



# Swarthmore Rotary Cog Notes

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SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

March 3, 2022

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## Meetings and Events

March

3rd - [Swarthmore Weekly Club Meeting](#)

Speaker: Lee A. Smithey, Ph.D., Swarthmore College, Peace and Conflict Studies

Subject: The Delaware County Homicide Database: A Campus/Government Partnership

10th - [Swarthmore Weekly Club Meeting](#)

Speaker: Mary Ann Santagelo, Community Volunteer Leader, American Red Cross

Subject: Introducing the new American Red Cross Delaware Valley Chapter

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## Table Grace

By Frederick E. Christian

**Eternal God, we believe that your thoughts concerning us are always those of kindness, love, and peace. When so many are taking time for self-examination, help us to assess our responses to what you do for us. Give us grateful hearts and responsive wills to do unto others as you have first done for us. Amen.**

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## 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?

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## Club News

**During the Rotary Moment, Hogie Hansen noted that Rotary was founded February 23, 1905 by Paul Harris in Chicago. Harris died in 1927. Before his death, he asked his friends to make contributions to the Rotary Fund instead of sending flowers. His friends donated \$1.3**

Kenneth J. Wright  
Club Director  
Greg Brown  
President-Nominee  
Cathleen Darrell  
Attendance  
Secretary  
Richard Shimko  
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## Service Quotation

Be the change you wish to see in the world. ~ Gandhi

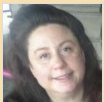
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## Rotary Celebrations!

### Birthdays



Randolph B. Winton  
March 5th



Helena Adams  
March 5th



Sonya Pappas  
March 6th



G. Holger Hansen  
March 7th

### Wedding Anniversaries

No Wedding Anniversaries Found

### Years of Service

Sonya Pappas  
03-08-2018

million.

**President Kathryn Jones mentioned Rotary Club of Chester is holding a Bingo fundraiser on March 18. April 30 is Rotary at Work Day. Josh Twersky discussed the World of Work. He told us that he anticipates needing 25 to 30 volunteers for the day in May. This is the event where Swarthmore Rutledge School 5<sup>th</sup> graders present entrepreneur projects and visit Town Center businesses. The volunteers escort the students and then return to the school to watch the presentations by the students.**

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## Last Meeting Summary



**Delaware County Councilwoman Christine Reuther's talk generated so many questions that we ran out of time before they all could be answered. Christine was part of the blue wave of Democratic County Council candidates that swept the Republicans out of power in 2020 for the first time since 1875. Their campaign focused on three issues: establish a county health department, return the County prison to public control, and modernize the election process. She took office right before Covid started. Although combating the pandemic became the County government's priority, Christine said progress was made on achieving all of the new administration's goals. The County Public Health Department was established and is awaiting State certification. The purpose of the new department is to take coordinated actions to prevent illnesses. Even though the Department was not completely operational, it took a leading role in organizing the response to Covid. Christine said there were two main reasons that**



4 Years

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## Happy Dollars

pledge \$2,817

2020-21 : \$3,892

2019-20: \$3,344

2018-2019: \$3,845

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## Guests Last Meeting

Linton Stables

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**Delaware County did not have a health department previously: money and money. First of all, establishing a new government department costs money. Secondly, some towns did not want to give up the fees they currently collect doing health inspections in homes and businesses. Christine believes public operation of the County prison will save money in the long run. More importantly, she believes that government should be control of prisons. Also, private companies should not make a profit from prisoners. Christine stated the County is working to reduce the number of individuals going to prison. She noted that a large portion of the prison population is those incarcerated for minor parole violations. Many of the inmates have mental illnesses and are non-violent. The County is working to divert some persons from going to prison when it would be better for society if they were managed in, for example, treatment centers.**

**The County modernized its election machines while having to handle a surge in mail-in ballot requests in 2020. The election this year has another problem. The redistricting maps for this election have not been finalized yet. This is preventing the preparation of the ballots for the primaries. If you requested a mail-in ballot, Christine warned that you might receive it very close to or after the mailing deadline. If that happens, she referred us to the County Board of Elections website for guidance.**

**The questions by Rotarians covered the topics of voting, 911 system modernization, and environmental sustainability and equality.**

**Christine ended her talk by stating that the County may need volunteer help from Rotarians and other individuals to administer the primary and**



**general elections.**

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