

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.

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

ANNUAL HOLIDAY CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH

Sunday, December 7, 2014

12:30 p.m. Champagne Reception

1:00 p.m. Catered Lunch



Catering by Stock's on 2nd

Cost is \$35.00 per person

Reservations are required by December 4

The Holiday Champagne Brunch, catered by Stock's on 2nd, will be held on Sunday, December 7, starting with a Champagne Reception at 12:30 p.m. at The Civic Club of Harrisburg. The cost is \$35.00 per person and reservations may be made no later than

Thursday, December 4 by calling

717-234-6736 or emailing civicclubhbg@gmail.com.

The program features select members of the choirs of Camp Curtin Mitchell Memorial United Methodist Church and Wesley Union AME Zion Church. The group will perform music appropriate to the holiday season.

Donations for the Holiday Service project will be accepted at this event. We are collecting items for the Ecumenical Food Pantry this year. Suggested items are: cake mixes, icing, jello, hard candy and fresh fruit. Monetary gifts are welcome. Checks should be written to the Ecumenical Food Pantry.

House and Garden News ~

The garden this fall is showing its splendor. Thanks to everyone who helped with the maintenance of the gardens this past year. We will be excited to see the 100 new tulip bulbs (that have been planted this fall) in bloom this spring.

We will be decorating the clubhouse for the holidays on December 1st starting at 3:00 p.m. If you enjoy decorating, please come, even if it is for a short time, to help out. Remember we are using silver and gold to deck the halls. Donations of holiday decorations are welcome. Snacks and beverages will be provided.

We are excited about our new tables and chairs. They will add a special touch to the holiday events this year.

The clubhouse could use a few things. We are in need of a corkboard and dishcloths.



Pennsylvania
Historical & Museum
Commission

We have contracted with British Masonry & Restoration to repair the remaining two windows in the ballroom. This project is supported jointly by a grant from the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC) and The Civic Club of Harrisburg (TCCH).



4th Annual TCCH Board Retreat

During January and February TCCH Board members will participate in its 4th annual retreat. All members are invited to attend as we update the strategic plan to increase the capacity of The Civic Club of Harrisburg. Host is the Giant Community Room on Linglestown Road on Monday, January 12 and Monday, February 9, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. until 2 p.m. Please plan to attend.



Seeking a volunteer as backup editor for the monthly "Ladies' Notes" newsletter who will consider picking up the responsibility for the 2015-2016 year. If you have past experience with newsletters or have a flair for writing and creativity, please

contact Ann Brooks at awbrooks@verizon.net or TCCH at civicclubhbg@gmail.com.

TCCH Volunteer Opportunities (Contact civicclubhbg@gmail.com or call (717) 234-6736)

- Help with the Holiday Brunch on Sunday, December 7th.
- Love to Decorate? Help decorate the clubhouse for the holidays on Monday, December 1st starting at 3:00 p.m. Snacks and beverages will be provided.
- Support the TCCH Holiday Service project by making a donation to the Ecumenical Food Pantry. Collection will be at the December 7 Holiday Brunch or at the club. Contact Marybeth Lehtimaki at 717-599-5863 to make arrangements.
- Help support the Empower Hour Girls with their "Pajama Jam" on December 20th by making blankets for the Bethesda Mission Holiday giving.
- Volunteer to serve on the Technology committee to help with website updates and video equipment setup for program meetings.
- Need someone to check the telephone messages from the answering machine at the clubhouse. This can be done from your home.

With Thanks and Admiration

Submitted by Jean Cutler

Standing in lieu for all those men and women who serve honorably in the U.S. military, The Civic Club of Harrisburg welcomed two outstanding young women, Master Sergeants Martina Crouse and Jamie Everett, 193d Strategic Operations Wing, PA Air National Guard (PAANG), to speak at the November 3 luncheon program. They proudly recounted how enlisting in the PAANG, a profession traditionally dominated by males, helped to nurture their personal confidence and shape and hone their leadership skills. They were both very fulfilled to have served the United States through overseas assignments, some under extremely rigorous conditions, and to benefit from educational opportunities afforded to them through their military service.

