



Swarthmore Rotary Cog Notes

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February 3,
2022

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Meetings and Events

February

3rd - [Swarthmore Weekly Club Meeting](#)

Speaker: Nicole Pollard, Curator of Lived Culture, Philadelphia Contemporary

Subject: Say Hi to Philadelphia Contemporary

10th - [Swarthmore Weekly Club Meeting](#)

Speaker: Julie Zantopoulos, author, A Curse in Ash

Subject: From Idea to Publication: Writing a Fantasy Novel

17th - [Swarthmore Weekly Club Meeting](#)

Speaker: Club Assembly

Subject: Club Assembly

Table Grace

By Frederick E. Christian

Lord of our land, we recall with gratitude during this month those leaders of our nation who have made it a better place because they came this way. Help us to know that your hand is ever upon us and our land and give us thankful hearts for all your blessings. 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

Bill Hale presided.

Elizabeth Church gave the Rotary Moment. She told us about a Chicago rap music artist who supported a Rotary International Ambassador grant.

Rotary Foundation
Chair

Kenneth J. Wright
Club Director

Greg Brown
President-Nominee

Cathleen Darrell
Attendance

Secretary

Richard Shimko
Bulletin Editor

Karen Aleta
Mazzarella-Russo
Assistant Governor

Carr Everbach commended Cathy Darrell for reaching out to members who haven't attended a meeting for a while.

Last Meeting Summary

Like many others, I focus on national and international news, even though the news about local and state events has more impact on my daily life. Our state senator, Tim Kearney, told us some of the important news about what is going on at the state legislature.

As a member of the minority party, Tim can only pass laws by working with a Republican. He gave two examples of when he had done so. He developed a bill that would help local fire departments cooperate on administrative duties such as training, hiring, and paper-work. After developing the bill, he got a Republican to co-sponsor and expedite the bill. On another bill, he got a Republican to co-sponsor legalizing fentanyl test strips. These strips will allow illegal drug users to determine if a street drug contains deadly fentanyl. Although Tim explained the importance of working with Republicans, he criticized many of the bills the Republican controlled legislature has enacted. Tim said that Governor Wolf vetoes bad legislation.

Club members expressed concern about several local issues such as sale of non-regulated drugs in Swarthmore. Another is that some municipalities rely on State Police for law enforcement, without having to pay for their services. While Tim said he was aware of these issues, he didn't think anything could be done at present.

Service Quotation

Action expresses priorities. ~
Gandhi

Rotary Celebrations!

Birthdays



Chris Hanlon
February 4th

Wedding Anniversaries

No Wedding
Anniversaries Found

Years of Service



Rudolf S. Amann
02-08-1999
23 Years

Happy Dollars

pledge \$2,602

2020-21 : \$3,892

Role of PA Legislature in Presidential Election

I am interested in whether the PA legislature can name the members of

2019-20: \$3,344

2018-2019: \$3,845

Guests Last Meeting

Sara Pita
Gudrun Weinberg
Frances Sheehan
Sara McCollough

the presidential Electoral College, regardless of the outcome of the popular vote. I did some research on the issue. The answer appears to be No and Yes.

At <https://www.legis.state.pa.us/>, I found the following PA law: Act 320, Article XV, Section 1501:

“Election of Presidential Electors.--At the general election to be held in the year 1940, and every fourth year thereafter, there shall be elected by the qualified electors of the Commonwealth, persons to be known as electors of President and Vice-President of the United States, and referred to in this act as presidential electors, equal in number to the whole number of senators and representatives to which this State may be entitled in the Congress of the United States.”

At <https://www.commonwealthfoundation.org/>, the term “electors” was clarified to mean the PA voters. In fact, then Senate Majority Leader Jake Corman (a Republican) said in an interview with the Philadelphia Inquirer, 11/19/20:

“Interviewer: Tell me about the state legislature’s role with regard to the rest of the process. There are a lot of people worried about some sort of overturning of results.

Senator Corman: The electors are selected by the winner of the popular vote. That is in our state statute. The only way, I think — and I’m still not even sure we could do it — the only way the legislature would have a role in electors is if there was no certification of the results. If we were at the time when the Electoral College is going to meet and Pennsylvania’s results haven’t been certified and it’s still challenged in court, and there’s no end to that, then possibly the legislature would have a role there.”

The certification he is referring to is by the PA Secretary of State.

Therefore, it appears that the PA Secretary of State will have an important role to play in the 2024 Presidential election.

