

# LADIES' NOTES

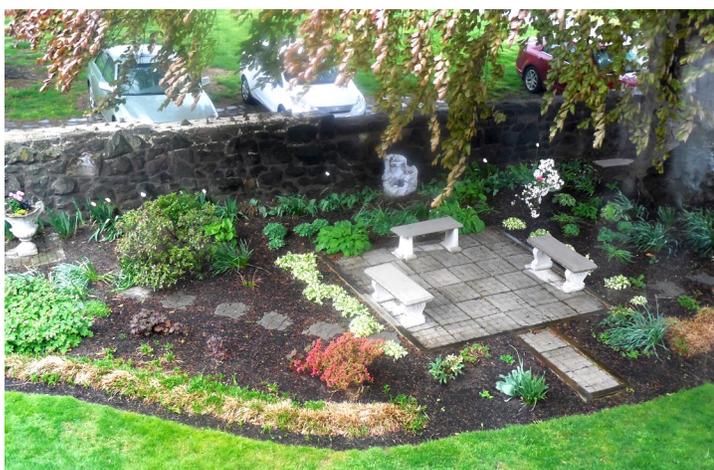
The Civic Club of Harrisburg and Affiliates

“Civility with Purpose”

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The purpose of The Civic Club of Harrisburg (TCCH and TCCH Affiliates) is to promote and engage in civic and social activities which preserve the heritage of the Club and its landmark building; encourage cultural and historic interest in the community; contribute to improving the welfare and education of children and youth, seniors and those in need; and foster relationships with like-minded organizations.

## The Gardens are in Bloom at Overlook!



*Thanks to Marybeth Lehtimaki, Tori Bell and their committee for keeping the gardens looking so nice!*

the porch and garden. The gardens looked spectacular from all accounts due to these endeavors, and mother nature offering us a late spring and allowing for tulips and azaleas to be in bloom. One hundred fifty visited the house and grounds.

The Garden Gate finally got a facelift. We have been searching for several years to get tiles to complete the repairs on the gate roof. Our search has finally come to fruition and in our own back yard. We have looked in Pittsburgh, New York, Florida and Delaware and driving home one afternoon, Marybeth noticed that there were tiles lying beside the mansion at Front and Lewis Street. Marybeth left a note in the mailbox and to her pleasure she received a call, and we were able to procure the tiles from Fanny Krevsky. Fanny was most pleased to have these tiles repurposed at the Civic Club, as she has been giving to the community with hard scape at Wildwood Park, the Sunken Gardens and the Four Senses Garden along the Greenbelt. At 96, she is still able to help the community. What a thrill it will be for her to ride past “Overlook.”

Spring is here and much of our efforts have turned outdoors in preparation for garden events and to maintain our status as a place in the community to visit. We have many interested persons returning to the garden year after year as it is a place of interest and solace for them. We often hear “I’m so interested in seeing the garden; there is always something happening” or “I love to see what you’ve done this year.” Also, as a prominent fixture of River Front Park, we want to always have our best foot put forth.

On April 10<sup>th</sup> we began this effort with our **Day of Service** at which time we did a good bit of work on the garden. We had 7 volunteers from the Club and one gentleman from the “Y”. Thanks to a new member, Reiana Wooden, putting an announcement on Face book, we got two additional volunteers from the community at large. So, on April 11<sup>th</sup> with the help of these two young people and three from the club we completed the mulching and early spring tasks. Marybeth counted the group as seven and three from the Club, but each day we had husbands working with us. On the 10<sup>th</sup> Dave Lehtimaki helped and on the 11<sup>th</sup> both Dave and Harv Bell were there.

Last week members of the Garden committee worked on spiffing up the garden so that we would look extra special for the Harrisburg Young Professional’s House and Garden tour which we participated in on May 10<sup>th</sup>. Again, a new member, Lisa DiNicola, was instrumental in us putting our best foot forward, as she donated small container gardens, which were used to accent



*New tiles provided by Fanny Krevsky*

## Civic Club is featured on Harrisburg Young Professionals Home Tour

Harrisburg Young Professionals 16th annual City Living Home and Garden Tour took place on Saturday, May 10th from 1-5PM. Each year the Home Tour showcases the city's distinctive residences and businesses in an effort to attract and retain young professionals, families and newcomers to Harrisburg. This year, the Home Tour featured 15 homes, apartments, and businesses located in downtown Harrisburg. The Civic Club was one of the stops on the tour. Approximately 150 people had the opportunity to visit the house and the gardens of Overlook. The gardens were looking their best, thanks to the hard work of the House and Grounds Committee. The interior of the house was magnificently showcased with docents stationed in each room to explain their significance as tour goers moved through the first and second floors. Some lingered in the dining room to sample finger sandwiches and refreshments which were donated by Karen's Catering and Wilsbach Distributers.



