



### The Rotary Club of Swarthmore January 26, 2012

#### January is Rotary Awareness Month

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

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### **Today's Program:**

**Perri Evanson** The Real Estate Report

### **Table Grace**

Father of us all, you have made us of differing colors but of one blood. Teach us, that though we differ like keys on a piano board, we can choose whether to make harmony or disharmony.

Show us how to be in harmony with others and with your purpose for us as your family here on earth. And now, Lord, accept our thanks for the gifts of this hour and to your name be all the praise. Amen.

The Rev. Dr. Frederick E. Christian

### **Coming Program & Events**

Feb 2 George Lakey, Visiting Professor, Lang Center, Swarthmore College Viking Economics: Is there anything we can learn from Norwegian experiments with equality?

Swarthmore United Methodist Church

**Feb 9 Sandy Sparros, former principal SRS** Alumni and Friends Supporting Kids in the WSSD

The Pledge of Allegiance



## Last Week's Speakers: SWIM by Mike Malone

Rabbi Jeremy Gerber discussed the history and current initiatives of the Swarthmore/ Wallingford Interfaith Ministerium or SWIM.

It began in earnest during the tensions of the school merger between Swarthmore and Wallingford school districts. It is a forum for interfaith dialogue that can be a platform for shared messages to the community.

It sponsors a Thanksgiving service and this year is looking to bring teens of various faiths together to discuss their faith traditions.

Also Presenting were Dot Field, Marry Lou Parker and Gordon Simmons.



## 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?

Guests Last Week: Vitor Gimines



### Victor Gimines My Youth Exchange Year so Far

"The one that says: "childhood is the best part of life", is because never did an exchange program" This quote from a Brazilian author explains perfectly what I am feeling like lately.

My exchange program has been an amazing experience for me. I did more things in the last 5 months than I did in 16 years: I went to

New York 3 times, where I saw "The Rockettes", "The Jersey boys", Times Square, Central Park, Metropolitan Museum of NY, Natural museum of art and a lot of restaurants; I went to Philadelphia a couple of times and I ran on the Rocky's stairs, I also learned all the history of that place in a visit with Ann Seidmann, my

counselor, and I went to a tour on Penn's campus; I rode horses on Ohio, I went to

a hockey game at Dubuque, Iowa, I crossed the Mississippi River; I had the most amazing Christmas with my first host family – an American Christmas, just like I had always dreamed about.

But this year was more than trips. I participated on the soccer team at Strath Haven and it was a terrific season. I met amazing people and made a lot of new friends.

By being part of a different culture, I learned

to understand people of another cultural background; other people's aspects that I used to criticize are now things I am interested in learning about, in understanding why they act on the way they do.

This was my outstanding life in the last 5 months. I am eager to live the next 6 months of my exchange program as well.

### Another Chapter Written in our Literacy Efforts By Brian Casey

On Tuesday January 24, AG Anne Hansen joined Chester President Francy Cross, Springfield Rotary President Fran McDaniel, Swarthmore President Brian Casey and Ardmore Club Member, Joan Toenniessen, as District Rotary Foundation committee Member Russ DeFuria presented a District Simplified Grant check for \$2150 for the Clubs' collective efforts to purchase books for pre-school children.



Also on hand were Margie Stern is the Coordinator, Youth Services for the Delaware County Library System and Chrissy Longbottom is the Youth Outreach Librarian.

This initiative supports the Pennsylvania "One Book Every Child" program and will put a copy of the book "Stop Snoring Bernard" in the hands of over 850 pre-school children in the area.

The following Clubs participated in the Program: Ardmore - \$300 Springfield - \$300 Upper Darby- Lansdowne -\$300 Chester - \$500 Swarthmore - \$750.



# Happy Dollars Total for 2011-12:

**\$1256** 2010-11 Total: \$1690 2009-10 Total: \$896



(6403 Children Immunized)

## **Service Quotation**

"I don't know what your destiny will be, but one thing I do know: the only ones among us who are truly happy are those who have sought and found how to serve"

- Albert Schweitzer

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### **Anniversaries:**

<b>Birthday:</b> Jim Leming Vicki Twersky Paul Mangelsdorf		Jan 28 Jan 30 Jan 31
<b>Rotary:</b> Gladys Snively Ray Hopkins	Jan 31 Feb 1	15 years 6 years
<b>Wedding:</b> Gladys & Jim Snively		Jan 29

### Paraprosdokians

1. Where there's a will, I want to be in it.

2. The last thing I want to do is hurt you. But it's still on my list.

3. Since light travels faster than sound, some people appear bright until you hear them speak.

4. If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.

### **Program Notes**