At the conclusion of the program one of the luncheon guests made an emotional tribute to these two women, and more broadly, to others serving in the U.S. military. She remarked that we all need to be more mindful and



L-R: Jean Cutler, Master Sergeant Jamie Everett, Gail Bishop, Master Sergeant Martina Crouse

supportive of those who serve our country, sometimes at their own peril, to keep the rest of us safe.

The next luncheon program will be held on Monday, March 2, 2015. The presentation will be "Ride Harrisburg's Historic Emerald Necklace". Speaker is Dick Norford from the Capital Area Greenbelt Association.



Pat Halpin-Murphy

"In the Spotlight"

We are proud to announce that The White House recognized PBCC President and Founder Pat Halpin-Murphy as one of 2014's Champions of Change! The Champions of Change program honors ordinary Americans doing extraordinary things in their communities. Pat received the distinction for her unparalleled work advocating for women's health care and insurance coverage.

Pat was featured as a speaker on the White House Champions of Change panel, discussing the Affordable Care Act and Pennsylvania's Free Treatment program for breast cancer.



Are you interested in a TCCH large canvas bag? The year end request will soon be in your mail box and any member donor who gives over \$125 will receive a 15 x 18 canvas bag for their support!



Happy Holidays from The Civic Club of Harrisburg Board!

TCCH Non-Profit Partner's Update

Submitted by Kathy Gates

We are pleased to announce that we have 45 non-profit partners to date. Welcome to our newest partners: Harrisburg Young Professionals and The Center for Champions of PA. The non-profit partners are given the opportunity to share their events with us.

