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The Rotary Club of Swarthmore
P.O. Box 4, Swarthmore, PA 19081

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January is Vocational Service Month

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Today's Program:

Rebecca Davis, University of Delaware Associate Professor of History and Women and Gender Studies,
"The History of Marriage in the 20th Century"

Table Grace

Lord, we thank you for the vision of justice that inspired our fathers in the founding of this great land. Help us to foster such justice by the way we treat others. Use us in Rotary to make our world a place where justice is a daily practice and not simply a glowing sentiment. Thank you for this food and for the friend-ships we enjoy around these tables. Amen

Rev. Dr. Frederick E. Christian

Coming Programs & Events

(All meetings at The Inn unless otherwise noted)

Jan 25 (No noon meeting) CCSA Fund-raiser at Hedgerow Theater (see reverse)

April 20-22: District Conference

June 24-27: RI Convention, Toronto, Canada

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

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Last Week's Speakers: **Anna Harris & Thurm Brendlinger** by Rich Shimko

Rotary heard two presentations on climate change, one an overview of the topic and the other a report of what is happening on the ground right now.



Thurm Brendlinger, of the Clean Air Council, presented plenty of alarming facts supporting the need for action combating climate change. He also said we currently have the means to reduce our use of fossil fuels, the primary driver for climate change. Thurm told us that in the U.S., use of renewable energy is ahead of projections made a decade or two ago.

Native Swarthmorean Anna Harris presented dramatic aerial photographs providing proof of global warming. Anna is a 2012 SHHS graduate who
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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:

Don Larson (Sue's husband) and Pam Harris (speaker Anna's mother)

Theater for a Cause! Invite Your Friends!

What: Hedgerow's performance of *Boogie Woogie Radio Hour*, plus a wine and cheese reception and a pop-up art show featuring works by CCSA students

When: Thursday, January 25th, at 6:00pm (this event replaces the noon meeting)

Why: To support Swarthmore Rotary's pledge for a kindergarten library at the Chester Charter School for the Arts

Cost: \$50 per ticket (club members pay \$30, Rule of 85 members pay \$50, spouses/guests pay \$50)

Charitable contribution: \$40 of the ticket price can be counted as a charitable donation [Note: if you bring a guest who needs a charitable gift acknowledgement, please give us their name and address.]

How to Order: Make out check to Swarthmore Rotary Charitable Trust, and mail to P.O. Box 4, Swarthmore, PA 19081

Happy Dollars 2017-18:

\$2377

2016-2017 total: \$3,756
2015-2016 total: \$3,756
2014-2015 total: \$3,168
2013-14 total: \$2,493



(20,943 Children Immunized)

**All Proceeds go towards
Polio Eradication.**

Service Quotation

"Every person must decide if they will walk in the light of creative altruism, or in the darkness of destructive selfishness."

**- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
(1929-1968)**



Our New Rotary Theme for 2018-2019.

Rotary International President-elect Barry Rassin laid out his vision for the future of the organization at the recent Rotary International Assembly in San Diego, California, USA



Through this theme, Rassin called on leaders to work for a sustainable future and to inspire Rotarians and the community at large.

Rassin, a member of the Rotary Club of East Nassau, New Providence, Bahamas, unveiled the 2018-19 presidential theme, ***Be the Inspiration***, to incoming district governors at the San Deigo meeting. "I want you to inspire in your clubs, your Rotarians, that desire for something greater. The drive to do more, to be more, to create something that will live beyond each of us."

Rassin stressed the power of Rotary's new vision statement, "Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change — across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves." This describes the Rotary that leaders must help build, he said.

To achieve this vision, the president-elect said, Rotarians must take care of the organization: "We are a membership organization first. And if we want to be able to serve, if we want to succeed in our goals — we have to take care of our members first."

Rassin asked the incoming district governors to "inspire the club presidents, and the Rotarians in your districts, to want to change. To want to do more. To want to reach their own potential. It's your job to motivate them — and help them find their own way forward."

Last Week's Speakers: (continued from front)

then went on to University of North Carolina, Wilmington. She is a geologist working for the National Forests in Alaska. All of the glaciers in the Alaska panhandle have retreated in the last several decades, some by as much as 20 miles.

Thurm finished up by saying that although there is a need to combat climate change and we have the means to do so, there is currently no political will to do so at the national level. In spite of that, many states and communities (including Swarthmore) are currently taking action on their own.

Rotary Celebrations

Birthday:

Marty Spiegel 1/20

Member Anniversary:

None

Wedding Anniversary:

None

PEANUT BUTTER DAY!

When: Every 1st Thursday of the month



Please bring a jar of peanut butter to every first Thursday meeting. Cathy Darrell will transport our donations to CityTeam.