

THE CIVIC CLUB  
OF HARRISBURG

# 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.



*Celebrate*

**100 YEARS OF HOLIDAY CHAMPAGNE BRUNCHES  
HONORING OUR PAST PRESIDENTS**

The Civic Club of Harrisburg  
Sunday, December 4, 2016 at 12:30 P.M.  
The Civic Club of Harrisburg, 612 North 2nd Street, Harrisburg, PA 17102  
Stocks on 2nd will be catering the brunch.  
Music and entertainment  
\$35.00

R.S.V.P.  
By November 25 to Karen Best at 763-4614 or [civicclubhbg@gmail.com](mailto:civicclubhbg@gmail.com)



## TCCH Holiday Service Project: Salvation Army

This year TCCH will support The Salvation Army Harrisburg as our Holiday Service Project. Please bring the items you would like to contribute to the Holiday Brunch on December 4. There will be decorated containers: one for Hygiene Items, one for Food, one for Snacks and a box for Gift Cards.

The Salvation Army Harrisburg assists over 20,000 people in Dauphin, Eastern Cumberland and Perry Counties. They have programs for more than 2500 at-risk children and youth. They assist many individuals who are homeless and/or families who lack adequate cooking facilities. Where canned goods are listed, "pop top" cans are preferred (i.e. - nothing that requires a can opener.)

**Items needed: HYGIENE ITEMS - tooth brushes, tooth paste, shampoo, soaps and body wash, hand sanitizer, deodorant, feminine hygiene products, disposable razors and shaving cream; FOOD ITEMS - "Ready to Eat" meals such as canned ravioli, Beefaroni, chili, stews, beans, etc., canned meat, tuna, chicken, canned fruits and vegetables, peanut butter/ jelly or honey (plastic jars only, and disposable table utensils; SNACK FOODS - granola bars, trail mix, canned nuts, crackers of any type, goldfish etc. and GROCERY STORE GIFT CARDS.**



## WAYS THAT YOU CAN BE OF SERVICE! WE ARE A SERVICE ORGANIZATION!

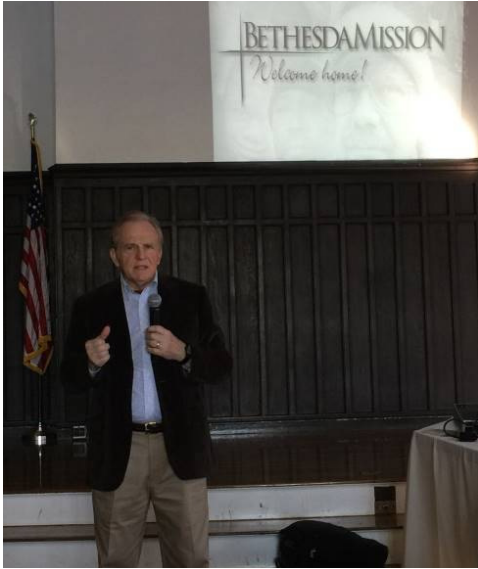
- VOLUNTEER at Hersheypark and the Giant Center. All money that would be paid to an employee will be donated to our scholarship fund and you will get vouchers each shift you work for free days to enjoy Hershey Park both in 2016 and 2017, Springtime in the Park (2017), Christmas Candylane (2016), and one vehicle admission with seating for a maximum of eight persons to Hershey Sweet Lights (November/December 2016). There will be many volunteer opportunities from which to choose throughout the fall and winter. Look for Gail Bishop's emails as she sends out the schedules. If you are interested, please email Gail at [gbish-op3@verizon.net](mailto:gbish-op3@verizon.net) so your name can be added this list. Thanks and remember, friends or family members may also volunteer...MUST be 18 years or older.
- Help to set up and/or clean-up for the Holiday Brunch on Dec. 4
- Assist with Candlelight Tour on Dec. 11 (Four volunteers needed) Contact Judy Imler
- Be there to assist at the next Civic-Minded Breakfast on Dec. 14
- Participate in the Holiday Service Project with the Salvation Army
- Attend the TCCH Board Retreats held in January & February

# BREAKFAST

The **next Civic-Minded Breakfast** will take place on Wednesday, December 14 starting at 7:30 a.m. The topic will be "**A Summary of Services and Grant Opportunities**" presented by The Foundation for Enhancing Communities' program member: Jennifer M. Strechay who is the Program Officer for Community Investment.

