



Swarthmore Rotary Cog Notes

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Service Quotation

"Fight for the things that you care about. But do it in a way that will lead others to join you."
Ruth Bader Ginsburg

Rotary Celebrations!

Birthdays

No Birthdays Found

Wedding Anniversaries

Dennis Hoffman
October 15th

Years of Service

No Years Of Service Found

Meetings and Events

October

15th - [Meeting](#)

Speaker: Nat Fenton, Lawyer and Historian
Subject: The Life and Impact of Alice Paul on the Civil Rights Movement

22nd - [Meeting](#)

Speaker: Roberta Winters, President of the Radnor LWV
Subject: Actionable Environmental Challenges in DELCO

29th - [Meeting](#)

Speaker: Joy Huertas, Vision Zero Communications Manager
Subject: Philadelphia Office of Transportation, Infrastructure and Sustainability for Philadelphia

Table Grace

By Frederick E. Christian

Our world is full of problems, Lord. Most of them are bigger than we can solve. Show us the wisdom by which we can give eyes to read in exchange for those that cannot: feet that can walk unbound: hands that can work and not lie idle: resources sufficient for those who starve. Thank you for your boundless provision for us today and every day. Amen.

4 Way Test

Of the things we think, say or do

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Last Meeting Summary

Greg Brown reported on how Swarthmore College is managing during the pandemic. He, supported by Joy Charlton, as a professor, and Marty Spiegel, as Swarthmore mayor, stated that the students are acting very responsibly during these difficult conditions. In addition to praising the students (actually not all students – more on that later), Greg told us about some the measures the College has put in place. Only half of the student body is on campus at a time. The classes alternate by semester. Every person on campus is tested at least once a week. Each student is required to sign a pledge that they will do self-monitoring and take appropriate safety precautions. As we community walkers are aware, non-college persons are barred from the campus. Greg said it is fortunate that the college has a large endowment. Otherwise it's survival might be in question. The College's revenue was down by over a third this year. The good news is only six students and staff have tested positive for Covid-19. Joy Charlton said she appreciates the work the college staff has done. She said this year was her most difficult year to teach since her first year at Swarthmore College. She is using more visual material and is inviting more outside speakers to her Zoom classes.

Although Swarthmore College students received accolades for their handling of the pandemic,

Happy Dollars

pledge \$1094

2020-21 Happy Dollars
for Polio Plus Fund
(\$3 to fully protect one child)

2019-20 total: \$3355
2018-19 total: \$3,845
2017-18 total: \$4,515

Guests Last Meeting

Lisa Lee, Chris Darrell (Cathy's husband), Linda Heffernan (Marty's wife), Linton Staples, Nancy Daniel, Joel Marcos, Gudrun Weinberg, Mary Capheart (SSCA)

Greg did tell a story about two Freshmen who were not at all as accommodating to the rules.

Soon after arriving on campus this fall they took the train to New York City. Although one might expect that the two students might want to maintain secrecy as regarding their trip, they in fact took lots of photos and posted them on social media. Go figure! They were sent home the next day to do a virtual semester.

Delaware County Election Hotline

Barbara Amstutz sent this newsletter about the Delaware County Election Hotline:

Delaware County Launches Election Hotline to Assist Residents with Election Related Questions

In anticipation of record-breaking voter turnout for the November 2020 General Election, Delaware County has launched a new Election Hotline with an easy-to-remember number: (610) 891-VOTE.

The new hotline is staffed by trained employees prepared to answer Delaware County resident's questions related to the upcoming election, including:

- Voter Registration
- Vote-By-Mail applications
- Mail-In Ballot & Absentee Ballot status
- Polling Place locations
- Voter Service Centers (locations, hours, services)
- Ballot Drop Boxes
- Naked Ballots (what are they?)
- Deadlines
- COVID-19 precautions
- Rules regarding 3rd party ballot drop offs
- And more!

The hotline is available Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 8 p.m. and Saturday, 9 a.m. – noon.

Voters calling to check on the status of their vote-by-mail ballot can also check the status directly through the Pennsylvania Department of State's "Election Ballot Status" lookup tool: www.pavoterservices.pa.gov/Pages/BallotTracking.aspx

Voters who wish to speak to someone in-person are welcome to walk-in to any Delaware County Voter Service Center, located in Media, Upper Darby, and Chester. More information, including location and hours of operation can be found here: delcopa.gov/vsc

Voters are also reminded that many of the answers to their questions can be easily found on the updated elections website: Delco Votes! The website features a user-friendly interface and includes the latest deadlines, forms, applications, and news for voters, candidates, poll workers, and media. Learn more here: delcopa.gov/vote

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