

# LADIES' NOTES

The Civic Club of Harrisburg and Affiliates

“Civility with Purpose”

Volume 5, Issue 7, April, 2014

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.

## MAY PROGRAM “BONSAI INSPIRATION”

We are pleased to have Jim Doyle, owner of Nature’s Way Nursery & Bonsai Studio in Harrisburg, to present and educate us on the art of bonsai. As an introduction, he will speak about the history of this art. Mr. Doyle will then demonstrate, through clips and snips, an artistic passion to display one’s creativity through bonsai.



**Monday, May 5, 2014**

(\$16 for lunch, program is free)

Save the date and make your reservation by Thursday, May 1

RSVP: 717-234-6736 line #1 or at our e-mail address, [civicclubhbg@gmail.com](mailto:civicclubhbg@gmail.com)

**10:00 am, General Meeting; 11:30 am, Meet and Greet Reception**

**12:00 pm, Lunch followed by Programs at 12:45pm**

## Overlook to Participate in the HYP Tour



The Civic Club of Harrisburg has been invited to showcase our historic building “Overlook” in the Harrisburg Young Professionals 16<sup>th</sup> Annual House & City tour on May 10, 2014, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Kathy Gates and Carol DiMartile are co-chairing the event. If you would like to volunteer to be a docent for the garden or house during that day, please e-mail [civicclubhbg@gmail.com](mailto:civicclubhbg@gmail.com) or call (717) 730-9326 ASAP.

We are very excited to have been invited to participate in this tour. They have had 500-700 people in the past attend this event. Proceeds go toward the “Home in the City” program. The Penn State Extension Master Gardeners of Dauphin County will have an information table on the porch. Please volunteer – we will need lots of help. We will provide history of “Overlook” and instructions for the tour.

Two presenters and high tech connection...

## Triple Program at TCCH

The Civic Club of Harrisburg was “sweet and global” on Monday, April 7, 2014.

We had two wonderful presenters and we used our system to interface with Homeland Center. Forty members and guests were actively engaged as they learned about the founding of “Two Nuts” chocolate company. Founded by the mother and daughter team of Lanny LeVan and Marie LeVan Lick we enjoyed their “playful” presentation and delicious treats.

Later, Dusty Knisley described her life as a detainee in China during the Second World War. She shared how difficult living conditions were for the four years she was detained. The food, clothing and sanitary conditions were disgraceful but most made the best of it. She told how her friendship with another girl – her best friend – made the days bearable and how they made each other laugh. The individuals at Homeland Center “were thoroughly engaged,” said our TCCH member who observed the interaction.



### OVERLOOK RESTORATION UPDATE



Pennsylvania  
Historical & Museum  
Commission

With the help of our PHMC matching grant for preservation/restoration of the ballroom windows and outside masonry the club continues to move forward. This month, the first window facing south, by the stage, was preserved. The exterior was repaired. The rotted wood was removed and structural timber replaced. The interior window/doors were repaired and refurbished.

This project is supported jointly by a grant from the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC) and The Civic Club of Harrisburg / Affiliates (TCCH/A).



#### Proposed Slate TCCH 2014-2015 Using Current By-Laws

President: Gail Bishop  
\*Past President Jeanne Schmedlen  
\*Treasurer: TBA  
Assistant treasurer: Brenda Martin  
Recording and Corresponding Secretary: Judy Imler  
\*TCCHA Liaison: Susan Spadafore, Chairman TCCHA

VP #1 Program: Jean Cutler  
\*VP #2 Finance: Beth Cornell  
VP #3 Service: Carol DeMartile  
VP #4 \*House Preservation / Restoration & Grounds:  
MaryBeth Lehtimaki & Tori Bell  
Membership Secretary: Jo Ann Curado  
PR/Communications: Barbara Kauffman & Jeanne Schmedlen  
Parliamentarian /Taxes: Joan Bretz

Newsletter: Ann Brooks  
Technology: Melanie Wagner  
Historian: Janine Pappalardo  
Management Liaison: Myrna Delgado  
Social and Awards: Karen Best  
Gala III: Nominations from the Floor

**Director as Advisors:**  
Joan Bretz  
Doris Coyne  
Sana Khouri

\* TCCHA Board

**Volunteers Needed** – contact Kathy Gates at 717-730-9326 or [kgates808@comcast.net](mailto:kgates808@comcast.net) if you are available or wish to discuss.

- We are looking for someone to take the messages off the answering machine at the clubhouse. You can do it remotely. Must have computer access to log the calls.
- To help with set up and clean up at the May luncheon/program
- A High Tea hosted at the Civic Club, May 15, 2014, at 2:00 p.m. – need servers and volunteers to help
- TCCH will participate in the HYP House & Garden Tour on May 10th... we are looking for Docent volunteers in the garden and house.

