

TCCH Annual Report

June 1, 2010 – May 31, 2011



The purpose of The Civic Club of Harrisburg (TCCH and TCCH Affiliates) is to promote and engage in civic and social activities which shall 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, the elderly and those in need; and, foster relationships with like-minded organizations. (2006)

The Civic Club of Harrisburg Year in Review 2010-2011

The Civic Club of Harrisburg had a very busy year. With the completion of the five-year strategic plan, we launched three initiatives: revived our “Manners Matter Program;” increased membership; and, introduced a breakfast for “Civic Minded Executives.” The board kept the club buzzing along this year.

Our Five Strategic Plan Goals include:

o Grow Membership (Membership Chair)

Joan B. reviewed and updated our old membership records, designed a new *Overlook Booklet*, and managed new memberships. Joan created a new membership flyer in for 2010-2011. In November, 2010, with the help of Jeanne S. and Beth C. a new membership brochure was designed and distributed. We increased membership by 20% and surpassed our goal of 18%. Yea!

o Revitalize Services (Program Chair/ Special Events Chair and Affiliates)

Tory B. and Susan S. helped us put the focus back on service to our community through the Civic Networking Breakfast and “Manners Matter”. The Civic Club of Harrisburg programs developed by Romaine M. were engaging and thought-provoking.

o Improve Communications and Marketing (Chair of Communications)

Jeanne S. put out TCCH press releases for most of our events. “The Ladies Notes” were launched and refined as the year passed. A new phone system and Internet access were installed. Many working Google documents were distributed to leadership to improve communications.

o Sustain the Landmark Building with a Business Plan for the House and Gardens. Tess B. and Marybeth L. both pushed full speed ahead to improve and restore the house and garden. TCCH brought in green companies and various electrical and plumbing companies to get bids and fix many problems. Tess B. was up on our roof to identify leaks. Marybeth L. led the way to clean up and revive the garden. Many hours were spent to get the club in shape for our events and contracted events. New flowers were added to the gardens, rugs were replaced and basement was cleaned.

o Streamline Operations of TCCH through By-Laws and Committees (Committee/Executive Board)

A by-law change was made to redefine the categories for membership and prepare for donor campaign. It was approved by the general membership in April, 2011. The new TCCH Affiliates bylaws are under review. A budget was put in place and adopted by the board. Monthly statements allow the Board to see how much the club loses each month and how the utilities have increased substantially. This year the Civic Club of Harrisburg had a deficit of just over \$16,420. inasmuch as we had fewer rentals and increased expenses.

Special Thanks to all the spouses who volunteered and helped us this year.

Highlights of Our 2010- 2011 Programs

June 2010



The Civic Club of Harrisburg members visited The Barnes Foundation and The Union League of Philadelphia. It was a great trip and a good fundraiser.

August 2010



Twenty-five girls participated in the Harrisburg Parks, Recreation and Enrichment Program and joined TCCH for a special luncheon.

September 2010 (Opening Day)

Colonel Sam Lombardo enlightened the audience with exciting stories from his life. It has been 66 years since the Battle of the Bulge, but his fight goes on to inform the sons and daughters of the veterans of World War II of his experiences and to pass on the stories for posterity. The flag his 99th Division Rifle Platoon made from fabrics found in war-torn buildings became the first American flag of the Division to cross the Rhine at Remagen, Germany. His lively presentation was well received and was well attended.

After the program, Romaine and Col. Leo McMahon presented The Civic Club of Harrisburg with new American and Pennsylvania flags with stanchions.

October 2010

Sheldon Munn presented a program on women visionaries Myra Lloyd Dock, Esther Say Harris, Mary Sachs and Madeline Stokes. He provides historic walking, car and bus tours in our community. The Harrisburg SusqueCentennial Commission honored Munn as a Living Legacy.

November 2010

The Korean wrapping cloth, Bojagi (보자기 공예) is a process of wrapping gifts with fabric. Beth Cornell shared history of the many generations of Koreans who have used fabric to wrap special gifts. Members practiced the styles introduced as they wrapping different items.

YOUR MEMBERSHIP: A mailing is being sent to each member, partner or sponsor in the next few months. Deadline for renewal is May 15th. Those not received by July 1th will be dropped from membership and not be included in our "Overlook" booklet to come out in August. Send your dues to Joan Bretz: 4081 Greystone Drive, Harrisburg, PA 17112



“Manners Matter” was presented to two dozen young people from the greater Harrisburg Area. Many thanks to Susan Spadafore and volunteers and sponsors.

This year’s program is scheduled for Sunday, November 20, 2011. Volunteers are needed.