- **The World Affairs Council of Harrisburg** is hosting author Sylvia Longmire, an expert in the Mexican Drug Cartels, for a reception and discussion at Elizabethtown College from 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Longmire is author of "Cartel" and her latest book, "Border Insecurity: Why Big Money, Drones and Fences Aren't Making Us Any Safer." Tickets available at: wacharrisburg.ticketleap.com/great-female-authors-dinner-sylvia-longmire. Contact Joyce Davis or Oksana Stalczyński at 717-221-1627 or wacharrisburg@gmail.com for more information.
- **The Salvation Army Harrisburg** Ring the Bells! Help carry on a 100+ year tradition of Ringing the Red Kettle bells for The Salvation Army Harrisburg. Go to www.timetosignup.com/salvationarmyhbg and click on "Red Kettles" to see available times, locations and shifts - and sign up! Share a shift with friends, family members or coworkers. If you've never done it, try it! And experience the real spirit of the season up close and personal. Questions? Call The Salvation Army at 233-6755.
- **Paxton Ministries** is getting in the holiday spirit! We are thankful for all the volunteers who help purchase and prepare special gifts for each of our 101 residents to open on Christmas day. We are collecting \$20 donations to purchase a special gift for each resident. You can also help with the shopping and wrapping! Shopping is happening now, and wrapping will take place Wednesday, December 17 at Paxton Street Home. To get involved contact Kasandra Grab at volunteer@paxtonmin.org or call 717-236-5508 ext.127.
- **Central PA Food Bank** - The Central PA Food Bank's Holiday Turkey Drive goal is to have 5,000 turkeys donated for holiday meals. The public can donate frozen turkeys (as well as the ingredients for side dishes) at the Central PA Food Bank office at 3908 Corey Road, Harrisburg, Monday through Friday during normal business hours and Saturday mornings in November and December. Area GIANT Food Stores shoppers may also request that their BonusCard Turkey ExtraReward certificates be donated to the Central PA Food Bank at their local GIANT, or mail your certificate directly to the Food Bank.
- **Historical Society of Dauphin County** 20th annual *Deck the Halls, "A Dickens Celebration"* will be held on Tuesday, December 9th, 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the National Landmark John Harris-Simon Cameron Mansion. The 2014 John Harris Award will be given to Ruthann Hubbert Kemper. Tickets are \$90, \$125 and \$250. Music by Joe Trojack, wine and beer by the Vineyard at Hershey, and heavy hors d'œuvres, and desserts by Flinchy's. Also, *Christmas at the Mansion*, Sunday, December 14 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Santa will be coming to the John Harris-Simon Cameron Mansion. Come and see the mansion beautifully decorated for the holidays, including a special exhibit of antique toys. Light refreshments will be served, and holiday crafts and museum shop items will be available for purchase. A donation of \$5.00 is suggested for adults. Children 12 and under are free.
- **The Art Association of Harrisburg** – Join us on Sunday, November 30th, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. for a presentation on "The Wizard of Oz" by co-authors Jay Scarfone & William Stillman. There is a \$10.00 donation at the door. Also, there will be a new exhibition to debut on December 5th featuring oil painter artists Philip Colgan, Robert Hughes, Mary Anne Lard & Kristine Miller-Siple. Reception from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.
- **PennFuture** - will be hosting a luncheon and panel discussion with Dr. Terry Madonna, on Wednesday, December 3, from Noon – 2:00 p.m. at The Civic Club of Harrisburg. The event will focus on the state of the environment and politics in Pennsylvania. For more information, contact Mary Kane at 214-7934 or kane@pennfuture.org. In addition, we will host staff, board, volunteers, and supporters at TCCH on Wednesday, December 3 from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. for our annual Holiday Party. Admission is free, but please RSVP to Mary Kane at 214-7934 or kane@pennfuture.org.
- **The Historic Harrisburg Association** - On December 5th and 6th we will have our 21st annual Elegant Progressions dinner fundraiser for the Kidney Foundation and Historic Harrisburg Association. Anyone who is interested in attending can email our events coordinator Dawn@historicharrisburg.com or call 233-4646. Also on December 14th from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. is our 41st annual Candlelight House Tour. This year it takes place in Bellevue Park and Reservoir Park. The theme is, "Preserving the City Beautiful." You can go to our website and purchase tickets ahead of time at www.historicharrisburg.com.
- **Dress for Success South Central PA** - is participating in the Dress for Success Worldwide annual Giving Tuesday campaign, called Giving Shoes Day (#GivingShoesDay). There is a contest between Dress for Success affiliates. Bring your nearly new professional women's shoes to our boutique on December 2nd for the chance to win a pair of limited edition Reagan Heels from Fergie Footwear! Shoes sized 9 through 12 are always in need, but for this drive we are collecting all sizes. Please email events@suitstocareers.org if you have any questions. Always looking for volunteers to sort inventory (717) 232-1333.



Help decorate the clubhouse for the holidays on December 1, 3:00 p.m. Contact Marybeth Lehtimaki at 717-599-5863 if you can help that day. Snacks and beverages will be provided.



Support The Civic Club of Harrisburg Affiliates every time you shop!

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How to shop AmazonSmile: Visit smile.amazon.com. In the bottom right search bar, type in “The Civic Club of Harrisburg Affiliates” and hit the “Search.” The Civic Club should come up as your first result. Hit “Select.” To confirm that you have AmazonSmile set-up for The Civic Club, look at the top of your Amazon shopping page where it should read, “Supporting: The Civic Club of Harrisburg Affiliates.” Now when you shop on Amazon, your Amazon account will be set up to donate a portion of your purchases to The Civic Club of Harrisburg Affiliates.

Not all items on Amazon qualify for AmazonSmile. As you shop, you will notice produces marked “Eligible for AmazonSmile donation” on product detail pages.

Visit: smile.amazon.com/about more information

Members of the Service Committee served a lasagna dinner to 21 grateful YMCA residents on November 12.



Tori Bell, Tammy Relkin and Marybeth Lehtimaki.



Carol DiMartile, Tori Bell and Marybeth Lehtimaki

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The board is reaching out to the members to come forward. WE NEED YOUR HELP! We need a Chair or two Co-Chairs for each of the following committees.

The Gala - This has been a big fund raiser in late spring for the past two years and we would like to see it continue.

