



THE CIVIC CLUB NEWS

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 CIVIC CLUB OF HARRISBURG: 1898-2018: 120 YEARS OF RICH TRADITION!



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“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, seniors and those in need; and, foster relationships with like-minded organizations.”

According to early minutes, on January 21, 1898, a group of women from some of Harrisburg’s oldest families met at the home of Gabriella Cameron Gilbert, 203 Front Street, with the idea of forming a women’s club that would work toward improving their city. It was said that the group was “made up with some of the best ladies of the place.”

In the early days the club’s goals were *“to awaken interest in the welfare of the city; to suggest methods for its betterment; and to help to test and prove their value; to show the moral value of parks and playgrounds; and to teach the spiritual value of cleanliness.”*

The club has accomplished much through the years. *Its challenge is to continue this good work into perpetuity.* The Civic Club of Harrisburg, its Affiliates and its landmark building are an essential and vital segment of Harrisburg’s history and landscape and integral to Harrisburg’s future success. Let us all work together to meet this challenge set before us 120 years ago!

New ideas! Meeting

How to Let Go of the World and Love All the Things Climate Can't Change

Who? Oscar-nominated director Josh Fox continues in his deeply personal style, investigating climate change – the greatest threat our world has ever known.

What? **CLEAN UP THE WORLD DAY!** *Traveling to 12 countries on six continents, the film acknowledges that it may be too late to stop some of the worst consequences and asks, “What is it that climate change can’t destroy? What is so deep within us that no calamity can take it away?” Clean Up the World engages an estimated 35 million volunteers in 130 countries each year, making it one of the largest community based environmental campaigns in the world.*

We inspire and empower community groups, schools, businesses, and local governments to join as Members and carry out community-based activities that address local environmental issues.

By facilitating local action, Clean Up the World brings about global environmental change.

Clean Up the World is held in partnership with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). While the campaign’s flagship event, Clean Up the World Weekend, is held over the 3rd weekend in September, members are encouraged to undertake activities throughout the year.

How? This film presentation is presented in partnership with the Harristown Development.

When? Sunday, September 17, 2017 at 6:00 PM

Where? Overlook

<http://www.howtoletgomovie.com/>



A Presidential Message:

Dear Members.

2016-2017 has been both an interesting and challenging year for Overlook, The Civic Club of Harrisburg.

One of the highlights of the year was celebrating our 100th year anniversary on December 4, 2016 with a Champagne Brunch. Eight of our past presidents were in attendance.

Our November Luncheon's speaker was Mr. Chuck Wingate, Executive Director of Bethesda Mission. Members in attendance brought donations for the mission which were then presented to Mr. Wingate.

Donating to the Salvation Army was an ongoing service project for the fall. In cooperation with the Salvation Army, all donations would be delivered in January. We agreed that a boost in supplies is always needed after the holidays.

Our last luncheon in May included the installation of the new officers for 2017/2018 and the introduction of our \$1,000.00 scholarship recipient, Zachary McMinn. His parents and the principal of his high school accompanied him.

Three of 5 phases of updating our electrical system from Knob and Tube to code have been completed.

The challenging part of the year started on September 25, 2017 with a water pipe break on the second floor. It affected our first floor kitchen, the hallway and coat room on the second floor. Thanks to Service 1st Restoration we did not have to cancel any upcoming events. The restoration is finished and a new stove was donated by a member of our organization.

Another challenge was the installation of an air-conditioning condenser in April. The work was completed a day before a scheduled event.

We are trying something new this year. We have planned four film programs free and open to the public and our members and two luncheons. Please check the program list for dates and time.

As another chapter begins for 2017-2018, I am looking forward as your president to a successful and satisfying year for Overlook, The Civic Club of Harrisburg.

Warm Regards,

Judy Imler



Since our last ...



