

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.

**Happy Holidays to each of you
from The Civic Club of Harrisburg Board!**

Celebrate the Season! Bring your family and friends. Reserve a table now!

ANNUAL HOLIDAY CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH

Sunday, December 8, 2013, 1:00 p.m.

Entertainment by members of the **Harrisburg Choral Society**, a TCCH Partner and the oldest choral ensemble in the Capital Region.

Cost \$32.00 per person and can be paid at the door.

Reservations are required by December 3!

Catering by **Stocks on 2nd**

Call TCCH, 717-234-6736 or e-mail civicclubhbg@gmail.com to make your reservations.

"As we head into the 2013 holiday season, we invite all our friends and neighbors to take every opportunity to express good cheer and thanks for all in our community who help those who need 'a leg up'," said Noelani Uhl, chairman of Special Events for TCCH, who added, "our annual brunch brings us together for fellowship, reflection and celebration of our accomplishments over the past year."

The club asks brunch guests to bring gifts of new toys for ages 0-12 and monetary donations to the Junior League of Greater Harrisburg's program of helping needy families. Also, participants can bring new items for the over one thousand families The Salvation Army Harrisburg serves each December. TCCH is well on its way to collecting hundreds of donations of warm socks, fleece or thermal-type blankets, hats, gloves and scarf sets for children, teens and the elderly.

Come One Come All! Let's Deck the Halls!

On Monday November 25, 2013 we will gather at 3:00 p.m. to decorate "Overlook" (the Club House). We plan to be there until we finish which we hope will be around 7:00 p.m. Light fare will be provided for all especially those of you who have already put in an eight hour day. If you would like to contribute to the decorations, please bring something gold, silver or white. We generally use gold on the first floor and white and silver on the second. We look forward to seeing all you good little elves any time between 3 and 7 o'clock. Your assistance is appreciated!

Contact MaryBeth Lehtimaki at 599-5863 or civicclubhbg@gmail.com if you can attend.

Windows on the Susquehanna

Sunrise...Sunset

**The 2nd Annual Gala of
The Civic Club of Harrisburg.**

Sunday, June 8, 2014

**612 North Front Street, Harrisburg, from
5:30 to 8:00 p.m.**

Music by Third Stream.

Volunteers needed for the Gala Committee

Contact Karen Best at

717-763-4614 or kdbest@pa.net

Service Corner:

The Service Committee is committed to promoting a Culture of Service for Civic Club Members by encouraging members to volunteer on a regular basis. Our non-profit partners provide us with a wealth of opportunities from which to select. These volunteer opportunities will be listed in each newsletter as suggestions for our members to pursue.

Completed Service Projects:

Reached out to Homeland & Messiah regarding broadcasting future programs to their site . Homeland indicated an interest in April 7, 2014 Program.

Scheduled Upcoming Service Projects:

Civic Minded Breakfasts: Next one is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, Dec. 11 from 7:15a.m.-8:30a.m. It is a great opportunity to learn about our regional non-profits, the services they provide to the community and issues that concern them. Volunteers are always appreciated. Contact Carol DiMartile at cdimartile@gmail.com.

2014 Civic Minded Breakfasts: Feb. 12, April 9, June 11, Aug. 13, Oct. 8, and Dec. 10

Holiday Service Project: This year the Civic Club is excited to partner with the Junior League of Harrisburg for their annual Holiday Brunch. The event will be held on Saturday, December 7 at Camp Curtin School, 6th and Division Streets in Harrisburg from 10a.m.-12 noon. Needy families and their children have been identified and invited. So far, we are expecting 75 children aged infant to age 12 along with adult family members. A warm meal will be served and there will be games, storytelling and visits with Santa. There are many ways for Civic Club members to assist.

- Volunteers are needed for a Wrapping Party to be held on Tuesday, December 3 at the Civic Club beginning at 6p.m.
- Donations of money (checks can be made out to "Junior League of Harrisburg") or new unwrapped toys for children ages 10-12. You may bring these items to the Decorating Party on November 25 or to the wrapping party on December 3.
- Volunteers are needed on December 7 to assist with working the Holiday Brunch serving in 2 shifts: 8:30a.m.-12 noon & 10:00a.m. until 1:00p.m. (or until all is cleaned up).

