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P.O. Box 4, Swarthmore, P.4 19081

February 17, 2022

Meetings and Events

February

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Barbara Whitaker-Shimko

17th - Swarthmore Weekly Club Meeting Speaker: Club Assembly Subject: Club Assembly 24th - Swarthmore Weekly Club Meeting

Speaker: Christine Reuther, Delaware County Council Member **Subject: Council Topics**

March

3rd - Swarthmore Weekly Club Meeting

Speaker: Lee A. Smithey, Ph.D., Swarthmore College, Peace and **Conflict Studies** Subject: The Delaware County Homicide Database: A **Campus/Government Partnership**

Table Grace

By Frederick E. Christian

Lord, broaden our horizons through Rotary that we may be aware that freedom is Indivisible; that justice cannot be denied anywhere without being threatened everywhere, and that caring and concern are the coinage of understanding and peace. Bless us, as we receive the gifts of this hour and make us concerned about others. 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?

Club News

Maria Zissimos presided.

Betty Ann Flynn told us that Steve Laxton's obituary in the

Rotary Foundation Chair Kenneth J. Wright Club Director <u>Greg Brown</u> President-Nominee <u>Cathleen Darrell</u> Attendance Secretary <u>Richard Shimko</u> Bulletin Editor Karen Aleta <u>Mazzarella-Russo</u> Assistant Governor

Service Quotation

If you can't feed a hundred people, then just feed one. ~ Mother Teresa

Rotary Celebrations!

Birthdays

No Birthdays Found

Wedding Anniversaries



<u>Ann K.</u> <u>Seidman</u> February 23rd

Years of Service



Perri Ann Evanson 02-23-2001 21 Years



Susan Larson 02-20-2014 8 Years

Happy Dollars

Swarthmorean stated donations could be given sent to Swarthmore Rotary, P.O. Box 4, Swarthmore, specifying that the donation be used for CTEP.

Last Meeting Summary

Julie Zantopoulos updated my image of the author as someone who works alone in a cold, dimly lit room. Julie shared every step of writing her first novel with her thousands of social media followers. Julie did blogs about how her writing was going from developing the concept to the final draft. She said her fans shared her frustrations, satisfactions, and ultimately, her joy when she was published.

Julie is what I believe is called a social media influencer. She has 11,000 subscribers on Youtube. Most of her Youtube videos are Julie reviewing books. If you are interested in viewing Julie's Youtube videos, go to Youtube.com, and type her name in the search box. I found her videos to be fun to watch. She has a very enthusiastic presentation and an expressive face.

One of her interesting titles is "Drunk Haul: I ordered books while drunk". In the video she opens boxes of books she had ordered but had no idea what was in the boxes.

In addition to Youtube, Julie said she also did blogs, podcasts, Tweets, and Instagrams. It clearly takes a lot of time being a social media star. A Rotarian asked if she was on TikTok. I believe that person was just showing off.

Julie told us that while she has had the idea for her novel A Curse in Ash for many years, she actually started to write it five years ago. She completed the novel, set it aside, then rewrote it from the beginning three times before she was satisfied. Once she finished the book she pledge \$2,772

2020-21 : \$3,892

2019-20: \$3,344

2018-2019: \$3,845

Guests Last Meeting

Sara Pita Bessie Zantopoulos Gina Graff started to look for a publisher. Julie described the disappointment of receiving many rejection letters before finally landing a positive response.

A Curse in Ash is a Contemporary Fantasy novel. Its blurb in Amazon is excerpted below:

"Enter a handsome stranger magically linked to her and the Fae fiancé who won't leave her side until threats against her life stop. As if that will ever happen.

Aisling has trained in magic use, self-defense, and secrecy, but no amount of training prepared her for a curse that hits so close to home. Then again, she never anticipated having two men by her side ready to fight, and die, with her.

With a diverse cast of characters and no shortage of danger or romance, the explosive world of A Curse in Ash, the first in an adult contemporary fantasy series, will leave you breathless for more."

Julie Zantopoulos website

Here is Julie's bio from her website juliezee.com

She grew up, and remains, in southeast Pennsylvania and is a proud Delaware county resident. Which means, Wawa is better than Sheetz and the Flyers are far superior to the Penguins (so long as you don't count actual Stanley Cups).

Julie graduated from Cabrini University with a degree in psychology. There is no time she doesn't remember writing but her love for sharing it came to light when she co-ran a successful online women's magazine. As Editor-in-Chief she worked with over three hundred writers and interns, all while writing content.

Since that business sold, she's built a fantastic bookish community on YouTube where she discuss her love of writing and passion for reading with nearly 11,000 followers. She is active on Instagram and Twitter, in love with TheStoryGraph (a Goodreads alternative), and works full time as a nanny. Julie is quasi addicted to gummibears, loves tea (and has never tried coffee), and will drop everything for a fantastically ill produced SyFy channel movie.

She publishes under Julie Zantopoulos for her fantasy novels and hopes to publish women's fiction through the name Julie Zee. The website is spelled as such for the ease of not typing a Greek last name. *you're welcome!



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