Newsletter

Civic Minded Breakfast in June

The June meeting of the Civic Minded Breakfast host Speaker was Una Martone, the Director of Leadership Harrisburg. Special thanks to Jean Cutler, Judy Imler and Tess Bockes for hosting the event. Una shared many opportunities for regional non-profits to get support through projects the annual classes identify. Non-profits make application at the end of June for specific ideas they have to enhance their work. The Civic Club of Harrisburg is considering an application for next year. Judy Imler and Beth Cornell attended this spring's daylong conference on "Collective Impact" April 5, 2017.



Judy Imler, Una Martone, Beth Cornell

Chocolate. Wine. Jazz.
BE OUR GUEST.

At Overlook: A Recap



Our event was held on Sunday, August 13 and was enjoyed by all who attended. The chocolates were delicious and were paired with a wine that complimented the flavor of the chocolate. Combine that with great jazz and you have a fun evening.

Hors d'oeuvres were served which included selected cheeses, fresh veggies, assorted breads with various dipping sauces and roast beef sliders.

Thank you to Macris Chocolates, The Katie Rudolph Trio and The JDK Group.

We would like to extend a special thank you to our consultant, Dana McGinley, for the beautiful table dressings and flowers.



News from Our TCCH Partners:

☞ **Susquehanna Chorale Season Subscriptions Available** – Season subscriptions for “Letting Our Spirits Soar,” the 2017-18 season of the Susquehanna Chorale, are on sale now. Purchase a season subscription by Oct. 31, and save up to 35% off the regular ticket price. Upcoming performances for this award-winning adult choral group, under the direction of Linda L. Tedford, include the Youth Choral Festival (featuring the Susquehanna Children’s, Youth, and Young Women’s Chorales) on Sunday, Nov. 19, at the High Center (Messiah College) at 4 p.m. Also, mark your calendar for the Candlelight Christmas concerts on Friday, Dec. 15 at the High Center, 8 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 16 at Church of the Brethren, Elizabethtown, 8 p.m.; and Sunday, Dec. 17 at Market Square Presbyterian Church, Harrisburg, 4 p.m. For tickets or more information, call (717) 691-6036 or visit www.susquehannachorale.org

☞ **Camp Curtin Preschool: Seeks Volunteer Teacher’s Aides** which is housed in the CCM-MUMC located at 2221 N. 6th Street, Harrisburg, and is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.
If you wish to volunteer, please contact Rich Stokes, CCP Board member, at: 717-580-7364 or rstokes10@aol.com

☞ **Historic Harrisburg Association: First Harrisburg Mural Fest, September 1 to 10.** Artists have been commissioned to create murals on walls that have been frequent targets of graffiti vandalism. It has been widely proven that murals serve as a deterrent to the temptation to apply graffiti. More information about the mural festival is available at <http://www.sprocketmuralworks.com/2017-mural-festival>.



The next Civic Minded Breakfast will be on September 13th and begins at 7:15 am.

Judy Imler, Tess Bockes lead the way to assist David Morrison facilitate the topics and speakers for the remainder of the 2017-2018. All regional non-profits are invited to engage in this discussion. Members are welcome too.

Theme: Round table discussion of future needs and ideas. The September Civic Club of Harrisburg's Civic Minded Breakfast will focus on defining future topics that meet the needs of regional non-profit leaders. David Morrison will facilitate the discussion to recognize the many ways TCCH's breakfast can serve each of you. Over 63 non-profits have shared challenges and needs for past five years in many civic discussions. As you join us think about your individual and organizational needs.

Please RSVP to civicclubhbg@gmail.com or to Judy Imler at juimler@verizon.net

GRAFFITI PROJECT

A team of volunteers will use a new, safe, effective graffiti removal technique to clean accumulated graffiti from the walls and surfaces of Kunkel Plaza at Front and State Streets in Riverfront Park, Thursday, September 7, between 5 and 6 PM. The volunteers represent the Midtown Action Council, the Friends of Midtown and the Historic Harrisburg Association, which joined forces earlier this summer to acquire the equipment and materials needed for successful graffiti remediation. The Harrisburg Civic Club is providing free parking for all volunteers.