## Transition 411

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On June 1, 2014, TCCH will transition from the availability of one caterer to that of many. Karen's Catering served us well during the last 16 years, not just with food, but with the management of day-to-day things at 'Overlook' and advertising the venue. As this goes to press we do not have a final list of caterers, but expect there to be a few choices. Karen's Catering has been invited to continue as a caterer, and has events currently scheduled through November.

As part of the strategic plan for increasing revenue, TCCH Board charged the Events/Transition Committee with the task of preparing the Club to run the rental of the building more as a business enterprise. The committee has worked, with the help of various committees and individuals to put into place procedures, policies and practices that will allow us to do so. The Board also approved the use of a contracted position to assist with the process. We will be competing with other venues for clients; communication, quick response and turnover of inquiries are crucial.

There is a press conference planned for later this month to introduce this change to the public and targeted groups of individuals and businesses.

Some of you have volunteered to help as docents to show the building to prospective clients, others work to keep our garden and building looking its best. Others keep us informed of the state of the club and still others write grants to fund activities. Thank you! During the coming year of transition, we will need the support of everyone to be successful.

## Cold Weather Causes Damage at Overlook

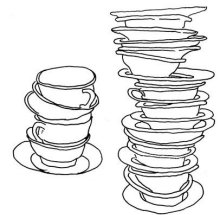


Our landmark building had a pipe freeze and crack, causing considerable damage in the last month. The half-bath on the first floor has to be completely redone, from the floor to the plaster to the wiring. The room is down to the studs.

On March 14, when a NRG meter reader arrived to read the meter, he discovered water coming from the ceiling in the basement. When House Chair Marybeth Lehtimaki arrived she found that water was indeed flooding the basement and pouring out of the ceiling of the powder room. She contacted Service First, a company which mitigates fire and water damage to properties. Bids are now being taken to move the work forward with the help of our insurance company. We will repair and restore the powder room, the east wall of the Bowman Room as well as a section of the north facing wall and ceiling.

### 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. Price is negotiable. Contact the club at [civicclubhbg@gmail.com](mailto:civicclubhbg@gmail.com) or 234-6736 if interested.



### Affiliate Affairs

by Susan Spadafore, Chairman

*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.*

Our ANNUAL MEETING was held on Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. It was an intimate meeting where we shared our accomplishments, our work, and hopes for the future.

On **April 23<sup>rd</sup>** we will be co-hosting our "New Member" orientation with a cheese and wine reception. Please know that even if you are not a 'new' member – you are welcome and encouraged to attend. It's a pleasant evening with opportunities to welcome new members, reacquaint with old friends and share your story as to why you are a member. As I have yet to meet many of our 51 members, I would love the opportunity. The grounds and the club house have been spruced up for Spring - come out and see how beautiful "Overlook" is!

The privilege of having our lovely historic landmark house, "Overlook", comes with the great responsibility of being good stewards of the house and property and maintaining it. As the 501c3 funding raising arm of The Civic Club of Harrisburg, we are always seeking funding opportunities and sources. If you know of any sources available or are interested in helping identify grants, and other resources, I encourage you to contact me: [sdspadafore@comcast.net](mailto:sdspadafore@comcast.net) or 717-756-7905.

The Gala is around the corner, **June 8<sup>th</sup>**. The Gala Committee, Chaired by Karen Best, has been working very hard to make sure it will be a wonderful event— please plan on supporting this fundraising activity. Tickets will be available soon. The funds raised go into the Preservation/Restoration Fund for "Overlook." Silent auction items are needed—if you would like to donate for that purpose please let me know.

Thanks to the Board Members for their commitment, and thanks to all members who have shared ideas and resources with us, we are most appreciative. We hope to hear and see more of you as we continue to work toward fulfilling our motto "Civility with Purpose" while providing service to the community.

*Susan Spadafore*

### ***Non-Profit Partners Update:***

TCCCH Partner's Update – We have 39 non-profit partners to date. Welcome to our newest partners, Harrisburg River Rescue & Emergency Services, Inc. and Estamos Unidos de Pennsylvania. Non-profit partners are given the opportunity to share events that are happening in their organizations to our membership. Please see their events listed below and check your schedules to see if it will allow you to attend.

**Harrisburg Chapter of the American Guild of Organists** - presents regional competition winner Nicholas Capozzoli in an organ recital on Saturday, May 31 at 7:00pm at Trinity Lutheran Church, 2000 Chestnut Street, Camp Hill. This special recital is made possible by the Clapper / Frysinger Fund, recently established with bequests to the Chapter by Donald Clapper and Patricia Frysinger and earmarked to avail funding for recitals to be presented by young rising star organists. The recital is free and open to everyone.