Service Committee – The planning and service projects have all been scheduled for this year. A leader is needed. A very special thank you is extended to Carol DiMartile for her outstanding work as the chair of this committee. We are sad to see her go and want Carol to know how much she has been appreciated.

Interested members who would like to become more involved, please email your President, Gail Bishop, or any board member.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members and TCCH Board,

The generosity of the season has come early to TCCH. An anonymous benefactor has made it possible to purchase new tables and chairs for our use as well as for all our upcoming venues. By the time you read this, they may have begun to arrive. What a selfless and generous act. I/We thank this individual from the bottom of our hearts. This is what the spirit of giving is all about. Please think about this as you are asked to donate to the many worthy causes at this time of the year.

My best wishes to you and your families at this joyous time. It is a time for togetherness and reaching out to others less fortunate. My best wishes to all.

Gail Bishop, Ed.D
President, The Civic Club of Harrisburg



Service Corner News ~ The Service Committee is in need of a new leader! I will

Submitted by Carol DiMartile resign from the Civic Club Board as Service Chair effective December 30, 2014. A framework for Service events has been established through December 2015, including details regarding projects, project chairperson (s) and budget. The new Service Chair (or Co-Chairs) will have a great deal of support as well as an opportunity to "ease into" a very exciting and worthwhile position. If interested in taking on this role or sharing it with someone, please contact Carol DiMartile cdimartile@gmail.com

We successfully partnered with the Junior League by supporting their "Kids in the Kitchen" Project with \$250 in donations. Julie Webb, VP of Community Outreach provided an overview of their project at our November 3 Luncheon/Program. Our donations will be used to purchase Thanksgiving care packages for the women who participated in training that focused on healthy holiday eating. Thanks to all who contributed to this worthwhile program. Donations of Giant Gift Cards or checks are still being accepted. Checks should be written to the Harrisburg Junior League and sent to PO Box 1139, Camp Hill, PA 17001.



The November 3 Program held at The Civic Club was broadcasted to the Homeland Center. Eight residents at Homeland were present. Kathy Gates served as hostess during the presentation. Thanks to all who helped to make this service project a reality.

Upcoming Service Opportunities and How You Can Participate:

- **December 7, 2014:** Holiday Service Project. We will be collecting items for the Ecumenical Food Pantry this year. Suggested donations are: cake mixes, icing, jello, hard candy, and/or fresh fruit. Donations will be accepted at the clubhouse on December 1 (during the day) or at the Holiday Brunch on December 7. Special arrangements can be made to drop off items by calling the clubhouse at 234-6736 or e-mailing civicclubhbg@gmail.com. Monetary gifts are also welcome. Checks can be written to the Ecumenical Food Pantry and sent to 901 N. 6th Street, Harrisburg, PA 17102.
- **December 10, 2014:** Civic Minded Breakfast 7:30-8:30 a.m. Volunteers are needed to set up in the ballroom beginning at 7:00 a.m. that morning. Also appreciated are donations for the refreshment table.
- **December 20, 2014:** Host Empower Hour Girls with their Service Project. High School Girls will make fleece blankets for Bethesda Mission residents at The Civic Club. We need three Civic Club members from 5-8 p.m. to serve as ambassadors and to lead the group on a brief tour of Overlook. Food/refreshments are provided by the Project.

If you are interested in volunteering, contact Carol DiMartile cdimartile@gmail.com or 717-991-1748.

MEMBERSHIP – Submitted by Jo Ann Curado



Jump-start your Holiday season with a little cheer! Join the Membership committee and Board members at the home of Lisa DeNicola on Tuesday, December 2 for a drop in pre holiday gathering beginning at 6:30 p.m. There will be holiday sweets and treats provided. Enjoy festive décor as you socialize with fellow TCCH members. Donations will be accepted for the Ecumenical Food Pantry that evening. Lisa’s address is 101 Ellesmere Lane, Mechanicsburg. For directions, call Lisa at 697-3846.