Volunteers Lori Hofnagle, Jeannie Schmedlen, Shirley McCormick & Joy Cobb



Jeannie Schmedlen talking to two visitors touring Overlook.

Penn State Extension Master Gardeners of Dauphin County prepared a colorful presentation for display on the porch of the Civic Club highlighting information about gardening in the city, including examples of container gardening. A variety of free PSU gardening publications were made available to tour participants, and Master Gardeners were available to answer gardening questions.



Carol DiMartile with two members of the Master Gardeners

Reminder that the next Civic Minded Breakfast will be held on Wednesday, June 11 from 7:15-8:30 AM. We will host a panel discussion about the Education Tax Credit for the regional non-profit organizations. If you are interested in attending or volunteering for this event, please contact Carol DiMartile at [cdimartile@verizon.net](mailto:cdimartile@verizon.net) or 717-991-1748.

## May 5 Program Installs New Officers and Welcomes Partner Susquehanna Art Museum



Judy Imler, Sana Khouri, Marybeth Lehtimaki, Karen Best, Joan Bretz, Gail Bishop & JoAnn Curado

At the May 5 meeting, following a unanimous vote, President Schmedlen installed the new officers for 2014-2015 (see back page for new slate).

Following lunch, Gail Bishop introduced speakers Jack Scott and Dr. Laurene Buckley from the Susquehanna Art Museum.

Jack Scott is Chairman of the Board and has an extensive financial and technology background. He spoke on the financial status of the museum and the funding for the new museum being built on the corner of Calder and Third Street. He presented a slide show indicating the completed building and the various areas contained within the building. There will be meeting areas, an education center and a fenced outdoor area, which would lend itself to shows and seminars, a gift shop and food facilities.

Parking will be more available than at their present site, especially for school buses.

Dr. Laurene Buckley, Executive Director, came to the Susquehanna Art Museum with 25 years of museum experience. She spoke about the various programs planned. There will be no permanent art collection at the museum at this time. Exhibits will be on loan and therefore, there would be more variety for the public to enjoy.

Also, a permanent exhibit is expensive to maintain. The goal is to be accessible, interesting, educational and an enjoyable experience for the public.

A question and answer period followed. President-elect Gail Bishop thanked our speakers and presented them with small gifts and a \$100 donation to the museum.



Executive Director Laurene Buckley & Chairman Jack Scott with Gail Bishop



### Affiliate Affairs

by Susan Spadafore, Chairman

*The Mission of The Civic Club of Harrisburg Affiliates is to serve as the fundraising arm of the Civic Club of Harrisburg in order to support the work they have identified, and to be active participants in supporting activities and services provided to and for the Greater Harrisburg Community.*

Spring has finally arrived and Summer on its way. As we all take time to enjoy favorite warm weather activities, I hope that you will be sure to support those planned by TCCH/A, the Gala on June 8<sup>th</sup>; and the Family Picnic on June 22<sup>nd</sup>.

As I had mentioned in our previous newsletter; the privilege of having our lovely historic landmark house, "Overlook", comes with the great responsibility of being good stewards of the house and property and maintaining it. As the 501c3 fund raising arm of The Civic Club of Harrisburg, we are always seeking funding opportunities and sources. We are really in need of volunteers willing and able to help with identifying and writing grants. If you know of any sources available or can provide this service to our organizations, I encourage you to contact me: [sdspadafore@comcast.net](mailto:sdspadafore@comcast.net) or 717-756-7905(cell) or 756-7905 (home).