The volunteers have already removed graffiti from several institutional buildings in the Midtown area, and their efforts will expand in the coming weeks, making the service available free of charge to interested property owners. Property owners may make inquiries or schedule appointments by contacting HHA at info@historicharrisburg.com or 717.233.4646. The initiative was funded by a grant from the Auchincloss Fund at the Foundation for Enhancing Communities (TFEC).

The demonstration at Kunkel Plaza and the subsequent clean-ups to be scheduled coincide with the first Harrisburg Mural Fest, September 1 to 10, organized by Sprocket Mural Works, in which ten public murals will be created during a ten-day period.





NEW TO TCCH!

TCCH Website Markets our Historic Venue

A special grant from the community has allowed Civic Club of Harrisburg to upgrade our website so that it will be more accessible by smart phones and tables/pads. It has been in operation for two years by a team of civic club members (Melanie Wagner, Jeanne Schmedlen, Beth Cornell, TCCH Consultants and other members) and hours by Ameritec Media who redefined the architecture so the site will be more educational and marketable to serve our communities. <https://www.civicclubofharrisburg.com/> Five members have been trained to manage the site with a two hour training and manual: Myrna Delgado, Tess Bockes, Donna Winch, Beth Cornell, and Melanie Wagner. The new site can accommodate the following:

Brides and other wanting to rent the facility have quick access to send out consultant an inquiry.

Community members can research out history.

Members can log into the site and see restricted information just for them.

A gallery provides many images and videos showcasing our beautiful building.

Memberships can be paid using "Paypal" for a quick way to pay.

TCCH Service Project

The Civic Club of Harrisburg adopted the Ben Franklin Elementary School in Harrisburg as its service project this year. The purpose of the project was to supplement school supplies for the on-going process of educating students.

In the first week of August, over \$2,100.00 of school supplies were delivered to the school.

Thank you to all members who donated either monetarily or classroom items.



2017-2018 is looking good and is financially stable!

Our marketing consultant, Dana McGinley is doing a wonderful job as we head into this year. Keep up the exciting work! **Don't forget that members and non-profits get a discount for their use of the building.**

Looking Ahead

OFFICERS

President Judy Imler
 President-Elect..... Myrna Delgado
 Recording Secretary Marybeth Lehtimaki
 Treasurer Jennifer Kohler
 Director (Finance)..... Beth Cornell
 Director (Programs) Melissa Snyder
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 Director (House)..... Contrena Baltimore
 Director Gail Bishop
 Director Peggy Pudy
 Director Sarah Miller
 Affiliates Chairman/Liaison James Imler

APPOINTED CHAIRS

Taxes/Parliamentarian..... Joan Bretz
 Newsletter Donna Winch
 Awards and Events Karen Best
 PR/Communications Diane McNaughton
 Archivist/Historian..... Linda Ries
 Scholarship..... Gail Bishop

Wednesday, September 13, 2017

Civic-Minded Breakfast
7:15 a.m. at Overlook

Sunday, September 17, 2017
TCCH Program Open to Public

Film Presentation
“Clean Up the World Day”
6:00 p.m. at Overlook

Monday, September 18, 2017

TCCH Board Meeting
10:30 a.m. at Overlook

Wednesday, October 11, 2017

Service Project:
YMCA Residents Dinner
{More details later. }

Sunday, October 15, 2017
Program Open to Public

Film Presentation
“The Hidden World of
Endangered Species”
6:00 p.m. at Overlook

Monday, October 16, 2017

TCCH Board Meeting
10:30 a.m. at Overlook

Thursday, October 19, 2017
(RSVP Required)

New Member Orientation Reception
5:30 -7:00 p.m. at Overlook

TCCH Phone line:

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civicclubhbg@gmail.com

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

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NOTE: Articles and images for the October *The Civic Club News* should be emailed to Donna Winch at: winch@comcast.net by Friday, October 6, 2017

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