

CogNotes

The Rotary Club of Swarthmore March 31, 2011

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Coming Program & Events

Apr 7 Amy Vollmer,

Swarthmore College, "Bacteria, Viruses, Vaccines and Antibiotics: practical knowledge for all citizens"

Apr 14 Daniel Hoffman,

Poet Laureate of the United States (1973-74). A celebration of National Poetry Month

Apr 21 Philip Coleman, Lawrence Berkeley Energy Labs, Updating the Energy Picture

Apr 27 Board Meeting

Apr 28 Classification Talks

Today's Program:

Classification Talks

Brian Casey, Jim Leming

Table Grace:

Lord, your faithfulness is without measure.

The seasons come and go, the sun rises and sets, there is seed time and harvest.

Teach us to trust You In the less obvious events of life and ever to know that come what may, we are never alone, but that your providence is sure.

Use us, we pray, to reassure others along the way. 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: Tony Salvatore By Mike Malone

Tony Salvatore of Delaware County Suicide Prevention and Awareness Task Force, spoke to us about the statistics of suicide, the process that precedes the attempt, and the efforts to stop it before it happens.

The Task Force was established in 2002 by individuals from the county who had lost someone close to suicide and who felt that more should be done to spare others this tragedy and the stigma that accompanies it. In 2003 it was adopted by the Delaware County Medical Society, which had aided it since its inception.

Go to www.delcosuicideprevention.org to learn more about the efforts of this group.

We should particularly learn the warning signs. The site goes into detail.



Guests Last Meeting:

Mary Mangelsdorf

DCLC Graduate Speaks at Literacy Month Event

By Madeline Bialecki, Brian Casey

March is Rotary Literacy Month, and the **Bryn Mawr Trust Company** hosted an event on Tuesday night spotlighting the work of the Delaware County Literacy Council.



of Directors

third grade level.

member of the DCLC Board

Charlotte Hobson came to

DCLC 20 years ago with a

high school diploma and a two-year associates degree.

But she was only reading at a

She was required to take a

qualification test for her job

and because of her reading

level, was at grave risk of not

Charlotte Hobson

Rotarians and guests heard from a number of speakers including a former client and current



AG Rick Trivane, Philadelphia President Joe Batory, Chester PE Francy Cross, AG Anne Hanson

being able to achieve the required test results to keep her job. She was advised to contact the Literacy Council for help.

At the Literacy Council, she worked with a tutor for several years and brought her reading level up to a seventh grade level. Since improving her literacy skills, Charlotte has been able to purchase a house (and pay off her mortgage in 13 years) and foster a special needs child. She now serves on the DCLC Board of Directors and is one of their Adult Learner Speakers.

Family Needed for Exchange Student By Brian Casey

Our Foreign Exchange Student, Yasu, is nearing the end of his time here in Swarthmore but we need a family for him for June.

His current hosts are preparing to leave for Japan and we need a family to host him from Memorial Day weekend through to around June 27th.

If you think you can host Yasu for June, please contact **Anne Seidman** as soon as possible. Anne is also happy to answer any questions you may have a bout hosting a foreign Student.



Happy Dollars Total Since July 1: \$1318



2009-2010 Total: **\$896** (**3690** Children Immunized)

All for the eradication of Polio.

Service Quotation

"In about the same degree as you are helpful, you will be happy"

-Karl Reiland

Greeter

Our greeter **next week** will be

Harry Urian

Classification Talk -Paul Mangelsdorf By Mike Malone



REETER

Paul Mangelsdorf suggested we could "classify" him after his talk about growing up in Texas as a navy surplus radio operator.

The Alamo affected him deeply. He played the trumpet and was enthralled by the precision of the A+M band.

His family moved to Newton, Mass. and later while Paul was the precinct captain for a losing candidate, he won himself by gaining the hand of the assistant precinct captain, Mary.

Just a thought:

All those who believe in psychokinesis, raise my hand.