



# Swarthmore Rotary Cog Notes

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## Service Quotation

Act as if what you do makes a difference. It does.  
William James

## Rotary Celebrations!

Birthdays

No Birthdays Found

Wedding Anniversaries

Anthony Coschignano  
May 19th

Years of Service

No Years Of Service Found

## Meetings and Events

May

13th - [Club Meeting](#)

Speaker: MacDara King, Executive Producer of Great Decisions on PBS  
Subject: Making 'Great Decisions' on PBS

20th - [Club Meeting](#)

Speaker: Dr. Mark Hopkins, Director, Moody's Analytics  
Subject: "Building Back Better: Will Biden's Plan Lead us to Fiscal Collapse, or Save Us From It?"

27th - [Club Meeting](#)

Speaker: Richard Shimko, head of the scholarship committee  
Subject: Club Addresses from Scholarship Recipients

## Table Grace

By Frederick E. Christian

**Almighty God, we pray that all people may be inspired by a stronger desire to live in a world of justice and peace. Help us to realize that this order must begin within us and prompt us daily through Rotary ideals, to do those things which make the dream possible. 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

By William Clinton Hale

**The "we'll feed you if you feed the hungry" event will be moved to mid-June because the Inn at Swarthmore chef will be away in late May. The installation of incoming President Kathryn Jones and her board will take place on June 24.**

## Last Meeting Summary

By William Clinton Hale

**Ms. Frances M. Sheehan spoke to the Club. She is the first President of Delaware County's largest philanthropy, The Foundation for Delaware County, an independent public foundation formed on July 1, 2016. She came to the Foundation six months later, after serving as the founding President and CEO of the Brandywine Health Foundation in Coatesville, Chester County for 15 years. Prior to that, she ran Planned Parenthood of Chester County. She is also a member of the Media Rotary Club. The Foundation for Delaware County is a community foundation with the mission to create a vibrant future for Delaware County by promoting generosity, improving the well-being of our residents and energizing participation and partnership across our communities. With 60 staff operating in four offices, the Foundation provides philanthropic services to donors, non-profits and professional advisors, support non-profits improving the County, makes grants to launch new initiatives, runs high-quality, evidence-based public health programs such as the Nurse-Family Partnership, Healthy Start Home Visiting and the Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC), and runs the Delco Housing Stability Initiative.**

**Last year the Foundation distributed \$4.65 million in impact grants, \$1 million to the County**

3,317

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

Covid-19 Response Fund, \$3 million to Delco Strong, and \$100k to the Delaware County Census Action Fund. It also created and contributed to a new Public Health Fund (supporting the Delco Health Department) and various Donor Advised Funds and other Restricted Funds. The Foundation offers various types of funds including donor-advised funds, designated funds, field-of-interest funds, scholarship funds, endowed funds and non-endowed funds and has various planned giving options including gift annuities, charitable remainder trusts, charitable lead trusts, gifts of complicated assets, life insurance and bequests. It has brought community leaders together and supported “On the Table”, WHY?’s enhanced reporting of Delco news, the new Delco Public Health Department, the Center for Nonprofit Excellence, and the Delaware County Citizens Corps. It provides management services to entities such as the Delco Circle of Giving and Libraries Foundation and for events such as: “Girls Night Out” and Delco Art Week. The Foundation serves as leaders who know philanthropy and the players in Delco and can help donors bring their generous visions to life.

## Descriptive materials from Foundation website

The following two excerpts are from delcofoundation.org. The first excerpt give some history and describes the mission

Our roots in Delaware County are deep. We trace our history back to the nonprofit Crozer-Keystone Health System and its affiliated hospitals. Collectively, they served our community for more than a century. However, when Prospect Medical Holdings Inc. acquired Crozer-Keystone in 2016, the health system ceased being a nonprofit organization. Federal law requires that the nonprofit assets of the original entity be set aside in a fully separate and independent charity. That paved the way for our opening in July 1, 2016 as the largest Delaware County community foundation.

### **Mission**

To create a vibrant future for Delaware County by promoting generosity in and for the people of our county, improving the well-being of our residents, and energizing participation and partnership across our communities.

At The Foundation for Delaware County, we fulfill our mission by...

**INVESTING AND MANAGING** charitable funds created by local individuals, families and organizations

**HELPING DONORS** bring their philanthropic vision to life, creating a legacy for years to come

**STRENGTHENING NONPROFITS** through charitable grants, training and other resources

**PROVIDING LEADERSHIP** and insight on important issues in our region and convening partners together into effective collaboration

**DELIVERING VITAL SERVICES** by providing high-quality, results-based public health programs to county residents in need.

This excerpt is the story of how a couple worked with the Foundation to establish a scholarship program.

After a tragic accident in which their daughter Jenny died at age 19, Rick and Carol Parton wished to honor her legacy. The Partons felt that the best way they could honor Jenny and her legacy was to provide scholarships for other students with learning disabilities who need financial support.

Today, more than 20 years later, the Partons are on a mission to annually award one graduating Garnet Valley senior with learning disabilities a \$2,000 scholarship for each year of college. The student can use those funds to pay for tuition, to purchase textbooks and more.

For the Partons, The Foundation for Delaware County was an ideal match for their philanthropic goals. Not only could they establish a scholarship fund in memory of Jenny, they could also establish a donor-advised fund with their appreciated stock to manage all their philanthropic activity in one place. All this came without the burden and worry of the back-office tasks.

Rick and Carol have included the foundation in their wills so that both funds may continue in perpetuity. The Partons feel fortunate that they can provide opportunities for others, and they are grateful for the support that the foundation provides to help them fulfill their charitable goals.