



Swarthmore Rotary Cog Notes

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Service Quotation

"One of the prerogatives of American citizenship is the right to criticize public men and measures, and that means not only informed and responsible criticism but the freedom to speak foolishly and without moderation."
Felix Frankfurter, U.S. Supreme Court

Rotary Celebrations!

Birthdays

No Birthdays Found

Meetings and Events

October

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

12th - [Meeting](#)

Speaker: Deborah Bronk, PhD, President and CEO, Bigelow Laboratory for Ocean Sciences

Subject: Climate Change Research in Antarctica

Table Grace

By Frederick E. Christian

Lord, there are those of us who hold in honor people of strong faith whose courage we mark at this time. Unite each one of us in gratitude for all in any tradition who have stood firm for freedom of mind and spirit. 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

Roberta Winters spoke to us about environmental "risky business" in Delaware County. Roberta is President of the Radnor League of Women Voters. Most of her talk was on the timely topic of pipelines. She acknowledged that pipelines might be better than the alternatives: transporting fuels by train or truck. Having said that, she then discussed some of the risks involved in pipelines. According to Roberta, one contributor to risks is that pipelines are regulated by many federal, state, and local agencies. Each agency regulates a different aspect of building and operating a pipeline. There is no one responsible for overall safety. She also explained that pipelines have different degrees of risk, depending on the type of material transported and the pressure inside the pipe. For example, crude oil is low risk compared to natural gas or natural gas liquids. Another factor is the age of the pipeline. Some pipelines that run through Delaware County are quite old, having been built during World War 2 (see below). Roberta said the activity she is most concerned about is not the new Mariner pipeline but the proposed liquified natural gas (LNG) export terminal across the Delaware River in Gibbstown, N.J. She said the LNG will be transported to Gibbstown on trains and trucks, possibly through Delaware County.

Wedding Anniversaries

Kathryn Jones
November 1st

Years of Service

Dennis Hoffman
11-01-1988
32 Years
Kenneth J. Wright
11-01-1998
22 Years
Joe Lesniak
11-01-2012
8 Years

Happy Dollars

pledge \$1270

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

No Guests

Roberta mentioned, while everyone's attention is on Covid 19, that the U.S. EPA under the current administration has suspended a number of environmental regulations.

I overlooked this bit of news because coverage of the numerous other events has been overwhelming all of us. Obviously, it is very disturbing.

The construction of the oil pipeline in World War 2

One of the first long oil pipelines in the U.S. was built during World War 2 between oil fields in Texas and refineries in Marcus Hook. Before the war, oil was transported by ship between Texas and Pennsylvania. After the war started, German submarines sank many ships transporting goods along the coast. This severely limited the availability of petroleum products for the war effort. The construction of the 1600 mile pipeline made a significant contribution to the availability of fuel for the economy and the military effort.

Pipelines in our area

A map database showing pipelines throughout the United States is available at:

<https://www.npms.phmsa.dot.gov/GeneralPublic.aspx>

To view a map of our area, click on Launch the Public Map Viewer and then select Pennsylvania and then Delaware County. The map can be blown up to show more detail.

There are quite a few buried pipelines in our area. The closest is identified as containing hazardous liquid. My guess is it contains petroleum. The pipeline goes along Crum Creek parallel to the Blue Route towards Eddystone. Two branches cut off and go through Wallingford. One goes through the Springhaven Country Club. The other crosses Providence Road just south of the High School. They meet and go west.

The database indicated that exact information about the location and details about the pipeline are not provided for security reasons.

Upcoming Events

UPCOMING EVENTS

From Bill Hale:

Sonya Pappas and Maria Zissimos have proposed that our club participate in a Giving Tree Program this holiday season to benefit children living in public housing in Chester. Sonya will provide names and ages of children upon request (email: sonya@gsm.biz or call 610-574-4949). Members are asked to purchase age appropriate (non-battery) gifts under \$20 and deliver them to Sonya's office at 11 Park Avenue during working hours or her back porch at 528 Cedar Lane anytime. Alternatively, shoppers are at the ready if you send a donation check made out to Rotary Club of Swarthmore with "GIFTS" on the memo line.

Our club is participating in a District Grant with Chester Rotary and Media Rotary to support the Delaware County Libraries' (DCL) 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program. Our members are invited to participate in a literacy event on weekdays next week at Rose Tree Park. DCL has set up a Story Walk in the Park behind the amphitheater with 13 stations, each of which features a page from a children's book. Volunteers are needed 10:00 - 11:00 am or 11:00 am - noon to man the stations, read, and "handout" books and treats. Families will reserve a time to go on the Story Walk so everyone can keep social distance. Masks must be worn at all times. This event counts towards our Literacy Goal. Contact Bill Hale (wchale@comcast.net or 610-986-8182) to pick a time slot.