Contact Rebecca Taylor, Holiday Brunch Chair for the Junior League if you can assist. Her email address is: rmt202@gmail.com. Her telephone number is: 973-670-4988.



State Representative, Patty Kim, Presented November Program, "Highlights in the PA Legislature"



Left to Right: Jeanne Schmedlen, Gail Bishop, Rep Patty Kim and Karen Best.

We were honored to have as our November speaker State Representative, Patty Kim. A former news anchor and reporter and Harrisburg City Councilwoman, who was elected to her first term in the State House of Representatives in November 2012.

Kim's priorities in the General Assembly include taking a solution-based approach to statewide issues, working in cooperation and collaboration with colleagues, and utilizing her record of service to support initiatives that stand to better the lives of the citizens she represents.

Representative Kim serves PA District 103. She shared highlights of her first year in the PA Legislature, current "hot button" issues facing the Commonwealth, and the challenges for a woman in politics. She discussed the challenges of adjusting to working in the House, while fulfilling her role as mother to two children.

Like members of TCCH, Kim is a great believer in the Harrisburg Community. She was an engaging speaker, and her presentation was enjoyed by attendees.

Many thanks to Tori Bell for the beautiful flowers on the tables.

Third Annual TCCH Board Retreat

During January and February TCCH Board members will participate in its third annual retreat. All board members are invited to work updating the strategic plan to increase the capacity of The Civic Club of Harrisburg. Host is the Giant Community Room on Linglestown Road on Thursday, January 16 and Wednesday, February 12, 2014 from 9:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. Two major reports will need action including planning, by-laws, policies and procedures.

TCCH BYLAWS

A special committee has been appointed to look carefully at The Civic Club of Harrisburg Bylaws over the next few months. If you have any suggestions as to which areas you think should be updated/revised/deleted/etc., please communicate your comments to Joan Bretz, committee chair, via email to jbretz1@earthlink.net or via phone 717-657-3645. Your input will be appreciated. We hope to present the revised Bylaws to the Executive Board for review by February.

Items Needed: We are still in need of a laptop computer and projector to complete our technology project. If anyone would like to donate \$\$ toward this project, please contact Beth Cornell at blcornell@mac.com.



For Sale! Dishes, Dishes, Dishes..... We are looking for a buyer to purchase the old dishes and glassware used by the club many years ago. The dishes are sturdy and in good condition with no chips. Some have a gold edging. There are two different patterns. Price is negotiable. Interested? Contact TCCH at civicclubhbg@gmail.com or 717-234-6736.

Non-Profit Partners Update:

The Salvation Army Harrisburg – During the holiday season, we will serve more than 3,000 local children with toys and clothing and provide 1,500 holiday meal baskets for families and seniors. Opportunities for service and assistance needs are many, including donations of holiday meal boxes, Christmas Giving Tree tags for children, Adopt-a-Family and Red Kettle bell ringing. For information, contact Kathy Anderson-Martin at 233-6755 ext. 114; kathy.anderson-martin@use.salvationarmy.org or visit www.timetosignup/salvationarmyhbg.

Historical Society of Dauphin County – We will host the Deck the Halls annual fundraiser on Wednesday, December 4 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the John Harris-Simon Cameron Mansion. Our honorees this year for the John Harris Award are the five founders of the Harrisburg Young Professionals. The John Harris Award recognizes contributions to our community that will be part of local history for generations to come.

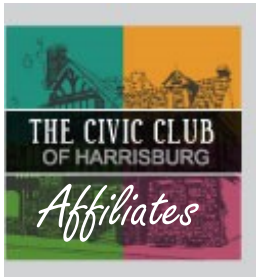
Harrisburg Choral Society - The 55-voice choir, plus professional soloists and orchestra, will present its annual Messiah Sing-Along at Market Square Presbyterian Church on Sunday, December 1, at 3:00 PM. The group will perform its annual holiday concert, The Spirit of Christmas, at the Grace Pollock Center in Camp Hill on Sunday, December 22, at 3:00 p.m. Tickets for both are available at www.harrisburgchoralsociety.org or at the door. Please come and enjoy wonderful music to celebrate the season!

The Art Association of Harrisburg – 5-Artist Invitational Exhibition to debut with reception on Friday, December 6, 5p.m.-8 p.m. Photography by Chip Cain and Jay Ressler, Robot Sculptures by Judy Kelly, Mixed Media by Sandi Neiman Lovitz, Acrylics by Frederick Swarr. Visit www.artassocofhbg.com for more information.

