



# Swarthmore Rotary Cog Notes

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## Service Quotation

"We are faced with the fact, my friends, that tomorrow is today. Procrastination is still the thief of time. Over the bleached bones and jumbled residues of numerous civilizations are written the pathetic words 'Too Late'."  
Martin Luther King Jr.

## Rotary Celebrations!

Birthdays

No Birthdays Found

Wedding Anniversaries

## Meetings and Events

October

22nd - [Meeting](#)  
Speaker: Roberta Winters, President of the Radnor LWV  
Subject: Actionable Environmental Challenges in DELCO  
29th - [Meeting](#)  
Speaker: Joy Huertas, Vision Zero Communications Manager  
Subject: Philadelphia Office of Transportation, Infrastructure and Sustainability for Philadelphia

November

5th - [Meeting](#)  
Speaker: Liv Elicker, Adult Group Tours Coordinator  
Subject: Brandywine River Museum of Art: What We're Doing Virtually

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## Table Grace

By Frederick E. Christian

**Lord, you have shown us the nobler way of life from which we too often stray or falter. Make firm our purpose as expressed in our Rotary creed that our word may be as good as our bond, and our dealings fair and honest to all in our workaday world. Make us grateful for the bounty of friendship, and to your name we give all praise. 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?

## Last Meeting Summary

**Nat Fenton, a lawyer and historian, spoke on the early 20<sup>th</sup> Century Suffragette Alice Paul. In particular, he discussed how methods of protest she developed have been used since in other protest movements. According to Nat, Alice Paul, a Swarthmore College graduate, led protests for the women's vote during the period 1905 to 1920. In 1920, the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment granted women the right to vote.**

**Nate said suffragettes originated a number of methods of protest: marches, publications, long journeys, silence, picketing, demonstrations, hunger strikes, and misbehavior in jail. As an example of a protest method that was used for other causes, Nat told us about the 1913 march that Alice Paul organized in Washington D.C. The marchers were not protected by the police as they were attacked by onlookers. In 1963, Martin Luther King organized a march, also in Washington, at which he gave his famous speech.**

**From the Cognote Editor: Another parallel between the suffragettes and the civil rights movements comes to mind. There was a relatively short period between the start of mass demonstrations and legislative redress. From Nat's talk, major demonstrations started in the mid-**

No Wedding Anniversaries Found

### Years of Service

Brian H. Craig  
10-23-1998  
22 Years

William Clinton Hale  
10-22-2015  
5 Years

### Happy Dollars

pledge \$1208

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

Linton Stable, Joan  
Haggerty (SSCA)

**1910's. The amendment granting women the right to vote passed in 1920. The major civil rights demonstrations started in the mid-1950's. The Civil Rights Act was passed in 1964. Although legislative action was relatively quick, in both cases equality still has not been achieved. It seems like one step forward and two steps back.**

### Women in Rotary

**This is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the passage of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment, giving women the right to vote. This culminated a long struggle.**

**Women were not allowed to join Rotary clubs without a long struggle. Finally, in 1989, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that Rotary must admit women.**

**Various Rotarians believe the first women to join Swarthmore Rotary was Ruth Rahn. She was also the first woman president of the Club.**

**From rotarywomen.org.au:**

**Throughout the course of nearly seven decades of Rotary's history has run the thread of the debate of women as members, yet the first constitution of the Chicago Club #1, adopted in January, 1906, makes no reference to gender, referring only to "persons."**

**The 1921 Convention in Edinburgh, Scotland produced the Standard Club Constitution in which Article 2, Section III stated "A Rotary Club shall be comprised of men . . ."**

**Between 1964 and 1977 a number of unsuccessful attempts were made to provide for the admission of women.**

**However, the die was finally cast by a club in a small California town. On the occasion of its 25th anniversary, the Duarte club admitted Mary Lou Elliott and Donna Bogart to membership on 1 June, 1977 and they were followed shortly afterwards by Rosemary Freitag. The reaction of the Board of RI was predictable: on 27 March 1978, Duarte's charter was terminated. Duarte re-named itself the "Ex Rotary Club of Duarte" and in June, 1978 filed a suit in the California Superior Court against the RI Board decision. This was not heard by the court until 1983 when Judge Max Deutz ruled against Duarte, which in 1986 appealed that decision to the California Court of Appeal and the Deutz judgment was reversed. The RI Board appealed that decision to the California Supreme Court which refused to hear the case and the RI Board then appealed to the United States Supreme Court in 1986.**

**On 30 March, 1987, the US Supreme Court heard an appeal by the Board of RI against the California Court of Appeal decision and on 4 May handed down a 7-0 unanimous decision affirming the California Court of Appeal decision, ruling that Duarte could not discriminate against members because of gender.**

**The United States Supreme Court upheld the California court indicating that Rotary clubs do have a "business purpose" and are in some ways public-type organizations.**

**This action in 1987 allowed women to become Rotarians in any jurisdiction having similar "public accommodation" statutes.**

**The RI constitutional change was made at the 1989 Council on Legislation, with a vote to eliminate the "male only" provision for all of Rotary. Since that time, women have become members and leaders of clubs and districts throughout the world.**