



Swarthmore Rotary Cog Notes

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SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

March 10,
2022

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Club Director

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Club Director

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Chair

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Club Programs Chair

Barbara Whitaker-
Shimko

Meetings and Events

March

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

Speaker: Mary Ann Santagelo, Community Volunteer Leader,
American Red Cross

Subject: Introducing the new American Red Cross Delaware
Valley Chapter

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

Speaker: hold for new town manager

Table Grace

By Frederick E. Christian

**Lord, we thank you for the privilege of working in this favored
community in your service for the sake of country and humanity.
Grant us the assurance that no blessing will ever be withheld from us
if we do justly and walk humbly in your sight. We thank you for our
association In Rotary. 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

**President Kathryn Jones announced that the Club will have in-person
meetings at the Inn on March 17, 24, and 31. After that, the Club will
meet in-person about half the time and on Zoom the rest.**

**Elizabeth Churché's Rotary Moment celebrated a Rotary club in Turkey
that sponsored a literacy program for women. One of their students had**

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Kenneth J. Wright
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Greg Brown
President-Nominee

Cathleen Darrell
Attendance
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no arms so she was using her feet to write. The club helped the woman get a prosthetic arm.

Heather Saunders proposed that Swarthmore Rotary sponsor the Chester Rotary Club's Bingo fund raiser. She proposed donating \$280, which would allow two Rotarians to attend the event on Friday, March 18. If you are interested in donating or attending, please contact Heather. Kathryn said Heather is working on increasing collaboration between the Swarthmore, Chester, and Media clubs.

David Firn reported that the Club is considering restarting participation in the Adopt-A-Highway program. The Club has participated in the past. David said the Club has two options for level of participation: picking up litter only or beautifying the area in addition to picking up litter. The Board will decide.

Kathryn requested a volunteer to organize the Block Party this summer.

Service Quotation

Wherever one
turns he can find
someone who
needs him.
~Albert
Schweitzer

Rotary Celebrations!

Birthdays

No Birthdays Found

Wedding Anniversaries

No Wedding
Anniversaries Found

Years of Service

No Years Of Service
Found

Happy Dollars

pledge \$2,887

2020-21 : \$3,892

Last Meeting Summary

We all worry about crime. The ultimate crime is homicide. If we want to get information on national or state homicide trends, we can easily find it online. What if we want local details?

Swarthmore College professor Lee Smithey told about the database of Delaware County homicides that he is developing with his students. The database, the Delaware County Homicides Database, is available online at delcohomicides.swarthmore.edu. Work on the database has been a class project in his Gun Violence Prevention course since 2013.

The goal of Lee and his students in developing the database is to raise awareness of local gun violence. They have collected information from official and unofficial (ex, newspapers) sources. The database covers the period 2005 to 2019. The information is presented graphically, using a

2019-20: \$3,344

2018-2019: \$3,845

Guests Last Meeting

No Guests.

map that shows homicide locations and various graphs, bar and pie charts that present details of homicides by age, gender, and type of weapon.

While the database supports some of my beliefs about homicides, it contained a few surprises. As expected, the homicide victims were mostly black. Almost half the victims are in their 20's. The two hotspots are Chester and the East Landownes/Darby area, which adjoins Philadelphia. Most homicides are caused by guns. Depending on our political party, we tend to believe that crime is either increasing or decreasing. In fact, the homicide rate in Delaware County has been fairly constant over the period 2005 to 2019. While this part of Delaware County is by no means a homicide hot spot, there have been murders nearby. The closest ones are: Wallingford (off of Yale Ave.), Springfield (one near Chick-fil-A, and one in the Smedley Park area), and Media (off of Providence Road north of the Pike).

This database may make us worry more or less. It at least provides us with some facts.