Channels Food Rescue and Caitlin's Smiles will once again have a joint Open House for the Public on December 10th from 4p.m. to 7 p.m. *Gents Nite Out* barbershop quartet will perform and there will be food and beverages. Families are welcome – children can decorate holiday cookies at Channels and take them home. Other crafts for kids will be available at Caitlin's Smiles.

Central Pennsylvania Food Bank - Their annual turkey drive will take place during the months of November and December. Turkeys can be dropped off at the Harrisburg warehouse weekdays and Saturdays. Please visit centralpafoodbank.org for more details.

Historic Harrisburg Association - is holding its cornerstone event, the Candlelight House Tour on Sunday, December 8th. This year we are celebrating our 40th year anniversary. This year's theme is "Unique Explorations: Opening the Doors for 40 Years," and will feature 17 properties of Historic Midtown, one of the City of Harrisburg's most notable historic and architecturally distinct neighborhoods. For more information on this event or other programs please see our website at www.HistoricHarrisburg.com or call Cindy Essig at 717-233-4646.



Affiliate Affairs

by Susan Spadafore, CEO & Chair

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.

November is historically a month in which we reflect and give thanks. Looking back on this year one can't help but recognize all the wonderful things that have happened at TCCH and TCCHA and I truly thank each of you for the part you played in our success. Since our last newsletter:

TCCH & TCCHA collaborative hosted a New Member Reception/Orientation on Wednesday, October 23rd. Three new members were in attendance along with Board and Committee Chairs. It was an enjoyable evening sharing our work, getting to know each other and helping new members identify areas of expertise and service.

On Wednesday, November 6th from 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. we held our 2nd Quarterly meeting. Members got to meet the following board members: Beth Cornell – Representing TCCH, Kathy Gates – Treasurer, and David Morrison – Director. Our meeting focused on “next steps” – and a small group will be working on mapping out a plan to share at the TCCH Annual Meeting scheduled for February 3rd 2014, from 5 p.m.– 6:30 p.m.

We are hoping to make our Annual Meeting a special event celebrating our year and our work. In order to make this extra special – we need your help. If you have ideas, skills, and or interest in working on this task – please let Beth Cornell, Sana Khouri, Kathy Gates or me know as soon as possible.

As we enter into our Holiday Season – I encourage you to participate in some of our Club's service activities. I look forward to seeing everyone at the Annual Christmas Champagne Brunch on Sunday, December 8th .

Wishing you all a wonderful holiday season and a happy new year,

Susan



Keystone Historic Preservation Construction Grant Awarded to The Civic Club of Harrisburg Affiliates

The Civic Club's building, "Overlook," is a valuable contributing resource to the City of Harrisburg. The Affiliates' 501 (c)(3) status, entitles TCCHA to apply for a Keystone Historic Preservation Construction grant from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. This grant was applied for in March, approved in May, and has now been awarded. We are entitled to \$25,000 which must be matched by the Club and the Affiliates. Matching funds are

available for this purpose as a result of the Gala held this past May. This allows us to do \$50,000 in restoration to "Overlook." Starting January 2014, we will repair the Ballroom window to the west. By March of 2015, we will have repaired all the Ballroom windows as well as begun needed masonry work to the building, porch, retaining and garden walls. Watch for updates as we progress with this much needed preservation of "Overlook."

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



November, 2013

Dear TCCH Members:

This month's program with the Honorable Patty Kim left me awed by her knowledge, passion and humility. We are so very proud to have her as one of our members and appreciate the time and effort she took to write her remarks and then deliver her speech in an engaging way. If I weren't older than she is, I would want to grow up to be just like her.

As we get close to Thanksgiving I am reminded of how grateful I am to so many of you for your help through the year taking care of our treasured club house. The House and Gardens Committee, led by chairman MaryBeth Lehtimaki, put a lot of talent and time to keep the place shining, inside and out. Our programs reflect our mission and have been excellent thanks to chairwoman Gail Bishop and her committee. Treasurer Kathy Gates not only carefully watches over our funds but also oversees our Non-Profit Partners Program which has grown to include 33 grassroots service organizations. The president of the Affiliates, Susan Spadafore, recently submitted three grant proposals to Foundations on our behalf. Past President Beth Cornell meets almost daily with committees and our tech folks to keep us updated and ready for the future. Ann Brooks is doing a terrific job on the newsletter, and Carol DiMartile is doing a fabulous job as chair of the Service Committee. The list goes on and on. There are so many doing so much for the good of our club and the community. Thank you.

