



# Swarthmore Rotary Cog Notes



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## Service Quotation

"The more you become aware of and respond to the needs of others, the richer your own life becomes."

Mollie Marti, author

## Rotary Celebrations!

### Birthdays



Randolph B. Winton  
March 5th



Sonya Pappas  
March 6th

### Wedding Anniversaries

No Wedding Anniversaries  
Found

### Years of Service

## Meetings and Events

March

5th - Meeting

Speaker: Jill Bennett Gieski and Lori Kettering Knauer, Owners, Village Vine, Swarthmore  
Subject: Mission Grape: Opening Swarthmore's First Wine Bar

12th - Meeting

Speaker: Mark Hopkins, Director at Moody's Analytics  
Subject: The Next Recession

## Table Grace

By Frederick E. Christian

Eternal God, we believe that your thoughts concerning us are always those of kindness, love, and peace in this Lenten season. 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.

## 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



Bridget Scott, who received a Swarthmore Rotary grant, told us about her year in South Africa as a Fulbright Scholar. The Fulbright Scholars Program is a U. S. government initiative to exchange scholars to promote cultural interchange.

Bridget said she chose to go to South Africa because of its complex history and environmental issues. She was an English teaching assistant at Embizwen High School for ten months. Bridget received a \$800 grant from Swarthmore Rotary to purchase books for the High School library. She said she used the money to purchase 76 books from diverse authors.

Bridget was busy during her time in South Africa. In addition to helping teach English, she hosted a girls club, launched a fundraiser to purchase school supplies, and started a pen pal program with an American high school. She finished her talk by showing a video thank you message from the school principal to Swarthmore Rotary for our grant. Bridget was undoubtedly an excellent ambassador from Swarthmore to South Africa.

## Interview with Brian Craig

During his 28 years as a Philadelphia policeman, Brian Craig met some of "the most scary people you can imagine". Then he came to Swarthmore, which was, hopefully, a change for the better. He almost didn't take the job of Swarthmore police chief. Brian said he considered his interview at Swarthmore as practice to develop his interviewing skills. When he saw Swarthmore, his thought was "this place is too small". He was all set to



Sonya Pappas  
03-08-2018  
2 Years

## Happy Dollars

\$2074

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

Hogie Hansen (Ann's husband)  
Sharon Scott (speaker's mother)

turn down Swarthmore's job offer when then Council President Eck Gerner talked to him for an hour and a half and convinced him to accept the position. Fortunately for Swarthmore, Eck Gerner must be very persuasive. Brian was police chief from 1998 to 2019. Of course, the job of Swarthmore police chief was quite different from Philadelphia policeman. In addition to encountering less scary people (hopefully), the problems he had to deal with were different. Brian said his relationship with the college was a challenge at first. At first there was some friction because the Swarthmore town police would issue citations to drunken college students. Brian said the college became more positive when he explained to them that the drunken students would receive counseling, not incarceration, following their arrest. Brian told of a recent typical incident that also demonstrates the difference between Philadelphia and Swarthmore police work. An elderly woman called the police to report a noise. The responding officer determined that the noise was coming from an outside lawn umbrella blowing in the wind. While there, the officer changed a light bulb and, when he noticed that the woman didn't have much food in the house, he ordered some food to be delivered.

Brian was born in Philadelphia, the son and grandson of two Philadelphia policemen. Brian initially had other career plans. He enrolled in college, which was to be partially financed by membership in the Navy ROTC. This lasted only until his first month long training cruise, during which he was sea-sick the whole time. As soon as he got back on dry land, Brian quit the ROTC and college as well. Brian decided to follow his destiny and, at age 19, he joined the Philadelphia police force. He was with there from 1971 to 1998. One of the highlights of his service was spending three weeks in England working with the Avon and Somerset constabulary. Along the way, Brian attended night school at Villanova to obtain Bachelors and Masters degrees. Brian said being with serious, hard-working fellow students at night helped offset the cynicism one might acquire by working with criminals during the day.

Brian said he was recruited to Rotary by Putty Willets and Ann Seidman. He joined in 1999. He likes the speakers, networking, and the social involvement of Rotary. Brian was President of Swarthmore Rotary in 2002-2003. In 2012, the elected President quit after two months. Brian graciously agreed to fill in as President for the balance of the year. According to the list of Presidents, Brian is the only person to serve two terms.

Brian married his wife, Pauline, in 1972. They have two children, Monica, who lives in Collegeville, PA, and John Paul, who lives in Florida. They have one grandchild, Julian, age 2. Brian and Pauline live in the Rockborough section of Philadelphia.

We have all heard Brian talk about participating in car rallies with Pauline. If you don't know what a car rally is, suffice to say that it requires a combination of good driving and good navigation skills. Brian is the driver and Pauline is the navigator. For the last six years they have been national winners in the Jaguar driver's division. They clearly are quite a team.

One of Brian's other interest is taking nature photographs, such as in a local park. Brian likes to read biographies, history and mystery novels. A particular favorite author is Jonathan Kellerman. Along the same lines, he likes to watch British crime shows on TV.

We all wish Brian a well-deserved retirement after his many years on the rough streets of Philadelphia and Swarthmore.