December 2010

At the annual Holiday Brunch the Harrisburg Youth Opera performed for us. They were exciting and full of great spirit. TCCH also co-hosted a reception following the Historic Harrisburg Candlelight Tour. Historic Harrisburg is \ our first non-profit partner.

January and February 2011

The board met in “retreat mode” for a mid-year review of programs, services and budget.

March 2011

Artist Violet Oakley, portrayed by actor Heather Jannetta, performed as this famous Pennsylvanian. Civic Club members learned about her life in the early 1900’s from Philadelphia to the halls and walls of our great Capitol. Oakley was the first woman to have a voice in the executive, legislative and judicial branches of state government through her murals. Students from St. Stephens School joined us for the program and they had good questions for the playwright, Cindy Dlugolecki.

April 2011

The club launched the “150th Anniversary of the Civil War” with a colorful presentation by Col. Bobby Towey. A highlight of his presentation is that the Carlisle Barracks was, in fact, the host for both confederate and union forces. The club hosted the first Civic Networking Breakfast for other non-profits that have civic education, services and programs for citizens in the greater Harrisburg Area.

May 2011

Speaker, Jeanne Schmedlen, provided insight from her book, entitled “History of Women in The PA House of Representatives 1923-2008”. Her book describes the history and impact that women legislators have had in Pennsylvania. The May luncheon at the clubhouse was a great success. The presentation by Capital Area School for the Arts (CASA) was a young musician. ArtsFest created an opportunity to identify 10 contacts for “Manners Matter.” for 2011. The new membership brochure was distributed. Kudos to Tori B. and her volunteers as we raised over \$2,000 to benefit the club.

Looking Forward to 2011-2012
THE CIVIC CLUB OF HARRISBURG 2010- 2011 OFFICERS

President	Beth Cornell	Recording Secretary	Victoria Bell
Vice President 1	Gail Bishop	Corresponding Secretary	Babs Mumma (Pending)
Vice President 2	Jeanne Schmedlen	Membership Secretary	Joan Bretz
Vice President 3	Janet Rouen	Advisor to the President	Sana Khouri
Vice President 4	Marybeth Lehtimaki and Tess Bockes	Membership Campaign Chairman	Kathy Gates
Treasurer	Sana Khouri	Affiliates Liaison	Mary Lou Dallam
Assistant Treasurer	Doris Coyne	Director	Looking for experienced member

TCCH - Income and Expenses 2010-2011

Income:

Rentals	\$27,700
Interest	3,408
Other	9,106
Total	\$40,214

Expenses	\$56,634
Deficit:	(16,420) * Pre Audit
Reserve Rental Balance:	\$11,800 (2011-2012)

Contract Sana Khouri, Treasurer, for questions on our investment balances

THE CIVIC CLUB OF HARRISBURG GOALS for 2011-2012

1. Launch TCCH membership campaign with added new categories: Joan Bretz and Kathy Gates.
2. Host a gala to “raise our roof and upgrade of heat and air conditioning systems” : Jeanne Schmedlen and volunteers.
3. Host great monthly programs, conduct a Kipona fundraiser, continue the Civic Networking Breakfasts, continue “Manners Matter”: Gail Bishop, Tori Bell, Susan Spadafore and Marylou Dallam.
4. Upgrade the alarm system, solve the floor cleaning problem, and other house issues: Tess Bockes, Marybeth Lehtimacki and volunteers.
5. Launch Public Relations and Communications campaigns for more visibility in the community: Needs a volunteer.
6. Encourage each member to volunteer 5 hours monthly.

The Civic Club of Harrisburg Long-Time Members to be Interviewed

The club really wants to hear your stories. TCCH has contracted with a writer and storyteller to build our archive of historic stories about our work and our ladies. Brandi Kennedy will audiotape and write summaries for our archives and website. We are hoping to add these to our new website. Our first round of honored interviewees includes: Elsie Swenson, Grace Stuart, Shirley Parker, Margaret Julius, Doris Boswell, and Natalie Jostenski.



IN CONCERT
THURSDAY - JUNE 30, 2011
8 PM
The Forum
Harrisburg, PA

*Tickets are \$20
Group Sales available
Presented by the American Guild of Organists,
Harrisburg Chapter*

For more information: www.whitakercenter.org
Buy Tickets Online or call 717-214-ARTS (2787)

The Civic Club of Harrisburg supports this community program.

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The Senior Crime Prevention University Program makes citizens **AWARE** of the kinds of scams used by con artists

Home Improvement Rip-offs
Foreign Lottery Schemes
Telemarketing Fraud
Sweepstakes Scams

FREE SEMINAR

DATE
September 12, 2011

TIME
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

LOCATION
Civic Club of Harrisburg
612 N. Front Street
Harrisburg, PA 17101

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