



Swarthmore Rotary Cog Notes

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September 9,
2021

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Meetings and Events

September

9th - [Club Meeting](#)

Speaker: Rachel Pastan, Novelist, Swarthmore

Subject: My New Novel

16th - [Club Meeting](#)

Speaker: Dean Karen Kozachyn, Delaware County Community College

Subject: TBD

23rd - [Club Meeting](#)

Speaker: Club Assembly

Subject: Club Topics

Table Grace

By Frederick E. Christian

As our boys and girls begin school and flood our streets, Lord, fill us with a growing sense of concern for their safety and well-being. Help us to heed your warning against harm in any way to a little one. And now, Lord, make us doubly grateful for those who have guarded us and blessed us in the past. 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?
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Club News

Rotary Moment – Elizabeth Kirche highlighted a German Rotary club’s initiative to help Nigerian women in childbirth. Their efforts to promote

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Service Quotation

The best portion
of a good life –
little, nameless,
unremembered
acts of kindness
and love. ~William
Wordsworth

Rotary Celebrations!

Birthdays



Anne C.
Hansen
September
10th



Gudmund R.
Iversen
September
14th

Wedding Anniversaries

No Wedding
Anniversaries Found

Years of Service

No Years Of Service
Found

Happy Dollars

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safe childbirth techniques helped reduce the mortality rate of mothers during childbirth by 68%.

President Kathryn Jones stated she has continued to consult with other physicians about whether to have in-person events. She believes the block party scheduled for September 25 should be safe, because it is being held outdoors. The Club will need volunteers to help set-up and take-down equipment. Joe Lesniak announced that he has lawn signs and flyers ready for distribution. See Joe's email on September 2 for details.

Kathryn reminded us of the Sept 23 club assembly. She plans to conduct a survey of members as part of developing a Club 5 year strategic plan. Lori Markusfeld reported that the HEADstrong Foundation is looking for volunteers for the Sunflower Shuffle 5K at Dalton Farms on Saturday, September 11th, 2021. They have volunteer slots available from 7-11 am for event set-up, registration, course marshals, and event break down. If you are interested in helping out, please sign up for slots using this link:

<https://signup.com/go/YrHTnGW>

Last Meeting Summary

Professor Dominic Tierney of Swarthmore College told us the media has been focused on their views of the Administration's mistakes in the last month in Afghanistan. Unlike the media's view, his perception is that the United States started to make mistakes 75 years ago that led up to the recent events.

Professor Tierney's analysis follows.

The U.S. was the dominant world power after World War 2. The war changed the American psyche from being isolationist and inward-looking to being interventionist and having a missionary zeal to spread

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2019-20: \$3,344

2018-2019: \$3,845

Guests Last Meeting

Amy Caruso
Christopher Hanby

democracy across the globe. Americans became united against a common enemy, communism. This combination led to interventions in Korea and Vietnam, one leading to a stalemate and the other to the U.S.'s defeat. After the fall of the Soviet Union, the perception of other "enemies" led to interventions in Iraq twice and in Afghanistan.

Unfortunately, the other "enemies" (cutoff of oil, WMD, and Islamic terrorism) failed to unify the American public to the extent that Russian communism had done. Without a common enemy, American political partisanship increased.

In the case of Afghanistan, Americans were shaken by 9/11 and wanted revenge. Among the Bush administration's mistakes was the lumping together of the group responsible for 9/11, Al Qaeda, together with the Taliban. The Taliban offered to negotiate with the U.S. and assume a minor role in the new Afghan government. The Bush administration would have none of it. They wanted to destroy the Taliban.

Professor Tierney went on to say that intervening in a civil war raises much different problems than conducting a war between two countries. In Afghanistan, as in Vietnam, the opposing side had the will and the time to outlast the U.S. military.

On a positive note, Professor Tierney said failure, as in Afghanistan, often causes a nation to reflect on what it is doing wrong. He hopes the U.S. has learned to avoid getting involved in civil wars where it does not understand the culture and does not have a vital interest.

Note about Author's books

Hillard forwarded this message from Rachel Pastan about purchasing books at the College bookstore

"If a customer buys a copy of my book or Ben Yagoda's O. Henry book in September, they get a coupon good for 20% off the next book they buy.

I suggest that we promote two ways of buying: come into the Store to pay for a copy, or call the Store at 610-328-7756 and purchase a copy over the phone ."

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