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The Rotary Club of Swarthmore
February 16, 2012

February is **World Understanding** Month

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

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Today's Program:

Mel Allen, President/CEO/ Founder, Project Forward
Lessons Learned: Chester and The Project Forward Leap Experience

Table Grace

Lord of this nation and of the lands far and near, accept our thanks for the heroic figures who have made America what she is at her best. Restore in our day the vision they had and rekindle our zeal to realize It. Thank you, God, for what we so fully enjoy and make us ready to share its blessings with others. In your name we pray. Amen.

The Rev. Dr. Frederick E. Christian

Coming Program & Events

Feb 23 Tony Messina
Me, Sinatra and Music that Swings

Mar 1 Carol Carr, Director of Lending and Training, Woman's Opportunity Resource Center (WORC)
Something Borrowed For Something New – Micro-Enterprise Loans

Mar 8 Carl Cherkin, Vice President, The Philadelphia Union
The Philadelphia Union

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?**
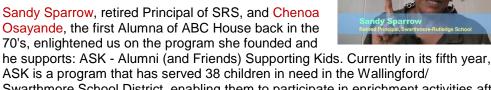3. **Will it build GOOD WILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?**
4. **Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?**

Last Week's Speaker: Sandy Sparrow
by Mike Malone

Sandy Sparrow
Retired Principal, Swarthmore-Rutledge School

Sandy Sparrow, retired Principal of SRS, and Chenoa Osayande, the first Alumna of ABC House back in the 70's, enlightened us on the program she founded and he supports: ASK - Alumni (and Friends) Supporting Kids. Currently in its fifth year, ASK is a program that has served 38 children in need in the Wallingford/ Swarthmore School District, enabling them to participate in enrichment activities after school which they otherwise could not afford. Each elementary school principal in the district suggests candidates, who choose their enrichment activity. In addition to providing financial support, ASK also provides a volunteer to drive the student to the activity. Their address is ASK P.O. Box 237 Wallingford, Pa. 19086.

Did You Know?
In just one day, women around the world spend 200 million hours collecting water for their families.

Guests Last Week:
Penny Hughes, Donna Amalfitano, Linda Ryan, Hal Wilkinson, Metrinni Geopanni.

Only 73 Days to Fun-Fair Day!!

The Swarthmore Charity Fun-Fair is practically "around the corner" (only 70 days away)! Your Fun-Fair team is busy getting things ready and making arrangements. Already, we have met several times, updated the website for charity registrations, contracted for TWO (2) obstacle courses, renewed the hayrides, contacted many prior sponsors such as WAWA, Pepsi, Bryn Mawr Trust, Phillies, and Rotarians, to name just a few, and we are actively prospecting for new sponsors.

This year's Fun-Fair promises to be one of the best Fun-Fairs ever, but there is still much to be done. The biggest need is for volunteers. Shortly, Will Fairley, our President-Elect and "Fun-Fair Coordinator" will be contacting many of you for various Fun-Fair assignments. Please help support Will's efforts by being generous as you always are with your time and talents.

Thanks in advance for all you do!

Marv Gelb & Ken Wright
Fun-Fair Hosts

Rotary News Briefs from Around the World

LEBANON
The Rotary clubs of Beirut Center and Tucson Sunrise, Ariz., USA, worked together in April to install a wastewater treatment system at Rafik Hariri University Hospital in Beirut. The project, supported by a Rotary Foundation Matching Grant, will reduce the concentration of residual pharmaceuticals in the hospital's wastewater, which helps irrigate gardens or travels through the sewer system into the Mediterranean Sea.

France
The Rotary Club of Verrières-le-Buisson, Essonne, raised money for polio eradication for a song. The club teamed up with the Consortium of Stade de France, which operates the national stadium north of Paris, for a performance of the Verdi opera Aida in October 2010. The Stade de France donated €4 (US$5.50) for every ticket purchased through the club. Rotarians from all over, including Alsace, Charente, Vendée, and Guadeloupe, attended the opera, raising enough money to purchase about 23,600 doses of polio vaccine. This past September, the club again worked with the stadium, for a performance of Excalibur .

CANADA
Two Interactors and three Rotaractors were among 120 young Canadians who attended an invitation-only barbecue with the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge in Ottawa in June. David Johnston, governor general of Canada and a former Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholar, hosted the event with Prime Minister Stephen Harper to celebrate service and give the attendees an opportunity to tell the royal couple, government officials, and other dignitaries about their work.

Service Quotation

"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart."

-- Elizabeth Andrews (1882–1960) First woman organizer of the Labor Party in Wales

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On Saturday Night, our very own Ann Seidman performed with 5 other singers and 4 Musicians at a show titled "Love Songs and Chocolate". The show, held at the Universalist Unitarian Church in Media, was a benefit for The NAACP Scholarship Fund.

In the words of Music Critic Marv Gelb, "they were just FABULOUS!"

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