



Swarthmore Rotary Cog Notes

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October 13, 2022

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Happy Dollars

pledge \$1,165
2021-2022 \$4,476

Rotary Celebrations!

Birthdays

No Birthdays Found

Wedding Anniversaries

Meetings and Events

October 13th (Inn)
[Swarthmore Weekly Club Meeting](#)
Speaker: Ernestine Louise, Oslo Norway
Subject: Influence of Place - A Poetry Collection

October 20th (Zoom)
[Swarthmore Weekly Club Meeting](#)
Speaker: Vudi Xhymshiti, photojournalist currently in Ukraine
Subject: Ukraine and Kosovo, Shattering Russian Propaganda (re-do)

October 27th (Inn)
[Swarthmore Weekly Club Meeting](#)
Speaker: David Houtz, District Governor
Subject: Imagine Rotary

Service Quotation

"I don't know what your destiny will be, but one thing I know: the only ones among you who will be really happy are those who have sought and found how to serve."
Albert Schweitzer

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

Carr Everbach inducted Jim Snively into Swarthmore Rotary.

Carr asked us to think about persons who might be interested in joining our club. There will be another Mingle Fest in early November.

Patrick Gunnin announced that free tickets for the Delaware County Literacy Council dinner on October 19 are available to club members.

Rotary Moment – Elizabeth Church said October 2 is the International Day of Non-violence. She told of the Rotary Peace Fellow who founded an organization to combat violence against women in India, Nepal, and Kenya. One project was to map locations online where harassment and violence against women occurred.

Last Meeting Summary



Delaware County District Attorney Jack Stollsteimer's talk tied into the current debate on approaches to reducing crime. One side advocates harsh punishment and aggressive policing. This emphasis has prevailed for the last several decades. The other side has the view that locking up non-violent individuals is not always best for society.

Jack seems to be somewhere in the middle on this debate.

The most famous local practitioner of the reduced incarceration approach is the Philadelphia DA, Larry Krasner. Jack stated he believes that Philadelphia has an anti-police atmosphere. He seemed to imply Larry Krasner has something to do with the negative atmosphere.

Although Jack supports a strong police presence, he told us his goal is to spend less money on incarceration

Dennis Hoffman
October 15th

Years of Service

No Years Of Service Found

Guests Last Meeting

Linton Stables
Kerri Hogg
Margie McAboy

and more on programs to keep accused persons out of jail. One of these programs ensures that reasonable bail is set so that persons accused of non-violent crimes do not spend months in jail because they cannot make bail.

Another program addresses evidence that 1% of the population commits 85% of crimes. This 1% of the population, mostly young men, is contacted by police. They are told the police know who they are. They are offered help obtaining an education or a job in an attempt to keep them away from crime.

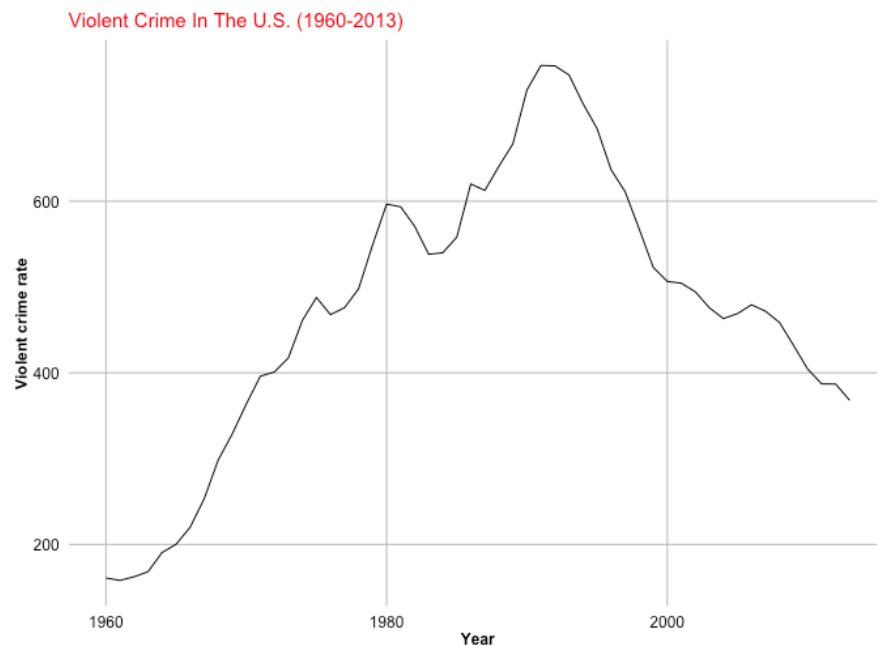
Jack said he is promoting a policy of community policing, which involves having police patrol on foot instead of in a car. This allows the patrolmen to meet and get to know the community they are patrolling.

There appears to be positive and negative trends in crime prevention. Jack said the crime rate, particularly gun violence, has decreased substantially in Chester. Unfortunately, Jack and Rotarian audience members commented that there is a shortage of applicants for police positions, especially by minority applicants.

Crime is currently a much discussed topic in election campaigns. It was helpful to receive a report from our county's chief law enforcement official.

Crime in the U.S. - Rising or Falling?

From Brennan Center for Justice report "America's faulty perception of crime rates", March 16, 2015. It should be noted that the relatively low crime rates have continued into 2021, according to statista.com.



This chart shows the dramatic increase, and equally dramatic drop, in violent crime in the U.S. over the past 50 years.

One would think that with the dramatic drop in crime, America's communities would be reveling in the streets as though it were Mardi Gras, or at least talking about how much safer they feel walking around their neighborhoods as adults than they felt walking the streets as teenagers. But decades of Gallup polls indicate otherwise.

According to a Gallup poll from November 2014, despite dramatic declines in the nation's violent crime rate, a [majority of Americans say](#) "there is more crime in the U.S. than there was a year ago," which reflects a long-term Gallup trend. Currently, 63 percent of Americans believe crime is up over last year. The reality, again, is different. Crime statistics released by the FBI also in November 2014 [revealed](#) that the estimated number of violent crimes in 2013 decreased by 4.4 percent when compared with 2012 figures, and the estimated number of property crimes decreased by 4.1 percent.

Government statistics show that, except for some small blips, serious crime has decreased

almost every year from 1994 through 2013. For over a decade Gallup has found that the majority of Americans polled believe crime is up, contrary to the fact that crime rates have plummeted in almost every small and large city since the 1990s. This is not to say that all cities and areas are experiencing decreases in violent crime year after year, but the overall rate of violent crime is significantly lower than historic levels.

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