



The Rotary Club of Swarthmore October 13, 2011



October is Vocational Service Month

Celebrating 75 Years of "Service Above Self" April 26, 1937 to April 26, 2012

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Today's Program:

Rose Fairley My Life on Stage—So Far

Table Grace

Lord, our calendar reminds us of the need of countless people for food.

In the midst of our plenty, may we remember the needy of the world. Help us to see in Rotary where and how we may do our part.

Thank you for the abundance of blessings here today. Amen.

The Rev. Dr. Frederick E. Christian

Coming Program & Events

Oct 20 Dr. Jerome Parker President, Delaware County Community College—Part II

Oct 26 Board Meeting

Oct 27 Mark Kuperberg The Great Recession—Part II

Anniversaries:

Wedding: Dennis Hoffman

Oct 15

The Pledge of Allegiance



Last Week's Speaker: **Kevin Browngoehl** by Mike Malone

Dr. Kevin Browngoehl, a Swarthmore Pediatrician, shared his experiences as a volunteer doctor in Haiti. Working with the Haiti Clinic, he travels to Haiti every 3 months for 5-7 days with supplies to help the people of Haiti who do not have access to sufficient medical care. Although he is a pediatrician, his oldest patient is 75.

Kevin shared with us pictures from his many trips that illustrate the dire situation and the people that he is helping. While he is forced to treat the symptoms, he struggles with the challenges that hamper his ability to deal with the core issues that contribute to the conditions that he treats. As an example, he treats many children for dehydration, but he is unable to address the issues that cause the dehydration. On his last visit, however, he took 800 small medicine dropper bottles. Once in Haiti, he and his nurse purchased and filled the bottles with chlorine, because one bottle of chlorine will purify 3 months' worth of water for a family of four.







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?

Mini-Classification Talk: Cathy Darrell



Happy Dollars Total for 2011-12:

\$536 2010-11 Total: \$1690 2009-10 Total: \$896



(5203 Children Immunized)

Service Quotation

"Love your neighbor and if it requires that you bend your understanding of the truth, the truth will understand."

- Robert Brault, Writer and Poet



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A Letter from Phillies Night Chair, Mark McGill, PDG



TO: Club Presidents – District 7450

On behalf of District 7450 and The Rotary Foundation, many thanks for participating in the July 27th "Rotary Foundation Night" with the "Phillies" at Citizens Bank Park.

As a result of your participation in this project, District 7450 raised \$10,260.00 of which the amount shown on the attachment to this letter will be credited to your club's Rotary Foundation account. Credit was \$9.00 per ticket.

Since 1986 our district has raised over \$233,000 for The Rotary Foundation from these games. Please announce this to your members so they can realize how important it is to support this annual event.

Thanks again for your club's support of this event.

Yours in Rotary Service, Mark Z. McGill, PDG Phillies Night Chair



I was never an Academic but I have been very lucky. I was raised by loving parents and have always gotten along with my sister. I made it through a couple of early, fast marriages relatively unscathed. Then I met the love of my life, Chris, and this is where I became really lucky.

I've worked as a stripper, for an ivory dealer, trained as a post partum doula, and I now teach wood shop in a nursery school to 3-6 year olds and also run a Bed and Breakfast. During this time we have raised two wonderful sons and now have two amazing grandsons.

As a stripper, I was able to work with one of the best antique restorers and dealers in the country. I was able to get my hands on 18th Century American antiques and learned not only the correct way to take off old finishes but how to replace them authentically.

After working for Howard, we moved to Anchorage, Alaska where I was able to get a job with one of only two ivory dealers approved to buy and resell newly harvested walrus ivory to indigenous Alaskans to carve or scrimshaw. He was also a dog musher so the variety of interesting folks coming through the shop was a constant delight.

We came home from Alaska and I took up full time mothering, which I loved. As our sons grew I trained as a post partum doula which readied me for being a super-grandmother. I also became the wood shop teacher at Swarthmore Presbyterian Nursery School and for the last eleven years have had a delightful time teaching "my littles" how to use sandpaper, a hammer and a hand drill.

The other job I'm doing right now is Bed and Breakfast owner. Chris and I were married in a B & B and always wanted to do this, though we really were thinking at retirement. We are both very happy we did not wait. This is a lot of work.

I've been lucky to have worked with the best in their fields and now to have my own business and to learn about and become a Rotarian.

