



Swarthmore Rotary Cog Notes

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Service Quotation

"Bad men need nothing more to compass their ends, than that good men should look on and do nothing."
John Stuart Mill,

Rotary Celebrations!

Birthdays

Joshua Twersky
October 11th

Wedding Anniversaries

No Wedding Anniversaries Found

Years of Service

Meetings and Events

October

8th - [Meeting](#)

Speaker: Greg Brown, VP Swarthmore College
Subject: Higher Education and Adapting to COVID-19

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

Table Grace

By Frederick E. Christian

Lord, how can we ever thank you adequately? You have asked of us only to do justly, love mercy and walk humbly before you. Inspire us so to do this to the praise of your name. 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

Kerry Sautner is an enthusiastic speaker on topics related to the U.S. Constitution and elections.

She is the Chief Learning Officer at the National Constitution Center (NCC) in Philadelphia. At the beginning of her talk, Kerry solicited questions from the audience. She then proceeded to answer the questions. Along the way she provided information about opportunities to learn at the NCC.

For example, there is a series of interactive, live Zoom classes about the constitution. The classes being offered during October are listed below.

Kerry spent most of her time discussing the Electoral College. She explained that the Electoral College was established because the Founders did not trust the public to vote responsibly. They thought the President should be elected by the elites, which at that time were property-owning white men. In answer to a question, Kerry explained that the Electoral College members from each state have to cast their votes for the winner of the popular election in that state. This was only recently decided by the Supreme Court.

Kerry said she goes back and forth on the issue of whether the Electoral College should be abolished. She always remembers that Abraham Lincoln lost the popular vote but was elected in the Electoral College. In any case, Kerry said the Electoral College is unlikely to be abolished because doing so would require a constitutional amendment.

Ann K. Seidman
10-11-1996
24 Years

Happy Dollars

pledge \$1011

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

Joan Haggerty (SSCA)

Check status of voting

During the general discussion at the meeting, we were told that we could check the status of our voting registration at votespa.com. This is an official Commonwealth of Pennsylvania website. I tried the website and it works.

National Constitution Center video classes

Live Interactive Classes on the Constitution on ConstitutionCenter.org: Part lecture and part lively conversation, Scholar Exchanges give students the opportunity to learn about constitutional issues, while interacting with a constitutional expert, historian, or federal judge. Sessions are open to the public so that students, teachers, and parents can join in a constitutional discussion with our scholars, including President and CEO Jeffrey Rosen and Chief Learning Officer Kerry Sautner. Each session begins with a current constitutional event that engages students of all ages in a relevant discussion. The scholars also answer student questions. Open-source, 30-to-45-minute sessions take place on Monday and Wednesday, with sessions for middle school students at 12 p.m. ET and high school and college students at 2 p.m. ET. Additional sessions on Fridays at 1 p.m. ET are open to learners of all ages.

Article II: The Presidency and the Executive Branch (Week of October 12) In this session, students will explore the powers of the president. The class will take a close look at Article II of the Constitution, which addresses the presidency and the executive branch. Students will cover the role of the president written into the Constitution, major Supreme Court battles over presidential power, and how the president's powers have expanded over time. · Register for High School and College Session Oct. 12 and 14 at 2 p.m. ET · Register for All Ages Session Oct. 16 at 1 p.m. ET

Voting Rights Amendments Session (Week of October 19) In this session, students learn about voting rights in America through a historical exploration of the right to vote in America. Where does the Constitution protect the right to vote? What role did the amendment process play in shaping voting rights? What has the Supreme Court said about the right to vote over time? · Register for High School and College Session Oct. 19 and 21 at 2 p.m. ET · Register for All Ages Session Oct. 23 at 1 p.m. ET

Constitutional Battles of the Branches (Week of October 26) In this session, students focus on separation of powers and how the Constitution set up a system of checks and balances between the different branches of government. Our Constitution set up this system to ensure that no one branch of government would become too powerful, but where did this idea come from and how has this been tested over time in America? From Andrew Jackson and the battle over the country's national bank to modern conversations around COVID-19, students will engage in a lively and fast-paced conversation. · Register for High School and College Session Oct. 26 and 28 at 2 p.m. ET · Register for All Ages Session Oct. 30 at 1 p.m. ET