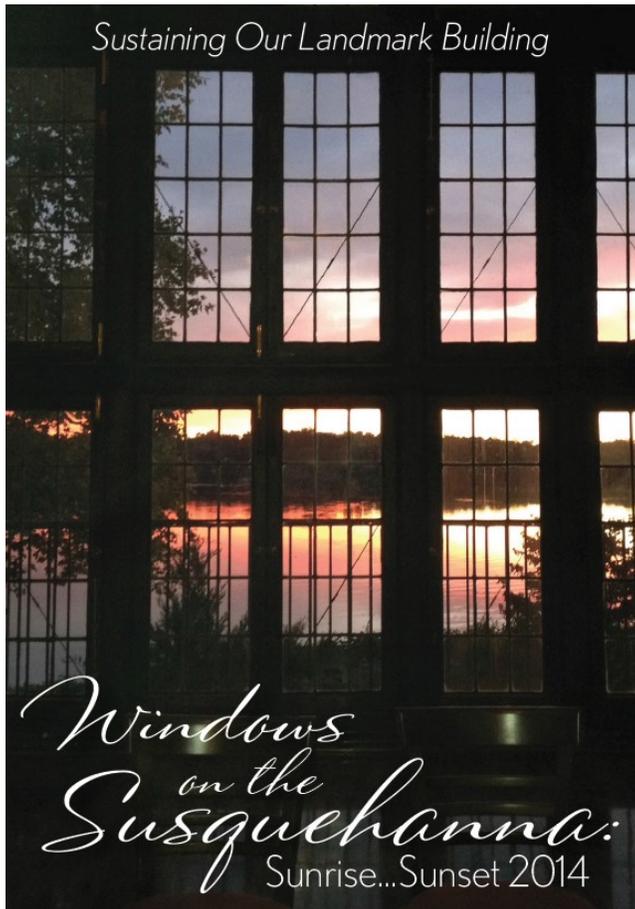
Through my research on fundraising, I've learned that with each year, events like our Gala with silent and live auctions, funds generated by the event increase dramatically. The Gala on **June 8<sup>th</sup>** is promising to be a huge success – with our successful history and current responses. Tickets are now available. Funds raised go into the Preservation/Restoration Fund for "Overlook."

Have you heard of "The Restoration Rose"? It is another fundraising activity of TCCHA. This was not through a grant or outside agency, rather an idea from another 501c3 that has been adapted to serve our needs. Through this project, funds are raised in five dollar (\$5) increments – that are tax deductible to anyone wishing to support the preservation and restoration of "Overlook".

Look for them at our meetings and events. We welcome any and all ideas on fund raising!

Once again, I can't thank enough, the Board Members for their commitment, all each of you who have shared ideas and resources with us, we are most appreciative. We hope to hear and see more of you as we continue to work toward fulfilling our motto "Civility with Purpose" while providing service to the community.

*Susan*



The Civic Club of Harrisburg Affiliates  
2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Gala

Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup>  
5:30-8:00pm

612 North Front Street  
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

The Civic Club of Harrisburg is hosting a Gala II reception and silent auction to restore and preserve the huge leaded-glass windows which afford a breathtaking view of the Susquehanna River from the second floor ballroom. Individual tickets are \$125. Join us in the River Room, Ballroom and *en plein air* in the gorgeous gardens for a lovely evening of heavy hors d'oeuvres, music and dancing with *Third Stream*.

**MEMBERSHIP**

**DON'T FORGET TO RENEW YOUR CIVIC CLUB OF HARRISBURG MEMBERSHIP.  
THE CURRENT MEMBERSHIP YEAR ENDS MAY 31.**

The Civic Club of Harrisburg welcomes the following new members. Please add their names to your *Overlook Yearbook*.

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Our membership to date totals 103.

**NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION**

New Member Orientation was held Wednesday, April 23, from 6:00 to 7:00 pm. It was co-sponsored by The Civic Club and The Civic Club Affiliates. There were 7 new members (Lisa DiNicola, Maureen Maxwell, Lori Hoffnagle, Jennifer Wintermyer, D'Arcy Wagonhurst, Faye Deckter, and Reina Wooden) in attendance. Four Board members and several other Civic Club members also attended. Civic activities of the club, opportunities to volunteer, and a history of the building were discussed. Refreshments and a tour of the facility completed a very successful evening

**ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER**

Members may now choose to receive their Civic Club newsletter electronically rather through the mail. Contact Membership Secretary JoAnn Curado (email joanncurado@howardhanna.com or call 510-499-3039).

## Remarks by TCCH's President at the Installation of the 2014-15 Officers, May 5, 2014



Dear Members:

When our club was formed 116 years ago it was created with high ideals. The Civic Club of Harrisburg was established to promote "civility with purpose" and all that this motto symbolizes.

