



Swarthmore Rotary Cog Notes

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Service Quotation

The time is always right to do what's right.
Martin Luther King Jr.

Rotary Celebrations!

Birthdays

Michael D. Malone
February 25th

Wedding Anniversaries

No Wedding Anniversaries Found

Meetings and Events

February

25th - [Club Meeting](#)
Speaker: Collin Darrell, Business Consultant to Hawaiian farms and restaurants
Subject: Hawaiian Agriculture & Hospitality - Past / Present / Future

March

4th - [Club Meeting](#)
Speaker: Robert Boone, President/CEO South Central Workforce Development Board, Kentucky
Subject: #workforcedev Through Remote Access Learning: Kentucky's Solution for Virtual Statewide Career Services
11th - [Club Meeting](#)
Speaker: Mike Litka, General Manager, Swarthmore Co-op
Subject: COVID and the Co-op: 1 year later..

Table Grace

By Frederick E. Christian

A writer of old asks, "What have we that we did not first receive?" The question haunts us to this day. Your gifts and bounty toward us, O Lord, are beyond measure. Teach us to use them aright as we pursue the ideals of Rotary, and keep us ever grateful for what we have received from your hand. 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?

Club News

Carr Everbach, Professor of Engineering at Swarthmore College, would like to become a member of The Rotary Club of Swarthmore. He is sponsored by Soyna Pappas and Ann Seidman. Ann Seidman, Joy Charlton, Greg Brown, Barbara Whitaker-Shimko and Bill Hale met with Carr via Zoom on February 11 and all agree he would be a great asset to the club. Club members were invited to voice objections to Carr's membership within three days.

Last Meeting Summary

Dan Hopkins told us that the political choices of Americans change very slowly. He used the term "move at the margins" several times to describe the limited impact that various factors have had on the recent election. Dan is a Professor of Political Science at the University of Pennsylvania. The great majority of voters consistently vote for the same the party. For most voters, the campaign does not change their political views. What changes is whether or not the person decides to vote. The reason power changes hands is because the balance of power between the two parties is very even so marginal voters make a big difference.

Years of Service

John R. Kaufman
03-01-1981
40 Years
Dan Honig
02-27-2014
7 Years

Happy Dollars

pledge \$2,611

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

Dan Snyder, Linton Stables
Gudrun Weinberg, Mary
Clinton
Marc and Judy Wertheimer

In this last election, both parties had a very high turnout. While more suburban voters went for Biden, more minorities went for Trump. Dan noted that the public is more polarized in its view towards Trump than it is towards most politicians.

Dan supported every other expert by saying the 2020 election was very fair and honest. He said most voters think the election was fair. That is good news for democracy.

Dan Hopkins' writings

It appeared to me that Dan Hopkins's view is that the state of American politics is not quite as bad as it seems. Here are some recent writings by Dan that reflect that view.

From "The Rise of Trump, The Fall of Prejudice?", *Public Opinion Quarterly*, Volume 84, Issue 1, Spring 2020 Abstract

In his campaign and first few years in office, Donald Trump consistently defied contemporary norms by using explicit, negative rhetoric targeting ethnic/racial minorities. Did this rhetoric lead White Americans to express more or less prejudiced views of African Americans or Hispanics, whether through changing norms around racial prejudice or other mechanisms? We assess that question using a thirteen-wave panel conducted with a population-based sample of Americans between 2008 and 2018. We find that via most measures, White Americans' expressed anti-Black and anti-Hispanic prejudice *declined* after Trump's political emergence, and we can rule out even small increases in the expression of prejudice. These results suggest the limits of racially charged rhetoric's capacity to heighten prejudice among White Americans overall. They also indicate that rather than being a fixed predisposition, prejudice can shift by reacting against changing presidential rhetoric.

From [fivethirtyeight.com](https://www.fivethirtyeight.com) post "White Americans say they are less prejudiced" 7/23/19:

The issues of racism and racial divisions in politics are front and center again in the wake of President Trump's tweets and comments about [four congresswomen of color](#). But a key question is whether Trump's behavior in recent years has led to an increase in racism in the U.S.

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But in fact, there is [evidence](#) that Trump's election did not make Americans more racist; instead, it may have emboldened those who were already prejudiced. As FiveThirtyEight contributor Matt Grossman [wrote last October](#), the research doesn't show "an overall *increase* in racist and sexist attitudes among white voters; rather, the evidence shows that liberal-leaning voters moved *away* from [Trump's] views faster than conservatives moved toward them." Levels of [implicit bias](#) have dropped in the last decade, too.

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For a president who has routinely made appeals to white voters' racial anxieties, it might sound counterintuitive that white Americans have become less prejudiced since his election. But by elevating racially charged issues, Trump's rhetoric has also [reinforced the connection](#) between some voters' racial attitudes and their presidential voting. And that means while white Americans may say they're less prejudiced, racial issues may have more influence in how they are voting than they did in the past.