Please RSVP no later than Friday, December 9th if you or your colleagues can join us. The breakfast meeting will be held at The Civic Club of Harrisburg (Overlook) located at 612 N. Front Street. Please note that if the ground is wet and soft you should park on State Street and walk over. Come early and participate in the refreshments and chat with your colleagues during this 2016 Holiday Season. The Civic Club is collecting for the Salvation Army: food, hygiene products and fruit snacks in December. I hope to see you in December, let me know by **December 9th at my [emailminnerrace@gmail.com](mailto:emailminnerrace@gmail.com)**

# SPOTLIGHT ON OUR NOVEMBER LUNCHEON



Our speaker, Chuck Wingate came to us as the director of the Bethesda Mission. It too began its mission in 1914. There were so many points of wisdom that Mr. Wingate gave us, but these were so poignant.

- The Homeless population has increased by 40% in PA since 1965
- The Bethesda Mission services men, women and children
- The Bethesda Mission is in the STABILITY BUSINESS!  
How to become a part of working America
- “Hope replaces Despair”
- “Replace addiction with recovery”
- “Work with God in a tangible way”

## SEEN AT THE LUNCHEON:





## Join Lisa on a Road Trip to Neighboring Lititz

**December 13! If you interested, call Lisa DeNicola for details: 717-712-279 or [www.lisadenicola.com](http://www.lisadenicola.com)**

Let's go into the heart of the Pennsylvania Dutch countryside to Lititz, Pa which was voted the 2013 'coolest small town in America!' Perhaps you might remember those rolling hills of autumn ripened grain in the Harrison Ford movie *Witness*? From its origins, the picturesque landscape and promising pastureland has beckoned the traveler. Eighteenth century Moravians escaping religious persecution founded Lititz in 1756 naming it after Litice Castle in Bohemia, now the Czech Republic. Progressive thinkers for their time, the Moravians established *Linden Hall* for the education of girls. Today Linden Hall is the oldest boarding school in America.

Walking along Main Street, you will find brick homes side -by -side with one-of-a-kind businesses. Quaint boutiques, antique shops, and delicious cafés boost the local experience and promise something for everyone. Additional stops include but are not limited to these possibilities:

1. **1792 John Mueller House:** costumed docents give a glimpse of life in a Moravian settlement
2. **Julius Sturgis Pretzel Factory:** America's first commercial pretzel bakery; hear the story of how a mistake became the hard pretzel snack we enjoy today. Be sure to take little ones to roll their own pretzels!
3. **Lititz Historical Foundation**
4. **Moravian Church Square**
5. **Erbs Covered Bridge**
6. **Linden Hall's beautiful grounds**
7. **Wilbur Chocolate Americana Factory Store:** creator of 'Wilbur Buds' since 1893..predating Hershey's Kisses
8. **Historic General Sutter's Inn and Restaurant....delicious, I might add and the patio is perfect on warm Autumn days**
9. **Lititz Springs Park:** once a summer retreat for the medicinal properties of the springs

Be sure to mark your calendars for the **Lititz Fire & Ice Festival** on *February 17-20, 2017.*





