, let's all remember that there are plenty of people in the world who would jump for joy to have our problems.

We can all be proud of the 2888 children that we have immunized against Polio since Past President Betty Ann started collecting Happy Dollars, and we can be grateful for our ability to share. How about the children in Belize who's tummies don't hurt anymore because they have clean water to drink, or the students at ABC House that have new workstations for their studying, or the children that have books to read from the Pennsylvania Book One Project, or the fence around the Garden at the post office that pays tribute to Alex, a true pillar in the community - the list goes on.

President Marv wanted to support communities abroad and at home in his year and that is what we are doing.

Following our meeting this week, we will have 2 weeks off - December 23rd and 30th. Our regular weekly meetings will resume on Thursday January 6 back at the Springhaven Club.

What ever holiday you celebrate, remember to celebrate, relax and enjoy the true meaning of your holiday.

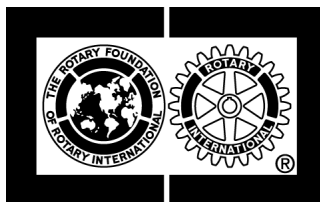
Merry Christmas, Happy Chanukah, Happy Kwanzaa

Rotary Foundation Thought

This week's Rotary Foundation Thought is about Changing and Saving Lives.

Have you ever considered that your contribution to The Rotary Foundation may mean the difference between life and death? Rotary Foundation Matching Grant projects have helped provide the Malawi Children's Village (MCV) with everything from clean water, food and medications to blankets, sewing machines and a windmill.

The Rotary Club of Canandaigua, New York, USA and Chakunga Sibale, director of the MCV, founded the program in 1997 and it is supported locally by the Rotary Club of Limbe. "The MCV has had a very great effect to relieve the suffering of children in my country," says Sibale. Rotarian's contributions to this project have literally meant the difference between life and death for many of the children in the MCV program.



**Happy Dollars
Total Since
July 1: \$799**



2009-2010 Total: \$934
(2888 Children Immunized)

All for the eradication of Polio.

Service Quotation

"My life is my message."

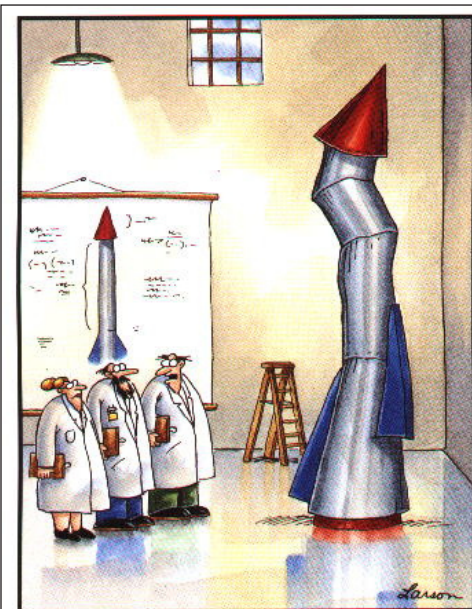
- Mahatma Ghandi

Greeter



Our greeter next meeting will be

Marty Spiegel



"It's time we face reality, my friends. ...
We're not exactly rocket scientists."