**Harrisburg Choral Society** – The Choral Society will perform its "In Praise of Victory" concert, featuring the works of Mozart, Haydn, Rutter, and Jenkins, on Sunday, May 4, at 3:00 p.m. at the Grace Pollock Center. Please call 877-663-HCS9 (4279) or visit [www.harrisburgchoralsociety.org](http://www.harrisburgchoralsociety.org) to obtain more information or to purchase tickets for either event.

**Harrisburg Symphony** - Join the HSO for a night of unforgettable music made famous by the one and only Judy Garland when Hilary Kole pays tribute to Judy Garland, Saturday, April 26 at 8:00 pm and Sunday, April 27 at 3:00 pm.

**PA Association of Nonprofit Organizations** - Save the dates for the 2014 PANO Conference held on April 28 – 29 in Harrisburg, PA. Check out our website at [www.pano.org](http://www.pano.org) for more information - *Building Trust, Connections & Relationships*

**The Salvation Army Harrisburg** – will be participating in the Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community, May 17, HACC. Go to <http://hcf.convio.net/TheSalvationArmyHarrisburg> to walk on behalf of Team Salvation Army or support Team TSA Harrisburg! For information, contact Kathy Anderson-Martin, [717-233-6755](tel:717-233-6755) ext. 114

**Ecumenical Food Pantry** - presents an Evening at the Whitaker Theater on Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, featuring the Broadway hit musical, *Sweeny Todd*, and includes a delicious dessert bar! The Pantry has bought the House and wants to invite you to join us in this FUNdraising event! The \$35 tickets go on sale starting mid-March! Purchase your tickets early to reserve the best seats in the house. Email us at [efoodpantry@aol.com](mailto:efoodpantry@aol.com), or send your check directly to The Ecumenical Food Pantry, 901 North 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Harrisburg, PA 17102 (payable Ecumenical Food Pantry – memo line: Sweeny Todd performance). Be sure to include your contact information and address.

**PA Parks & Forests Foundation** - Showcase your favorite state park or forest in the Pennsylvania Parks and Forests Foundation's 2014 "Through the Seasons" photography contest. Send entries to [ppffnewsletter@pa.net](mailto:ppffnewsletter@pa.net) through September 3, 2014. Check [www.paparksandforests.org](http://www.paparksandforests.org) for a complete set of rules.

### ***Service Corner***

#### **Collaboration: The Junior Achievement Symposium**

The Junior Achievement Symposium was held on Friday, April 4 at the Clarion Inn, New Cumberland, and the theme was "Step Up to a Brighter Future". It was a day of endless energy, contagious enthusiasm and meaningful activity for about 125 high school girls in grades 10 to 12. Students mingle with business women who served as mentors, including Carol DiMartile, Service Chair. Mentors facilitated table activities that included ice breakers, budget planning and tips about dressing for success. Girls attended career panels that spotlighted women who shared life lessons along with information about their own careers.

The Symposium was an inspiration for all who attended. It was thoughtfully planned and orchestrated—a testimony to the planning committee, the Junior Achievement organization and their commitment to high school girls. The Civic Club supported this event by sponsoring a table and donated TCCCH pens to the girls "goodie bags" furthering our commitment to "civility."



#### **By Law Change Proposed by Jeanne Schmedlen, President**

Approved by the Executive Board on March 24, 2014. To be approved by the General Membership in May 2014.

#### **Article II Section 2 (page 29)**

(e) The Membership Committee shall receive applications for new members and for reinstatement **which shall be** (Such applications shall be in writing and each person must be endorsed by one member of the Club. The Committee shall report the names) **announced** at the ensuing meeting of the Executive Board **(or General Meeting)**. (for approval.)

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

TCCH and TCCHA Board Members:

On May 31, 2014, The Civic Club of Harrisburg (TCCH) transitions from a single to a multi-caterer venue. Two separate entities – the **business side**, where we will raise funds to preserve and restore our Landmark building – to our **public service side**, where we provide programs and services to our non-profit partners and others, we are dedicated to our motto, “*Civility with Purpose.*”



To that end, I ask that we all work toward our goal of preserving and restoring our lovely and historic building and continue to develop meaningful community programs and partnerships in the region. We must move forward with cooperation and respect for each other and those with whom we negotiate.

I appreciate all that individuals and teams/committees have accomplished throughout the transition and look forward to working with you in the future. I love you guys, and what you have accomplished and need you now, more than ever, as contributing professionals. We must work through the next few transition months.

Best wishes.