We would like to welcome 2 new members this month. Please add their personal data to your yearbook. They are:

Michelle Hepner
216 Verbeke Street
Harrisburg, PA 17102
717-329-0330
mia155@yahoo.com

Kathy Possinger
346 Hamilton Street
Harrisburg, PA 17102
717-756-5822
kathy.possinger@gmail.com

Please make the following corrections to your Overlook yearbook: Cathie Huber’s e-mail address is chuber105@comcast.net.

The membership committee would like to invite you to join us as we plan for membership growth and develop fun ideas to accomplish that. We meet after the luncheon programs or evenings. Please contact Jo Ann Curado at joanncurado@yahoo.com or 510-499-3039 if you are interested or have questions.

If you are currently receiving the Ladies Notes’ newsletter by mail and would like to help save on the printing and mailing of it, please e-mail civicclubhbg@gmail.com and express your desire to receive the newsletter by e-mail. Thank you for your consideration.

We would like to wish a "Happy Birthday" to the following ladies:

December – Gwen Gilroy, Judy Imler, Tammy Relken

January – Gwen Casey, Arietta Falk, Marge Horn, Carol Howard, Sana Khouri, Marney Lapplely



Collection of this birthday month data is new this year, so if you have not provided this information but would like to, please call Jo Ann Curado at 510-499-3039 or e-mail her at joanncurado@yahoo.com.



Residents of the YMCA enjoy lasagna!



Hard at work on window restoration!

Ladies' Notes

The Civic Club of Harrisburg and Affiliates

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

President: Gail Bishop

Past President: Jeanne Schmedlen

1st Vice President (Programs): Jean Cutler

2nd Vice President (Finance): Beth Cornell

3rd Vice President (Service): Carol DiMartile

4th Vice President (House & Gardens):

Marybeth Lehtimaki, Victoria Bell

Recording and Corresponding Secretary: Judy Imler

Treasurer: Lynn Campbell

Assistant Treasurer: Brenda Martin

Membership Secretary: JoAnn Curado

Directors: Joan Bretz, Sana Khouri, Doris Coyne

Appointed Chairs:

Parliamentarian/Taxes: Joan Bretz

Non-Profit Partnerships: Kathy Gates

Social and Awards: Karen Best

PR/Communications: Jeanne Schmedlen

Bylaws: Shirley McCormick

Newsletter: Ann Brooks

Technology: Melanie Wagner

The Civic Club of Harrisburg Affiliates

501 (c)(3)

Chairman for the Affiliates: Allan Ausman

LOOKING AHEAD:

**Monday, December 1, 2014
(3:00 p.m.)**

DECORATE THE CLUBHOUSE

**Tuesday, December 2, 2014
(6:30 p.m.)**

PRE-HOLIDAY SOCIAL

**Sunday, December 7, 2014
(12:30 p.m.)**

ANNUAL HOLIDAY CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH

**Wednesday, December 10, 2014
(7:15 a.m.)**

Civic-Minded Breakfast

**Monday, January 12, 2015
(10:00 a.m.)**

Retreat/Executive Brd/Strategic Plan

**NOTE: Meeting at Linglestown Road,
Giant Community Center**

**Monday, February 9, 2015
(10:00 a.m.)**

Retreat/Executive Brd/Strategic Plan

**NOTE: Meeting at Linglestown Road,
Giant Community Center**

**Tuesday, February 10, 2015
(5:30 p.m.)**

**Annual Mtg of Civic Club Affiliates
(TCCHA)**

**Wednesday, February 11, 2015
(7:15 a.m.)**

Civic-Minded Breakfast

Monday, March 2, 2015

11:30 a.m. Meet & Greet

Noon Luncheon

**“RIDE HARRISBURG’S HISTORIC
EMERALD NECKLACE”**

Dick Norford

**Monday, March 16, 2015
(10:00 a.m.)**

Executive Board Meeting

Monday, April 6, 2015

10:00 a.m. Annual Meeting

11:30 a.m. Meet & Greet

Noon Luncheon

“THE PROGRAM--IT’S ABOUT CHANGE”

Valerie G Simmons

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NOTE: News articles for the February “Ladies’ Notes” should be emailed to Kathy Gates, kgates808@comcast.net by Friday, January 9, 2015.

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