



# Swarthmore Rotary Cog Notes

P.O. Box 4, Swarthmore, PA 19081



September 15, 2022

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Happy Dollars

pledge \$826  
2021-2022 \$4,476

Rotary Celebrations!

Birthdays

No Birthdays Found

Wedding Anniversaries

## Meetings and Events

September 15th  
Swarthmore Weekly Club Meeting (Inn)  
Speaker: Linda Coulstone, Member, Transition  
Town, Media PA  
Subject: How to Be a Bee City (Live)

September 29th  
Swarthmore Weekly Club Meeting (Inn)  
Speaker: Abigail Cengel, Director, Swarthmore  
Public Library  
Subject: Swarthmore Public Library: Looking to  
the Future (Live)

September 22nd  
Swarthmore Weekly Club Meeting (Inn)  
Speaker: Michael Carey, CFA, Carey Investment  
Solutions, Registered Investment Advisor  
Subject: What is Bitcoin? (Live)

October 6th  
Swarthmore Weekly Club Meeting (Inn)  
Speaker: District Attorney Jack Stollsteimer  
Subject: The Chester Partnership for Safe  
Neighborhoods: A Progress Report

## Service Quotation

If I can stop one heart from breaking, I shall not live in vain;  
If I can ease one life the aching,  
Or cool one pain,  
Or help one fainting robin  
Unto his nest again,  
I shall not live in vain.

Emily Dickinson

## 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

**NOTE: Volunteers are needed before today's meeting to insert the Fun Fair supplement into the Swarthmorean. Volunteers will meet at the Inn at 10 am. Help is also needed to solicit groups to march in the parade. In addition, we need to solicit volunteer to be dunked in the dunk tank.**

**Rotary Moment – Elizabeth Church told us September 8 is International Literacy Day. Unfortunately, more than 900 million individuals can't read or write and two thirds of them are women. Elizabeth gave us three examples of how Rotary clubs are helping. A Georgia club supports the local Adult Literacy Center. A Nigeria club established a program to teach literacy and then have the students teach others at their workplace. In India, a club started five literacy centers in remote areas.**

## Last Meeting Summary



**A difference of 10,000 votes between two candidates in an election with five million voters may not seem like much. James Allen, the Director of Election Operations in Delaware County, disagrees, feeling that difference is sufficient to indicated the winner without a doubt. He said the U.S. voting system is very accurate. Vote recounts almost always are very close to the original count. James said the reason for this accuracy is a lot of hard work by voting officials and many volunteers.**

Norman Ledwin Jr.  
September 19th

Years of Service

No Years Of Service Found

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## Guests Last Meeting

Jim Snively  
Matt (Joe's guest)

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James was a little envious of an establishment such as Starbucks that has a stable workforce that does the same activity every day. By contrast, the voting system is operated by a very large volunteer staff who need to set up many temporary voting locations (428 in Delaware County) for one or two days a year. An added complication is the recent increase in hostility towards the voting staff by some members of the public. These complications are addressed by doing a lot of training and contingency planning. There is a multi-layered security system in place to prevent voter fraud. Because of these systems, James assured us that there is very little voter fraud.

### Delaware County voter fraud allegations

I was not aware of it but Delaware County is famous in some circles as a hot bed of election fraud in the 2020 election. A lawsuit alleging that was recently dismissed.

The following is excerpted from the Delco Times, July 21, 2022:

“A Delaware County judge dismissed a case alleging fraud in the 2020 general election, according to court documents and county officials.

On July 8, Delaware County Court of Common Pleas Court Judge John J. Whelan dismissed the complaint with prejudice, after sustaining the objections in their entirety.

On Jan. 1, 159th Legislative District candidate Ruth Moton, Bethel Township Republican Committeewoman Leah Hoopes and Republican election watcher Gregory Stenstrom filed a 104-page complaint alleging common law fraud and negligent and fraudulent misrepresentation related to the Nov. 3, 2020, election.

The complaint relied on videos posted to social media and a story by conservative website Newsmax as evidence of a conspiracy to “destroy, delete, secrete (sic), alter, hide and/or obscure election data, materials, equipment, and/or the product of same, and/or the results reflected thereby in order to prevent the discovery of the fraudulent results of the November 3, 2020, election, and violation of various state and federal election laws.”

In May, Delaware County District Attorney Jack Stollsteimer issued a letter stating that a special criminal investigation into the 2020 elections was now closed, no charges would be filed and determined that the allegations of fraud were “complete fiction.”

During Wednesday’s County Council meeting, Delaware County Solicitor William F. Martin noted that the case is no longer active in Common Pleas court.

“Just in case anyone wonders whether this was a result of any partisan determination, I will point out that the judge on the matter was Judge John Whelan,” Martin said. “Judge Whelan was a member of (Delaware) County Council from 2006 to 2013, elected as a representative of the Republican Party. He was elected as a Republican District Attorney from 2014 to 2017 and elected as a member of Common Pleas Court as a Republican candidate in 2017.”

Martin said the judge reviewed the materials after the case was assigned to him on June 1. “(Whelan) took less than 30 days to conclude that it was moot and he dismissed the matter,” Martin said.”