Jeanne Schmedlen  
President, The Civic Club of Harrisburg

## MEMBERSHIP

The Civic Club of Harrisburg welcomes the following new members. Please add their names to your *Overlook Yearbook*.

Jessica Ritchie  
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Harrisburg, PA 17110  
717-329-0259  
ritchiejb@gmail.com

Lisa DeNicola  
101 Ellesmere Lane  
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055  
717-712-2798  
lisadenicoladesigns@yahoo.com

## OVERLOOK YEARBOOK 2013-2014

In the April newsletter, you were asked to add to your *Overlook* book the name and address of the following new member. Please note the correction to her email address:

Helen Nauman – correct email address is [creekfarmpa@msn.com](mailto:creekfarmpa@msn.com)

Also please make the following correction to your copy of the *Overlook* book:

Page 18 – Sarah Miller – change address to 7289 Olde Mill Road, Harrisburg, PA 17112

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

## NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

Mark your calendar for the New Member Orientation to be held Wednesday, April 23, 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Civic Club house. This wine and cheese reception gives new members an opportunity to meet the Executive Board members as well as other new and renewing members in a social environment. We will present some of the civic activities of the club, discuss opportunities to volunteer, provide the history of the building and give a tour of the facility. The event is co-sponsored by the Civic Club and The Civic Club Affiliates. New members will receive a formal invitation in early April, but all other members are invited to attend and welcome our new members. If you will be attending, please email ([shirley4949@comcast.net](mailto:shirley4949@comcast.net)) or phone (717-580-2480) Membership Secretary Shirley McCormick by Monday, April 21.

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FOR 2014-2015

The Civic Club of Harrisburg membership year is June 1 through May 31 of each year. So, it is again time to consider renewing your membership and support of the organization for another exciting year. Enclosed with this newsletter is your renewal application. We ask you to complete all your personal information in order for us to ensure we have the information correct in next year's *Overlook Yearbook*. Also be sure to indicate your areas of interest. We need your participation to make our club successful.

**Please note the renewal application allows you to select receiving this Civic Club newsletter electronically rather through the mail.**

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

*President:* Jeanne Schmedlen

*Past President:* Beth Cornell

*1st Vice President (Programs):* Gail Bishop

*2nd Vice President (Finance):* Karen Best

*3rd Vice President (Service):* Carol DiMartile

*4th Vice President (House & Gardens):* MaryBeth Lehtimaki

*Recording Secretary:* Victoria (Tori) Bell

*Corresponding Secretary:* Judith Imler

*Treasurer:* Kathy Gates

*Assistant Treasurer:* Sana Khouri

*Membership Secretary:* Shirley McCormick

*Membership Campaign Chair:* Barbara Kauffman

*Directors:* Sarah Miller, Sana Khouri, Doris Coyne

**Appointed Chairs:**

*By-Laws and Taxes:* Joan Bretz

*Social and Awards:* Noelani Uhl

*Newsletter:* Ann Brooks

*GALA:* Karen Best

*Transition:* Myrna Delgado

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

*Chairman for the Affiliates:* Susan Spadafore

**LOOKING AHEAD:**

**Wednesday, April 23, 2014  
6:00 p.m. — 7:00 p.m.  
New Member Orientation**

**Thursday, April 24, 2014  
(10:00 a.m.)  
Executive Board Meeting**

**Monday, May 5, 2014  
11:30 a.m. Meet & Greet  
Noon Luncheon  
Installation of Officers  
“BONSAI INSPIRATION”  
Jim Doyle**

**Monday, May 19, 2014 (10:00 a.m.)  
Executive Board Meeting**

**Sunday, June 8, 2014  
(5:30 p.m. — 8:00 p.m.)  
TCCH/A GALA II**

**“WINDOWS ON THE SUSQUEHANNA”**

**Wednesday, June 11, 2014  
(7:15 a.m. — 8:30 a.m.)  
Civic - Minded Breakfast**

**Sunday, June 22, 2014 (1:00 p.m.)  
All Family Picnic**

Members have until April 22 to send names and addresses to Karen Best for the GALA invitations. (kgates808@comcast.net or call 717-730-9326)

**Overlook's Gardens Spruced Up**

Spring is here and the garden is awaking. On Thursday, March 20 work was done by volunteers, Marybeth and David Lehtimaki, Tori Bell, and Maureen Maxwell. They cleared leaves and debris near the entryway and the planters were planted in preparation for several spring events, including weddings.

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717-234-6736

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Facebook:

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

**NOTE: News articles for the June “Ladies’ Notes” should be emailed to Ann Brooks, [awbrooks@verizon.net](mailto:awbrooks@verizon.net) by Wednesday, May 7, 2014.**

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