



Swarthmore Rotary Cog Notes



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Service Quotation

"Service which is rendered without joy helps neither the servant nor the served. But all other pleasures and possessions pale into nothingness before service which is rendered in a spirit of joy."

- Mahatma Gandhi

Rotary Celebrations!

Birthdays

No Birthdays Found

Wedding Anniversaries

Meetings and Events

October

31st - Meeting
Speaker: Club Assembly
Subject: Assembly

November

7th - Meeting
Speaker: John Billheimer
Subject: Author presentation, Hitchcock and the Censors

14th - Meeting
Speaker: David McKeighan, MSW, Executive Director Delaware County Medical Society
Subject: Delaware County Medical Society:Public Health Initiatives in Delco.

21st - Meeting
Speaker: Beth Koniers Brown, Director Delaware River Watershed Program, Audubon PA
Subject: Protecting the Delaware River Watershed for Birds and People

Table Grace

By Frederick E. Christian

Lord, you have brought forth giants through the ages who have fostered fresh ideas, whether in industry, education, business, or religion: a Moses, who fostered freedom, and others for whom we are grateful. Thank you for Paul Harris, who gave us Rotary. Inspire us through these expansive ideas and ideals and those who fostered them to show our gratitude for the legacy they have left us. Accept now our thanks for this hour together. 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





Dr. Lou Klarevas, author of Rampage Nation: Securing America from Mass Shootings, told us there are reasonable actions that can be taken to reduce the number of persons killed in mass shootings significantly. Dr. Klarevas is a professor at Columbia University and he has studied terrorism for over 20 years. He said the Federal Assault Weapons Ban (AWB), which was in effect from 1994 to 2004, reduced the number of deaths from mass shootings to half of those in the previous decade. In the decade after the AWB expired, the number of deaths has tripled. (See below for a description of the AWB.)


Dr. Klarevas found that one recent development in mass shootings has been the use of large capacity magazines (LCM). Some of the LCMs can hold over 100 rounds of ammunition. LCMs are one of the reasons shooters can kill so many people so quickly. The Las Vegas shooter was able to kill or wound over 500 people in about ten minutes, or almost one person per second. He said mass shootings in incidents where LCMs were used had

 **Kathryn Jones**
November 1st

Years of Service

 **Dennis Hoffman**
11-01-1988
31 Years

 **Kenneth J. Wright**
11-01-1998
21 Years

 **Joe Lesniak**
11-01-2012
7 Years

Happy Dollars

\$1324

2019-20 Happy Dollars
for Polio Plus Fund
(\$3 to fully protect one child)

2018-19 total: \$3,845
2017-18 total: \$4,515
2016-17 total: \$3,756

Guests Last Meeting

Anthoula Zissimos, Mary
Militello,
Peter Atsaves (all guests
of Maria)
Gus Pappas (Sonya's husband)

Mark Your Calendars:

Ed Jones Memorial Service
Sat., Nov. 9

57% more deaths than those without LCMs. Unfortunately, most mass shooters are now using LCMs. Dr. Klarevas believed banning the sale of LCMs, which was an element of the Assault Weapon Ban, would likely result in fewer mass shooting deaths.

In response to questions, Dr. Klarevas said there is zero correlation between playing video games and being a mass shooter. He said social media was not a contributing factor in most mass shootings although there have been a few cases where the shooters were influenced by social media.

A description of the Federal Assault Weapon Ban from Wikipedia.org follows:

The Act prohibited the manufacture, transfer, or possession of "semiautomatic assault weapons," as defined by the Act. "Weapons banned were identified either by specific make or model (including copies or duplicates thereof, in any caliber), or by specific characteristics that slightly varied according to whether the weapon was a pistol, rifle, or shotgun" The Act also prohibited the manufacture of "large capacity ammunition feeding devices" (LCAFDs) except for sale to government, law enforcement or military, though magazines made before the effective date ("pre-ban" magazines) were legal to possess & transfer. An LCAFD was defined as "any magazine, belt, drum, feed strip, or similar device manufactured after the date [of the act] that has the capacity of, or that can be readily restored or converted to accept, more than 10 rounds of ammunition". The definition of "assault weapon" included specific semi-automatic firearm models by name, and other semi-automatic firearms that possessed two or more from a set certain features.

WHYY volunteer Activity

The following Rotarians volunteered to answer phones at the WHYY fund drive on October 26: Perri, Evanson, Anne Hansen, Ray Hopkins, Lori Markusfeld, Hillard Pouncy, Gladys Snively, Jim Snively, Marty Spiegel, George Whitfield, Ken Wright, and Maria Zissimos.

