**Recorder Remarks**

Friends,

It has been my honor to serve as Acting Recorder of Deeds for this past year, and it will be my honor and privilege to be able to continue that service as your elected Recorder of Deeds for the next 4 years. I am proud of our team of dedicated public servants, and it is a pleasure for us to serve you, the public, to the best of our ability. Over the course of my term, I promise to maintain that high level of customer service we are known for and to continue improvements in technology, records storage, and fraud prevention.

I was happy to continue the ROD tradition and host our annual Veterans Breakfast on November 2nd. It was held at a lovely new venue, the Chester County Council Boy Scouts of America facility in Exton, and by all accounts was a successful and well attended event. I am always inspired to meet our local heroes and sheroes and this is our small way of recognizing their sacrifices and commitment to our nation. A reminder to all you veterans out there – if you have not recorded your discharge papers with us, please stop in to get them safeguarded in our secure database and receive a Veteran ID Discount card.

As we head into the holiday season, it is a time for feasting and celebrating with family and friends. Let us remember to be thankful for the sacrifices of our veterans and active military personnel. And as we enjoy our bounty, let’s also not forget those families in need. As a reminder, there is still time to drop off an unwrapped toy in our Toys for Tots collection bin by December 6th.

Until our next issue, may you and yours enjoy a safe, healthy, and joyous holiday season.

Thank you for subscribing to Good Deeds. We will continue to distribute our newsletter to keep you up to date about happenings at the Recorder of Deeds office and offer useful information about our services. “Teamwork and Service” is our motto here at the ROD.

Please note, you can sign up for future publications here if you have received this in forward.

Diane O’Dwyer
Acting Recorder of Deeds
Thank you to all the Chester County veterans who attended our annual Veteran Breakfast on November 2. Held at the Chester County Councils Boy Scouts of America facility in Exton, this free breakfast for veterans is a token of appreciation to Chester County service members who have sacrificed so much for our country and community. This year we had a great turnout, with more than one hundred veterans, almost twenty vendors, and many elected officials. Veterans interacted with veteran-related organizations that provided helpful information on their services and listened to remarks from Chester County Commissioners Marian Moskowitz and Josh Maxwell, State Senators Carolyn Comitta and Katie Muth, State Representatives Kristine Howard and Dan Williams, Chester County Veterans' Affairs VSO Devin Hill, and from our special guest speaker Andrew Lippert, Green and Gold fellow from U.S. Representative Houlanah's Office.

We also provided on-site DD-214 recording and I.D. Cards at the event. If you are a veteran that has not recorded your DD-214 with our office, please bring it in for recording. Recording your DD-214 makes it easy for you to acquire a replacement if you ever lose the original and you are eligible for the Chester County Veterans Discount card after recording.

Special thanks to our friends at Lamb McErlane, First Resource Bank, and Citadel Federal Credit Union for sponsoring the event.

Coatesville High School AFJROTC cadets preparing for the Presentation of Colors.

Opening ceremonies. Presentation of colors by Coatesville HS AFJROTC cadets led by Lt. Col. James E. Turnbull and our national anthem sung by South Coatesville Chief of Police Kevin Pierce.


Veteran attendees interacting with vendors, inquiring about their services and programs. Thank you to all our vendors for attending the event: Coatesville VA Medical Center, VFW Post 845, Norristown Vet Center, State Senator Carolyn Comitta, Veterans Multi-Service Center, Military Officers Association of America, Surrey Services (Senior Services), Sarahcare of Malvern, State Representative Kristine C. Howard, Chester County Veteran Affairs, Legal Aid of Southeastern PA (SEPA), Senior Law Center, PA Department of Veteran Affairs, Citadel Federal Credit Union, U.S. Rep Chrissy Houlanah, State Senator Katie Muth.

Veteran attendees enjoying a free hot breakfast while hearing updates on veteran affairs from their elected representatives.
Recorder Reminders: The Search Room

Do you need copies of recorded documents? Are you interested in the history of a property? The search room is the place for you! Anyone who needs a copy of a recorded document from our office can come to our search room where they are assisted by one of our team members. If you are interested in searching recorded documents, there are public computers available and a staff member can assist in navigating our databases. All map files, subdivision plans, and highway plans are stored in the search room and copies are available for $5.00 a page. All documents printed on letter sized paper are available for $.50 cents a page.

Our staff is always willing to assist anyone who has questions about the functions of the ROD and who requests copies of documents. The staff is limited in their capacity to assist in searching of documents. We are not bonded title searchers and have no legal capacity to perform title searches. We are limited to assist companies, attorneys, and homeowners in navigating our databases. We encourage everyone who plans to come into the office to be ready to provide the property address, UPI, or Deed Book/Page number. Hours of operation: Monday-Friday from 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM.

AOPC FEE CHANGE

Due to a change at the state level, as of November 6th the AOPC fee has been increased back to $40.25 from the temporary decrease at $19.00. The new fee schedule detailing all document affected by this change can be found on our website: Chesco.org/Recorder.

ROD Office Updates

Takudzwa Ganyo

Welcome to our newest team member Takudzwa Ganyo! Takudzwa started with us October 2 as a Document Technician I. She worked previously with the Chester County Treasurer's and the Department of Children, Youth, and Families. A mother of 3 girls, Takudzwa still finds time to enjoy her favorite hobbies like cooking, baking, swimming, and jump rope. She earned her Bachelor of Science in Fashion Merchandizing from Immaculate University. We are happy to welcome Takudzwa as a valued member of our ROD team!

SOUP DAY

Thanks to Elizabeth Sheahan for organizing our office's soup day (11/15/2023) allowing ROD employees to show off their cooking skills with some homemade soup recipes. Elizabeth made a creamy potato soup, Takudzwa made a warm and filling Lentil, Maria a delicious Chicken Tortilla, and other employees provided sides with homemade bread for dipping. Who doesn't like warm soup to beat this cold weather?
Over the course of 2023, there have been a lot of changes in our office, but while some things change, others stay the same, like the dedication of our long serving employees. We recognize these public servants who have for decades helped our office and the Chester County Community:

- **Sue Gayser (Office Coordinator):** 30 year anniversary in August, 2023.
- **Erin VanRyn (First Deputy):** 20 year anniversary in March, 2023.

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*The ROD Tree is ready for the cool fall weather!*

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**Recorded Documents: YTD**

| 40,880 | 84% |
| as of 11/21/23 | eRecording |

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