

What has Gun Sense Chester County Been Up to? April 3, 2018

1. Happy Birthday GSCC!
 - a. “Born” in March 2017
 - b. Now 5 times the size!
2. Accomplished thus far in 2018
 - Implementing every other month member meetings...
 - January on How Legislative Process Works
 - April: Common Ground – Agreement into Action
 - May 30: Interface between Legal System & Guns
 - Held Mike Weisser Event: March 3
 - Over 130 people attended
 - Among the points shared by Mike:
 - Discussion about gun regulation has not always focused on the Second Amendment - Two major “gun control” acts were passed with no focus on the Constitution (1934 National Firearms Act; 1968 Gun Control Act)
 - The US regulates guns by “purchaser behavior” not based on product safety. It’s not possible to effectively regulate human behavior and people resent the government trying.
 - We might consider regulating guns by lethality – e.g. semi-auto weapon higher regulated than single action shotgun
 - Guns, if well cared for, don’t wear out. Therefore, manufacturers are motivated to find new ways to market guns and accessories.
 - Many NRA members want action to reduce violence. We want to engage members in helping work for change.
 - The NRA markets to feelings – freedom, independence safety, but then asks those who support

tighter restrictions to “prove it” statistically, as if their feelings are not valid.

- We have given 9 speeches so far this year
 - 3 more scheduled in April
 - Always happy to do outreach so keep us in mind
- Supported 3/24 March for Our Live West Chester Rally
- Continuing lobbying activities on PA Universal Background Checks
- We are meeting with candidates
- We are working on Voter’s Guide for contested primaries

Thanks to our volunteers who are helping research candidates and conduct other vital activities!