## from Our TCCH Partners:

- **Voices of the Valley:** (formally known as The Alumni Chorale of Lebanon Valley College) Enjoy our 39<sup>th</sup> Season: **God So Loved the World** on Sat., Dec. 3 (7:30) at Palm Lutheran Church (Palmyra), Sun., Dec. 4 (3:00) at Pine St. Pres. Church (HBG) or Sun., Dec. 11 (3:00) at Bowersdale Church of God. Contact Joe Gargiulo at 503-0563 or [JGargiulo@comcast.net](mailto:JGargiulo@comcast.net) for tickets. They are pleased to offer their new CD: “A Voices of the Valley Christmas,” available online and at the concerts.  
Go to [www.voicesofthevalley.co](http://www.voicesofthevalley.co)
- **The Zonta Club of Harrisburg-Hershey** invites you to attend our December 8 monthly meeting at the Radisson Hotel, beginning with social time at 5:30 pm. Dinner will be served at 6 pm and is \$22.00. The program for the evening will be our “Party with a Purpose.” The Club donates gifts to the residents of Shalom House. If you would like to attend, please bring a toy marked for a “boy” or a girl.” This evening is a wonderful way to celebrate giving and the holidays. Please make your reservations no later than Monday, December 5, by calling or emailing Eileen Baylor, 774-8333, [eileen1206@aol.com](mailto:eileen1206@aol.com).
- **Susquehanna Chorale Debuts New CD, Announces Christmas Concerts:** “Sing Me to Heaven,” the brand new CD by the national award-winning Susquehanna Chorale, is now available. The recording captures the music from the Chorale’s popular spring 2016 concerts, of the same title. Go to [www.susquehannachorale.org/shop](http://www.susquehannachorale.org/shop) to order your copy. Also, join us for our Christmas concerts on Friday, Dec. 16 at the High Center (Messiah College), 8 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 17 at Leffler Chapel (Elizabethtown College), 8 p.m.; and Sunday, Dec. 18 at Market Square Presbyterian Church, Harrisburg, 4 p.m. For tickets, call (717) 691-6036 or go to [www.susquehannachorale.org/tickets](http://www.susquehannachorale.org/tickets).
- **Historical Society of Dauphin County - HOLIDAY MARKET BRINGS HERITAGE CRAFTS TO THE HARRIS-CAMERON MANSION:** A gallery of some of the finest heritage artisans and artists will gather in the John Harris-Simon Cameron Mansion, 219 S. Front Street, Harrisburg, from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 11. “Holiday Market” is a feature of the long-popular “Christmas at the Mansion,” an ongoing program depicting holiday celebrations in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. 1401 North 3rd St., Harrisburg, PA 17102
- **Harrisburg Choral Society:** Messiah Sing Along: Sun., December 4, 3:00: Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, 2000 Chestnut Street, Camp Hill; Christmas With Brass: Sunday, December 18, 3:00: Colonial Park UCC, 5000 Devonshire Road, Harrisburg
- **Susquehanna Art Museum: Figure Drawing, December 14, 6:00 – 9:00pm** (Instructed drawing class with one or more models for intermediate/experienced artists, designed to provide practice and skill-building in representing the human figure.) For information and registration, email [TSell@SusquehannaArtMuseum.org](mailto:TSell@SusquehannaArtMuseum.org)
- On View in the Main Gallery: *African American Art Since 1950: Perspectives from the David C. Driskell Center* through January 22, 2017.
- On View in the Lobby Gallery: *PICTURES* by Mackenzie Younger, December 9,– February 19, 2017.

## From Our History

This article appeared in the *Harrisburg Telegraph* Fri, Dec 1, 1916. It discusses the November 30 formal opening of *Overlook* as the new home of the Civic Club.

**HOUSEWARMING IN NEW CLUBHOUSE**

Harrisburg Civic Club Throws Open Its Beautiful Home on Thanksgiving

To work, to wait and finally to win. Such has been the history of the Harrisburg Civic Club. Yesterday, most appropriate date for so important an occasion, the doors of the new clubhouse were thrown open to all members and their friends. Up and down the stairs went the eager feet of the women who had not served upon any of the necessary committees and so were anxious to catch first glimpse of the beauties awaiting them. Before long it was almost possible to tell at a glance who were the visitors and who the regular members because of the sense of delighted ownership displayed by the latter. And much cause, indeed, have the women of the Civic Club to be proud, first of the wonderful gift bequeathed to them and then for the exquisite taste displayed in the furnishings.

The whole lower floor has been left practically unchanged to preserve the home atmosphere. On the second floor the entire south side of the building has been thrown into a large assembly hall, done in gray and white with delft blue curtains at the many windows overlooking a view hard to equal in any city. The waxed floor fairly calls an invitation to the younger dancing contingent to come and let it be enjoyed. The piano has its own alcove with ample room for an orchestra. There is an immaculate kitchenette connecting by dumb waiter with the main kitchen below, as well as dressing rooms for checking wraps and applying the final touch of powder. All can be leased together for the evening with the coziness and completeness of a private house.

The top floor is given over entirely to rooms, both single and double, for renting purposes. Woven rag rugs and simple dainty furnishings make them most attractive domiciles for women without regular homes or transients in the city. There are six renting rooms in all.

