



### The Rotary Club of Swarthmore November 29, 2012

November is Rotary Foundation Month

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# **Today's Program:**

Andrew Bunting, Curator, Scott Arboretum

### **Table Grace**

Father, for families in which we have been nurtured; for the bonds that bind us to sons and daughters, fathers and mothers; for the larger family in which you have placed us as your children, we give you thanks.

Show us how to live caringly and to express our gratitude as we practice "Service Above Self." Amen.

The Rev. Dr. Frederick E. Christian

### Last Week's Speaker—Bob Pierson by Joy Charlton

Bob Pierson is founder and owner of "Farm to City," a business which helped start Swarthmore's Farmers' Market. Organized in 2000, the business goal is to connect food from local farms to consumers via direct sales. Farm to City runs 17 farmers' markets in the Philadelphia region, including one on Rittenhouse Square with 30 vendors. With marketing, recruitment, and bookkeeping, Farm to City supports CSAs (Community-Supported Agriculture) to help consumers buy shares of local harvests for regular

delivery. Farm to City also created a buying club called "Winter Harvest," from which consumers can buy local food while farmers' markets are closed in the off season, November-April. "Delaware Valley Farm Share" is yet another program, which takes CSAs to 18 workplaces and churches by using a distributing warehouse that combines the produce of many farms. Eager to support family farms, local communities, and environmental sustainability, Farm to City's website hosts CSAs and buying clubs, and provides information about farmers' markets, at www.farmtocity.org.



### "Celebrating the Holidays with the Community Arts Center" Swarthmore United Methodist Church Dec 13 Silvertones (at CADES)

**Community Arts Center** 

**Coming Program &** 

**Events** 

**Dec 20 Colin Darrell, entrepreneur** "You Heard it Here First – Grow Culture Restaurants" *Swarthmore United Methodist Church* 

Dec 6 Paul Downie, new President,

### Dec 27 no meeting

Know someone who might have interest in one of our upcoming topics? Invite them to the meeting that day!

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?

Guests Last Week none





Your contribution to **Every Rotarian**, **Every Year** makes humanitarian projects possible.

# A Message from Bonnie Korengel, IPDG - District Rotary Foundation Chair

In this season of Thanksgiving, I know you are sharing my thoughts. We have so much for which to be thankful. Rotarians give from their hearts to those who need a hand of help and friendship, a voice to speak when they can only whisper, and strength when they have none.

If you would like to remember our fellow "earth citizens" during this season, perhaps you will want to funnel that gift through The Rotary Foundation. Hopefully as Rotarians The Rotary Foundation is one of your charities of choice. I have attached a contribution form and also "Rotary Direct" information to make this gift-giving easy.

Your gift to The Rotary Foundation provides matching dollars for clubs to use for local as well as global projects. We CAN make a difference in the lives of those in our own communities and those across the seas.

Thank <u>you</u> for being a Rotarian. In the words of Arch Klumph (RI President 1916-1917), "Money alone does little good. Individual service is helpless without money. The two together can be a Godsend to civilization."

### Happy Dollars Total for 2012-13: \$798

2011-12 Total:\$23112010-11 Total:\$16902009-10 Total:\$896

(9492 Children Immunized)

All Proceeds to Polio Eradication.

# Service Quotation

"He who wishes to secure the good of others, has already secured his own."

 Confucius, Chinese teacher, editor, politician, and philosopher of the Spring and Autumn Period of Chinese history.
(b:551 B.C. – d:479 B.C.)

### **Anniversaries**

Birthday: Steve Laxton		Nov 29
<b>Wedding:</b> Josh Twersky	Dec 2	12 yrs

# About The Rotary Foundation – Six Areas of Focus

- This Week's Focus: Economic and Community Development
- Peace and conflict prevention/resolution
- Disease prevention and treatment
- Water and sanitation
- Maternal and child health
- Basic education and literacy
  - Economic and community development

The Rotary Foundation invests in people to create measurable and enduring economic improvement in their lives and communities by

• Strengthening the development of local entrepreneurs and community leaders, particularly women, in impoverished communities

• Developing opportunities for decent and productive work, particularly for youth

• Building the capacity of local organizations and community networks to support economic development

Supporting studies related to economic and community development

Want to know more about the Rotary Foundation? Go to this link: <u>http://www.rotary.org/en/AboutUs/TheRotaryFoundation/Pages/</u> <u>ridefault.aspx</u>

### What are some other Rotary Clubs doing to "End Polio Now"?

District 5320 (California, USA) raised more than \$19,400 at a Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim baseball game. The annual event has brought in more than \$84,000 for polio eradication in the past four years.



Rotarians in Yuma, Arizona, USA, showed the film The Shot felt Around the World, distributed information about polio, and displayed an iron lung. After the film, Dr. Peter Salk, son of polio vaccine inventor Dr. Jonas Salk; District 5240 PolioPlus Chair James Lewis; a polio survivor; and a local Rotarian who had participated in a National Immunization Day in India fielded questions about the disease and the global eradication effort.

The provisional Rotary Club of Thatta, Sindh, Pakistan, organized a community polio awareness walk. "Last year, when Thatta reported eight polio cases, we realized that we should have a club in Thatta," says Aziz Memon, chair of the Pakistan National PolioPlus Committee.

The Rotary Club of West U (Houston), Texas, USA, held a Stamp Out Polio square dance, attended by more than 40 Rotarians and guests. The event netted \$1,200, which was matched by \$1,200 from the Rotary Club of West U Foundation.