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The Rotary Club of Swarthmore
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Today's Program:

June 8 Gudmund Iversen will take us to Tahiti via a slide presentation.

Table Grace

God of the nations, our tiny planet is poised, just now, on the brink of uncertainty. Grant us the wisdom to choose the way that shall best serve all humankind. Especially inform the minds of the leaders of the nations that they may be open to every opportunity to avoid war and to pursue peace. Accept our thanks for this day and this hour with their blessings. Amen.

Rev. Dr. Frederick E. Chrstian

Coming Programs & Events

(All meetings at The Inn unless otherwise noted)

June 15 Swarthmore Professor Syom Bhanot, will talk about his work with the City of Philadelphia.

June 22 Club Banquet and Installation of Officers—Tyler Arboretum (see page 2 for details)

July 26—Rotary Night at the Phillies (see Joy Charlton for details)

**Know someone who has an interest in any of these topics? Invite them to the meeting!*

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Last Week's Program:

Andy Rosen

by Rich Shimko

Andy Rosen returned to Rotary to give us an update on the Swarthmore Farmer's Market. Although we Rotarians know that Marty Spiegel did the hard work of getting the Farmer's Market started and established, we can still be pleased that the Market is continuing to thrive under Andy's direction. Andy said there are more vendors, more visitors, and more to do at the Market. He said his goal is to make the Market a Saturday morning community gathering place. In line with that, the Market has live music, arts & crafts exhibits, and food trucks and food demos. Andy acknowledged that parking is a problem and asked for suggestions from the audience. He said the local merchants like the increased crowds but not the lack of
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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: Amanda Kauffman and her parents Arne and Lisa, and Kevin Gardner and his parents Catherine and Kurt; prospective members Olive Padden, Zu Degain, and Heather Saunders, and Don Larson (Sue's

President Lisa and Rich Shimko, along with **Alex Pastuszek,** present **Kevin Gardner** and **Amanda Kauffman** with a Rotary Scholarship. Kevin will attend Penn State and Amanda will attend American University in Washington, DC



Excerpts from Rotary Scholarship Essays by Amanda Kauffman & Kevin Gardner

Amanda: Although the subject of this essay is supposed to be a description of how I have served the community, it is impossible for me not to mention how the community has served me. I do not believe I am alone in stating that while most people volunteer without expecting anything in return, each individual ends up benefiting from their service experience. Someone recently asked me why I am willing to exchange my last summer before college for unpaid work. I struggled to find the words to explain my motives. While I mentioned that often service ends up benefiting both parties involved, the driving force behind all the work I could ever do is the compassion I feel in my heart towards the people I serve. Essentially, my heart breaks for those less fortunate than I. It is easy to see myself in their position. I am a first-generation American myself. If my adoptive parents had been unwilling to help my biological mother by raising me, I could have easily been among the impoverished children of Nigeria. I love because I have been loved and I am able to serve because I have been served. The compassion that I have in my heart motivates me to serve. I work towards "[being] the change [I wish to see in the world]" (Mahatma Gandhi), and I care because "unless someone like [me] cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not" (The Lorax).

Kevin: Civic engagement is being an active part of giving back to the community and has always been a constant in my life, from acting as the Volunteer Coordinator for the youth outreach feeding ministry at Trinity Episcopal Church in Swarthmore to participating in school service projects such as Relay for Life and tutoring.

Over winter break, while visiting Atlanta I volunteered in the foot clinic of the men's night shelter at Central Presbyterian Church, washing feet and clipping toenails. What seemed a somewhat gruesome chore turned out to be an enjoyable evening of interesting conversations and it was a definite reminder of how we can impact those around us wherever we are. Serving the community means being present in the moment, whether in Atlanta, in church, at school, or simply volunteering to monitor the Bounce House at the Swarthmore Fun Fair. As I go off to college and begin the next chapters in my life, my involvement in service to my local and global communities will not waiver. Service is about seeing a need and stepping up. I work hard to fulfill my commitment to the community and hope that by doing so I inspire others around me to do the same.

Last Week's Speaker (continued from front)

parking for their customers. He said Swarthmore Farmer's Market was recently rated the #1 farmer's market in Pennsylvania and #14 in the United States, so all the individuals who have worked to make the Farmer's Market succeed are to be congratulated.

Happy Dollars 2016-17:

\$2503



2015-2016 total: \$3,756
2014-2015 total: \$3,168
2013-14 total: \$2,493
2012-13 Total: \$2,345

(19,823 Children Immunized)

All Proceeds go towards
Polio Eradication.

Service Quotation

"DON'T JUDGE EACH DAY BY THE HARVEST YOU REAP BUT BY THE SEEDS THAT YOU PLANT"

- **Robert Louis Stevenson (1850-1894)** Scottish novelist, poet, and essayist



Rotary Celebrations

Birthday:

Dave Smith 6/9

Member Anniversary:

None

Wedding Anniversary:

None

DONATIONS NEEDED!



The CityTeam Ministries food pantry needs constant replenishing. If you can donate items such as: peanut butter, tuna fish

Please contact Cathy Darrell, who will transport any donated items.

Or just bring them to a meeting.