Jeanne Schmedlen

The Salvation Army Needs Your Help to Make a Difference This Holiday Season

Thanksgiving Baskets - The Salvation Army Harrisburg will provide Thanksgiving Baskets for needy families in our community. Sign up to provide specific needs.

The Giving Tree - Host a giving tree in your group location, company or store. TSA provides tags for your tree, with gift suggestions and needs for specific, local children. Your employees or group members purchase tag items to make Christmas special for a local child.

Adopt-a-Family - Choose the size of a family you would like to "adopt" for Christmas. Shop, purchase and wrap gifts from the family's "wish list" and provide a holiday food basket or gift card.

Adopt-a-Senior - Adopt an area senior citizen in need by delivering a home cooked holiday meal or food basket. Supplying a small gift is also optional.

Gift Distribution - Volunteer between December 9 - December 17 to help sort, pack and distribute toys and clothing for over 3,000 gift boxes.

For details regarding any of the above, contact Melissa Snyder at 233.6755 x 111.

MEMBERSHIP PUSHING 100!

New Member Orientation was held Wednesday, October 23, from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. It was co-sponsored by The Civic Club and the The Civic Club Affiliates. There were 3 new members (Helen Sajer, Maureen Maxwell, and Tiz Williams) in attendance. David Morrison, Affiliates Member, eight Board members, and one Committee Chair 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. Another New Member Orientation will be in held in April 2014.

OVERLOOK YEARBOOK 2013-2014

The Overlook Yearbook 2013-2014 was mailed to all members in August and to new members as they joined. Please make the following corrections to your copy:

- Page 16 – Amy Hall – correct phone number to 214-8875 and correct email address to robertandamyhall@aol.com.
- Page 17 – Carol Howard – correct home phone number to 233-5965
- Page 18 – Emily Lenker Long –change address to 21 Keystone Drive, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050. Email and phone number remain unchanged.
- Page 31 – Robert Hall - correct phone number to 214-8875 and correct email address to robertandamyhall@aol.com.
- Faye Decker – New member reported in November newsletter – change address to 1612 Green Street, Harrisburg, PA 17102

Please report any contact information changes and/or corrections to Membership Secretary, Shirley McCormick, at shirley4949@comcast.net or 717-580-2480.

**The Civic Club of Harrisburg
501 (c)(4)**

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

Chairman for the Affiliates: Susan Spadafore

LOOKING AHEAD:

<p>Monday, November 25, 2013 (3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.) Decorate the Club House for the Holidays</p> <p>Saturday, December 7, 2013 Civic Club / Junior League of Harrisburg Holiday Project (See <u>Service Corner</u> for times)</p> <p>Sunday, December 8, 2013 (1 p.m.) Champagne Holiday Brunch</p> <p>Wednesday, December 11, 2013 (7:15 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.) Civic - Minded Breakfast</p> <p>Thursday, January 16, 2014 (10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.) Board Retreat</p> <p>Wednesday, February 12, 2014 (7:15 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.) Civic - Minded Breakfast</p>	<p>Thursday, February 13, 2014 (10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.) Board Retreat</p> <p>Monday, March 3, 2014 (10:00 a.m.) Noon Luncheon “CHOCOHOLICS TEND TO BE SKINNER” Lanny LeVan & Marie LeVan Lick</p> <p>Monday, March 24, 2014 (10:00 a.m.) Executive Board Meeting</p> <p>Monday, April 7, 2014 (10:00 a.m.) Noon Luncheon “LIFE AS A DETAINEE” Dusty Knisely</p> <p>Wednesday, April 9, 2014 (7:15 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.) Civic - Minded Breakfast</p> <p>Wednesday, April 23, 2014 (6:00 p.m.—7 p.m.) New Member Orientation</p>
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Any news articles for “Ladies’ Notes” need to be emailed to Ann Brooks, awbrooks@verizon.net by the first Friday of each month.

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