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

May 3, 2018



May is Youth Service Month

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Today's Program:

David Smith will speak about the upcoming PBS Special "The Power to Heal: Transforming American's Segregated Hospitals" narrated by Danny Glover (based on David's research).

Table Grace

Father, we pause this day to remember the youth of our land. As we observe Youth Service Month, we give gratitude for the gifts and blessings our youth bring to us. Help us to help them leverage those gifts in ways that make a difference in our world and in your service. Amen.

Frederick E. Christian

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Last Week's Speaker:

David Komarnicki

By Barbara Amstutz

David Komarnicki, author of the memoir, *Five Stars in the Window*, shared his personal journey of growing up Chester, PA during the Second World War, and described the rich tapestry of life during this time. David was number eight out of ten kids raised by loving Ukrainian parents. As the family grew, he moved six times among the culturally diverse neighborhoods of Chester and was enriched by the mosaic of life of these communities. His five older brothers and two older sisters were major influencers who taught him many life lessons. One keen memory and the title of his memoir, recall the five blue stars displayed at his home, honoring the service of his five siblings serving in the armed forces during World War II. This was the custom of families to create a common bond with others in the community to show support for their children's safe return home from the war effort.

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Coming Programs & Events

(All meetings at The Inn unless otherwise noted)

May 5: Adopt-a-Highway, Yale Ave. at the dam, 9-10 a.m.

May 10: World of Work students; Classification talks.

May 17 "Does a State Have the Unilateral Right to Secede From the Union?" Former Swarthmore Mayor Rick Lowe

May 20: Charity Fun Fair!

May 24 Rotary scholarship recipients to speak.

May 31: Cello students of Amy Sue Barston

June 15: installation Dinner, the Inn
(see pg. 2 for coming events in June)

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

Amy Komarnicki, daughter of our speaker

Congratulations On another successful World of Work event!!

And thanks to Josh Twersky for again organizing a truly meaningful experience for our youth in Swarthmore. It is interesting that this month is Rotary Youth Service Month - with a focus on how our youth serves us. But it goes both ways. Here is Swarthmore Rotary serving the youth of our community!



Josh stated, "The real hero is 5th grade teacher Renee Strehle who for many, many years now has been teaching and organizing the students and teachers to make this event happen at SRS and allow Rotary to be a part of it."

The following Rotarians participated in escorting the students to various business experiences in the Ville. And ... they were an enthusiastic audience in the exhibits and presentations of the youths' projects.

Anthony Coschignano Perri Evanson Craig Fava
Sue Larson Joe Lesnia Josh Twersky Ken Wright
Dave Welsh Ann Hansen Kathryn Jones
Joy Charlton Ann Deluca



June 7 Paula Dale, Manager of Swarthmore College Community Bookstore

June 14 NO MEETING (Rotary Dinner Friday June 15.)

June 28 Club Assembly

July 26 NO LUNCH MEETING. Wilmington Blue Rocks instead

Fun Fair Notices—Due From Members Now



Checks for ads purchased

Articles they have agreed to write for the Swarthmorean supplement

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David luckily stumbled upon the personal diary of his mother who wrote down her daily thoughts and experiences. This inspired him to think about the rich history of his family and the importance of preserving memories through writing. David believes in the power of memoir writing to preserve important family remembrances and life teachings. "If you write it down, it will stick for generations to follow". David's recent book, is a true example of saving and preserving precious memories of a time that has gone by. David's book is available for purchase on Amazon and all the proceeds from the sale of the book will be donated to Rotary of America.

Happy Dollars 2017-18:

\$3,820

(Marty notes we are significantly ahead of past year's totals at this point)



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

(22,097 Children Immunized)

Service Quotation

**"KINDNESS LIKE A
BOOMERANG, IT ALWAYS
RETURNS"**

- Author Unknown



Rotary Celebrations

Birthday: None

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.