There is much yet to be done in the little touches which give character and personality and the "woman touch" so essential to a homing place of women of culture. This will come with time. The wonder is that so much has been accomplished in a few months. It means untiring zeal and untiring energy on the part of the women into whose hands the work was entrusted.

Tea was served during the afternoon in the dining room on the Front street side of the first floor. Mrs. Henry McCormick presiding, assisted by Mrs. John Reilly and Miss Shunk. Here, there and everywhere were the club's officers. The president, Mrs. William Henderson, received in the main hallway and gave the right note of welcome in just the right kind of word and handclasp.



Happy Holiday! This is the December/January issue of The Civic Club News. The next issue will go out near the middle of January for February. Please note that the first luncheon meeting in 2017 is on March 6 at 11:30. Local artist Patricia Stull will share her art as well as her life experiences delivering babies, giving children the gift to love art, teaching art in Harrisburg as well as displaying her murals and art work from New York City to Tucson. You won't want to miss this!



**TCCH Retreat: All members are invited to attend as your input is very important!**

**Monday, January 9, 2017**

**10:30 am @ Linglestown Giant Center**

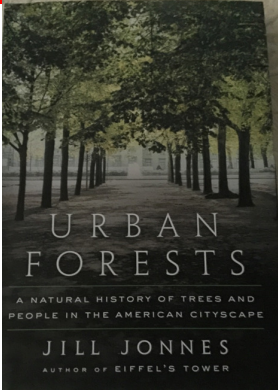
**(Second Floor Meeting Room)**

**Light Lunch included!**

The Board will be reviewing the present By-Laws and Restoration Report/ Plan, service projects, fundraising, committee reports, membership and community activities.

## TCCH in Our Community

TCCH gave this wonderful book, "Urban Forest" to Erik Josephson, the new Harrisburg Arborist in honor of the work he is leading to restore the river banks to natural plants and the trimming and restoration of our park trees. Diane Rehms interviewed the author, Jill Jonnes, on her show.



## Hidden in the Garden




Don't you just love this gem hidden in a little corner? Go ahead, look for it when you get to Overlook!

**MEMBERSHIP UPDATE!!!**

*A Great Holiday or Special Occasion Gift!*

TCCH memberships are only \$30 for the remaining TCCH membership year and make an excellent gift for friends and family. Please complete the attached reduced membership application and enclose it with your check, made payable to The Civic Club of Harrisburg, and mail to: TCCH Membership Registrar, PO Box 61407, Harrisburg, PA 17106-1407.



<p><b><u>December</u></b>          Nancy Fodor          Gwendolyn Gilroy          Judy Imler          MaryBeth Lehtimaki          Tammy Relken          Linda Ries</p>	<p><b><u>January</u></b>          Contrena Baltimore          Gwendolyn Casey          Joy Cobb          Christine Daecher          Arietta Falk          Marge Horn          Marney Lapple          Gwen Lehman          Elizabeth Stone</p>	
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**Looking Ahead**

<p>Sunday, December 4, 2016 (1:00 p.m.) Annual Holiday Champagne Brunch Program: TBA RSVP REQUIRED</p> <p>Wednesday, December 14, 2016 (7:15 a.m.) Civic-Minded Breakfast</p> <p>Monday, January 9, 2017 Linglestown Giant: Second Floor Meeting Room (10:30 a.m.) Retreat</p>	<p>Tuesday, February, 7, 2017 (5:30 p.m.) Annual Meeting of the TCCH Affiliates</p> <p>Wed., Feb. 8, 2017 7:15 a.m. Civic-Minded Breakfast</p> <p>Monday, Feb. 13, 2017 10:30 a.m. TCCH Board Meeting</p> <p>Monday, Mar. 6, 2017 NOON Luncheon (RSVP Required) <b>THE BEST LAID PLANS CAN TURN OUT BETTER THAN YOU THINK!</b> Presenter: Patricia Stull: Harrisburg Area Artist</p>
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**Note:** Articles and images for the December/January issue of the newsletter should be emailed to Donna Winch at: [winch@comcast.net](mailto:winch@comcast.net) by Friday, January 7, 2017.

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