Never in history has the active participation of informed citizens been so necessary to ensure our way of life. There is a huge need for enthusiastic action by grass roots clubs like ours to lead by example through outreach and public service using common sense, determination, persistence, patience and compassion. Unfortunately, it's been reported that volunteerism across the country, is down by 20 percent over the past five years... but that is not true at The Civic Club of Harrisburg.

We may not always agree to what is planned but our members always take part. Giving back to the community connects us, energizes us. We have discovered the healing and empowering role that community service brings to our lives. The sense of belonging club members feel when we make the time to take an active role in our community gives us a deeper sense of meaning and purpose.

On behalf of our members, our predecessors and the leadership of The Civic Club of Harrisburg, I challenge each and every one of you, as the officers and directors of this club, to provide the leadership, inspiration, recognition and initiative necessary to elevate and maintain our club in its proper position in community affairs, and to continue the high level of excellent administration efficiency and effectiveness.

With this challenge to you and the privilege granted me as your immediate past president, I salute the incoming officers and directors. You have been elected to positions of trust and responsibility. I know that you appreciate the honor that has been conferred on you. You have demonstrated leadership and devotion to the club and by your election, the club expresses confidence in your abilities and places in your hands the very future of The Civic Club of Harrisburg.

I am honored to have served as your president this defining year, when we move from a single dedicated caterer to a multi-caterer institution, which we hope will assist us in restoring our lovely building.

Best wishes.

Jeanne Schmedlen  
President, The Civic Club of Harrisburg



Danzante hosted Harrisburg Poet Laurette with music and dance! A new non-profit partner enjoyed a wonderful evening.

### Donation of a Wagon Makes all the Difference

When club member, Tammy Relken, Senior Director of Pressley Ridge, a non-profit partner of Civic Club, heard that we could use a wagon to cart water and tools throughout the garden, she got right to work. She secured a donation of a wagon and delivered it herself, just in time for spring planting. Needless to say, the red wagon has been put to immediate use in the garden. It was especially helpful when we were preparing the grounds for the Home and Garden Tour. The Civic Club is grateful that Tammy for developed a speedy solution to an identified need.



### *TCCH Partner's Update ~*

Welcome to the newest partners: PA Legal Aid Network, Inc., Estamos Unidos de Pennsylvania, Epilepsy Foundation Western/Central PA, and Danzante, Inc.

**Service Committee Report—Carol DiMartile**  
**Executive Board Meeting**  
**April 24, 2014**

Service Committee Meeting was held on April 9, 2013. Our next meeting will be held on Monday, May 19 from 1-3PM at the Civic Club.

The TCCH Service Committee coordinates, collaborates, connects, convenes and complements a full spectrum of community service programs and events in concert with all interested groups and individuals.

**Completed Service Projects:**

**April 4, 2014** - Junior Achievement of South Central PA, a partner of the Civic Club, hosted their annual Symposium dedicated to inspiring and mentoring young women to “Step up to a Brighter Future” at the Clarion Hotel in New Cumberland. 125 high school 10th, 11th and 12th graders attended. The Civic Club supported this event by sponsoring a table and donating pens with our logo for the tote bags. Carol DiMartile, Service Chair, participated as a mentor. It was a successful and inspiring event.

**April 7, 2014** - We broadcast Civic Club Program “Life as a Detainee” to Homeland via Skype. A small audience viewed the program from Homeland. We received positive feedback from residents who attended. Technology was successful! We need to work on publicity for future broadcasted events. Doris Coyne can provide support with getting the word out at Homeland.

**April 9, 2014** - Civic Minded Breakfast held at Civic Club for Non-Profit Organizations. About 20 non-profits attended. Pressley Ridge and PANO (PA Association for Non-Profit Organizations) made presentations.

**April 10-11, 2014** - Volunteers provided a "Day of Service" in the TCCH garden.

**Scheduled Upcoming Service Projects:**

**May 10, 2014** - The Civic Club will participate in Harrisburg Young Professionals 16th Annual Home Tour in the Downtown area of Harrisburg on Saturday, May 10 from 1-5PM. Penn State Master Gardeners will be set up on our porch with a display. We continue to need volunteers to be docents or tour guides on the day of the tour for 2 ½ hour shifts. Kathy Gates and Carol DiMartile are co-chairing this event.

