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## **THE CIVIC CLUB OF HARRISBURG TO HOST THIRD FUND-RAISING GALA ON SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2015**

HARRISBURG – “*A Great Gatsby Celebration*” is the theme of The Civic Club of Harrisburg Affiliates GALA III to be held from 5:30 p.m. until 8 p.m. on Sunday, May 17, 2015. Guests will be treated to music of the Roaring Twenties and a glimpse of *West Egg* on the East Shore of the Susquehanna River.

“For only 135 *clams* per person we will *hip to the jive* at an *air tight, hotsy-totsy* Roaring Twenties party where you can frolic with friends and enjoy great food, fabulous entertainment and terrific auction items on which to bid,” said cardiologist Dr. George Moffitt, Jr., who is chairing the event with his wife, Ann.

“Guests will be treated to music and era delicacies and experience the chatter, laughter and casual innuendo of Jay Gatsby’s parties at his mansion, *Lands End*, in *West Egg on the Gold Coast of Long Island*. We will celebrate in sumptuous comfort at the only remaining mansion on the west side of Front Street on the East Shore of the Susquehanna River. “Overlook” will become the *Lands End* estate as we replicate the grandeur and lavish lifestyle of that remarkable, unforgettable age,” said Moffitt, who added, “Plan to have a great time. F. Scott Fitzgerald would have had it no other way.”

Proceeds from the event will go toward restoration and preservation of the historic building and also support the organization’s community outreach and “civility with purpose” programs. The Civic Club of Harrisburg/Affiliates has almost 50 nonprofit partners who meet bi-monthly to discuss mutual issues and a program of 6 free public lectures on issues affecting the city and region. It also is a key partner in City Beautiful 2.1 which seeks to improve the region for all area communities in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

The club has been restoring the foundation of the building, repairing and restoring the windows and roof and renovating and restoring the floors, plaster and electrical systems in recent years.

“As a community, we must support efforts that embrace Harrisburg’s history and support the restoration of buildings and institutions that represent the best and brightest efforts of our citizens throughout the past century to make Central Pennsylvania a great place to work, live, learn and play, said Ann Moffitt.

“I, and many others, believe that it is in our community’s best interest to continue to restore and preserve this lovely landmark building and support the Civic Club’s commitment to our community,” said Dr. Moffitt.

“Outlook” is used as a venue for weddings, receptions, meetings and other events, but that income is not enough to maintain the 118-year old landmark building. Through the years, a group of dedicated board, member and non-member volunteers have worked to keep the building a dynamic part of Harrisburg’s downtown revitalization.

The Civic Club of Harrisburg and its Affiliates are nonprofit, service organizations that support and initiate community projects and provides meeting space to non-profit partners and others. The organization, with a motto of “*Civility with Purpose*,” offers several free programs that instill civility and build a better and greater Harrisburg.

The purpose of the club is to promote and engage in civic and social activities which preserve the heritage of the club and its landmark building; encourage cultural and historical 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. Visit [www.civicclubofharrisburg.com](http://www.civicclubofharrisburg.com) or contact the organization at [civicclubhbg@gmail.com](mailto:civicclubhbg@gmail.com) .

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