



# CogNotes

**The Rotary Club of Swarthmore  
November 21, 2013**

November is **Rotary Foundation** Month



**Improving Lives in Communities  
Locally and Around the World for over 75 Years**

Rotary International President Ron D. Burton  
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## Today's Program:

**Assistant District Governor  
George Whitfield**

## Table Grace

Lord, we thank you for countless blessings. Some few we have claimed through the craft of hand or head. Far more, we have received from your hand, unmerited.

Teach us to receive them all in humility of spirit and to pledge our powers "to help others less fortunate to help themselves" to a better and fuller life.

So use us in Rotary and accept our thanks. Amen.

The Rev. Dr. Frederick E. Christian

## Coming Program & Events

### Club Meetings

**NOTE** watch carefully for location changes for meetings between 11/14/13 & 2/6/14

**Nov 28 Thanksgiving—no meeting**

**Dec 5 Janet Riley Ford, Executive Director of the Chester Youth Collaborative**  
(at Methodist Church)

**Dec 12 Swarthmore College Rotaract Students**  
(at Methodist Church)

### Rotary Events

Nov 22 – 23: District Conference 2013

Nov. 26: District 7450 Foundation Committee Meeting

## 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

Lee Leming; Doug Harnsberger, prospective member

## Last Week's Speaker—Richard Beeman By Joy Charlton

Beeman is Prof. Emeritus of History from UPenn and author of 8 books about the American Revolution. He spoke with us eloquently from his most recent, and prize-winning, book *Plain Honest Men*, about the 38 men who gathered in Philadelphia to create what became the American Constitution. He spoke in particular about the different kinds of leadership provided by James Wilson, Robert Morris, Roger Sherman, and especially by James Madison, George Washington, and Ben Franklin.



Beeman made explicit comparisons of these successful deliberations to the stalemates and impasses of the current Congress. Among those factors he thinks made a difference are (1) they held conversations among themselves only, without immediate scrutiny by others, which allowed them to float ideas; (2) they met in a small room, which allowed a kind of intimacy and lent itself to consensus; (3) they followed the etiquette of 18<sup>th</sup> century civility and politeness; and (4) outside the deliberations, they set disagreements aside and socialized as a group, eating and drinking (a lot) together. Our current Congress could learn something from this part of American history.

## Rotary Clubs Take Action for Typhoon-ravaged Philippines

From Rotary .org

Last week, we reported in CogNotes how Rotarians in the Philippines are working through Shelter Box to provide relief for their country. So far, Rotary partner ShelterBox has committed aid for 4,000 families in the form of emergency shelter and other relief assistance. Such disasters are “exactly why we entered into our partnership with ShelterBox,” says Rotary International President, Ron Burton, who urged Rotary Clubs worldwide to get involved. “It gives Rotary members worldwide the opportunity to respond immediately and in a very meaningful way to the life-threatening conditions faced by the people of the Philippines.”

"I know we all want to help. I am urging our clubs to take action to provide emergency aid now and begin planning for the future when we can help rebuild homes, schools, and businesses," says Burton. "We are in the business of helping people in need."

For nearly 100 years, Rotary clubs in the Philippines have been creating positive change in their communities. The first Philippine Rotary club was formed in Manila in 1919. Today, more than 800 Rotary clubs throughout the Philippines give members the chance to make a difference at home and around the globe.

Rotary's work to eradicate polio, our top priority, began in the Philippines. In 1979, Rotary funded the immunization of six million children with the oral polio vaccine. Rotary clubs in the Philippines have improved water and sanitation, led medical and dental missions, created literacy programs, and participated in reforestation plantings. When a 7.1 magnitude earthquake struck central Philippines in September, clubs were there to bring aid to those in need.

## Rotary Partners

From Rotary.org

The articles about how Rotary partners with Shelter Box to expedite delivery of relief goods in the Philippines promoted a look at – just who does Rotary partner with across the spectrum of the work we do? As stated on the Rotary.org website, “When Rotary partners with other organizations, we multiply the impact made by either group on their own. We call this “the Rotary effect.” From local food banks to global humanitarian organizations, we work with a wide variety of partners, including:

[Aga Khan University](#)  
[Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation](#)  
[Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)  
[Global FoodBanking Network](#)  
[Goodwill](#)  
[Mercy Ships](#)  
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[United Nations](#)  
[World Health Organization](#)



Rotary members in the Philippines pack relief goods for victims of Super Typhoon Haiyan

## Happy Dollars Total for 2013-14:

**\$813**



2012-13 Total: \$2345

2011-12 Total: \$2311

2009-11 Total: \$2586

(13425 Children Immunized)

**All Proceeds to Polio Eradication.**

## Service Quotation

“Imagine what a harmonious world it would be if every single person both young and old, SHARED a little of what he or she is good at doing?”

- Quincy Delight Jones, Jr, Age 80, American record producer, conductor, arranger, composer, television producer, and trumpeter

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## Anniversaries

### Birthday:

Steve Laxton

Nov 29

### Wedding:

Josh Twersky

Dec. 2



Rob Scaife, brother of our own Brian Casey, visited our club last week. Rob presented President Hillard with the first check toward our club's proposed Global Grant, a contribution from his home club, the Rotary Club of South Napean. The photo above shows Rob with members of the Global Grant committee. Thanks, Rob!