**Future Service Projects:**

**November, 2014** - Planning events to support our military personnel around Veteran’s Day

**Ongoing** - Civic Minded Breakfasts scheduled for June 11, Aug. 13, Oct. 8 & Dec. 10 from 7:15-8:30AM



**High Tea Served at the Club House**

High tea was served on May 15th as a TCCH gift won at last year's Salvation Army “Shoe Strut” Fundraiser. The four ladies, Patty, Sonnie, Nancy and Nancy were introduced to Mary Lou Ford Dallam's many courses of fruit, mini sandwiches, mini truffles and fabulous tea provided by One Good Woman in Camp Hill. The music by Edith Pilaf only made the view more spectacular!

The helpers for the tea were Irene Abele, Kathy Dunbar, Beth Cornell, Mary Lou Dallam, Judy Zerbe (shown left) and Kathy Gates. It was a huge success. Thanks to Mary Lou for coordinating everything.

**ADVERTISE IN THE *OVERLOOK YEARBOOK***

Do you operate your own business? To defray some of the cost of publishing the 2014-2015 Overlook Yearbook, Civic Club members can now advertise their businesses in this yearbook. A business card advertisement for members is only \$75. Non-profit partners may purchase a business card ad for just \$100. Contact Membership Secretary JoAnn Curado (email joanncurado@howardhanna.com or call 510-499-3039) for more information.



**The Civic Club of Harrisburg**  
**First Annual Family and Friends Picnic on the Lawn of “Overlook”**

June 22, 2014 from 1 p.m. until 4p.m.

Please bring a favorite covered dish to share!

Bring plates, silverware and glass!

Lemonade and ice tea will be provided.

RSVP to TCCH house RSVP line:

717-234-6736 by June 15<sup>th</sup>



Another lovely garden picture!



More from the HYP Home Tour: Volunteer Renie Abele with a couple that got married this year at the club.

**The Civic Club of Harrisburg  
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**2014-2015 Slate of Officers**

*President:* Gail Bishop

*Past President:* Jeanne Schmedlen

*1st Vice President (Programs):* Jeanne Cutler

*2nd Vice President (Finance):* Beth Cornell

*3rd Vice President (Service):* Carol DiMartile

*4th Vice President (House & Gardens):* MaryBeth Lehtimaki and Victoria (Tori) Bell  
(Preservation/Restoration & Grounds)

*Recording and Corresponding Secretary:* Judy Imler

*Interim Treasurer:* Joan Bretz (Until December 2014)

*Assistant Treasurer:* Brenda Martin

*Membership Secretary:* JoAnn Curado

*Directors:* Joan Bretz, Sana Khouri, Doris Coyne

**Appointed Chairs:**

*GALA III:* TBA

*Parliamentarian/Taxes:* Joan Bretz

*Historian:* Janine Pappalardo

*Social and Awards:* Karen Best

*PR/Communications:* Barbara Kauffman and Jeanne Schmedlen

*Transition/Management Liaison:* Myrna Delgado

*Newsletter:* Ann Brooks

*Technology:* Melanie Wagner

**The Civic Club of Harrisburg Affiliates  
501 (c)(3)**

*Chairman for the Affiliates:* Susan Spadafore

**LOOKING AHEAD:**

<b>Monday, May 19, 2014 (10:00 a.m.)</b>		<b>Wednesday, June 11, 2014</b>
<b>Executive Board Meeting</b>		<b>(7:15 a.m. — 8:30 a.m.)</b>
		<b>Civic - Minded Breakfast</b>
<b>Sunday, June 8, 2014</b>		<b>Sunday, June 22, 2014 (1:00 p.m.)</b>
<b>(5:30 p.m. — 8:00 p.m.)</b>		<b>All Family Picnic</b>
<b>TCCH/A GALA II</b>		<b>Wednesday, August, 13, 2014</b>
<b>“WINDOWS ON THE SUSQUEHANNA”</b>		<b>(7:15 a.m. — 8:30 a.m.)</b>
		<b>Civic - Minded Breakfast</b>

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<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Civic-Club-of-Harrisburg>

**NOTE: News articles for the September “Ladies’ Notes” should be emailed to Ann Brooks, [awbrooks@verizon.net](mailto:awbrooks@verizon.net) by Friday, August 8, 2014.**

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