



LADIES' NOTES

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.

May 4 Luncheon Program: How to Get a Serious Green Thumb! The Penn State Extension Master Gardener Program



There's an advertisement on TV, or at least there used to be, about a product that declares its primary use is to make other products better. If you can think of yourself as a "product," that concept is somewhat the philosophy of the Penn State Extension Master Gardener Program. It

helps novice as well as experienced gardeners to become more knowledgeable through research-based training. The program is a great resource, too, for all those thorny questions about pesky weeds, dead turf, blight on your trees and backyard storm water management, among a broad range of other gardening topics.

The speaker for The Civic Club of Harrisburg's **May 4 luncheon program** is Anne Marie Hawk. Anne is the Penn State Extension Master Gardener Coordinator for Dauphin County. She also works as a Program Assistant on the Flower Trials at the Penn State Southeast Agriculture Research and Extension Center (SEAREC) located in Manheim, Lancaster. In addition to her work, Anne enjoys gardening as well as camping, hiking and reading.

The May 4 luncheon program starts with a "meet and greet" reception at



11:30 a.m., followed by lunch at noon, a general meeting of the membership and the presentation. Lunch costs \$16.00. Please make your reservations by calling 717-234-6736 or send an email to civicclubhbg@gmail.com by Thursday, April 30, 2015. **The presentation itself, which starts around 12:45 p.m., is free and open to the public.**

This is the last program of the 2014-15 year. We want to thank Jean Cutler and her committee for a job well done in offering a variety of six interesting and quality programs. Work has begun on next year's programs, if you would like to volunteer for the program committee, please check off the Program/Luncheons item on your Renewal Dues Notice enclosed.



Hershey Park Voucher Program

Sign up now for the volunteer program with Hershey Entertainment and Resort Company (Herco) to work at Hershey Park/Hershey Arena/Hershey Stadium and Giant Center.

This fundraising opportunity helps TCCH earn money. Each volunteer gets a voucher to exchange for a day at the park each time you complete a shift. TCCHA will receive \$6 an hour for whichever type of shift you choose.

Help us raise money to establish a scholarship fund for a graduating senior(s) at Harrisburg High School. Call President Gail Bishop at 566-9479 or email at gbishop3@verizon.net if you are interested.... ALL FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS MAY PARTICIPATE.

We need your help - TCCH Gala – May 17th

Lisa DeNicola has volunteered to take the lead on the decorations for the gala. She is looking for the following items to be loaned to the club to be used the evening of the Gala:

Items needed:

- Old photos of the Harrisburg Civic Club and/or memorabilia from the 1920's
- 1920's purses, headbands, feather fans, jewelry
- Old trunks
- Empty wine bottles
- Strands of cheap pearls.... even broken strands...or even old Christmas garlands
- Ostrich feathers: white or black
- Tall Glass Vases
- Vintage Clothes for a photo booth
- Antique Record Player for decoration
- Donations of white rock candy sticks
- Donations of individually wrapped gold candy nuggets

Donations of M&M's in black, gold or silver Glass Apothecary Jars for Candy displays.

Please have your name and phone number clearly marked on the items. If interested in assisting with the decorations, please call Lisa DeNicola at 717-2798. Ideas are very welcome! Lisa will be collecting the items at the May Luncheon.

Also, members may donate items for the Silent Auction by emailing: civicclubhbg@gmail.com. The committee will pick-up and give you a tax form.

Thank you for participating.
The Gala III Committee



discover Harrisburg Symphony Orchestra
STUART MALINA, *Music Director*
2014/15 SEASON

Masterworks Series



Romantic Rhythm
Feb 21-22

Márquez | Lalo | Franck



A Hero's Life
Mar 21-22

Enescu | Prokofiev | Strauss



Brahms' Requiem
Apr 18-19

Kevin Puts | Brahms



Symphonic Sensations
May 16-17

Thomas Adès | Barber | Shostakovich

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Spring has arrived and with it the promise of renewal. It is energizing to see so many signs of activities, events, and weddings within the community whose planning took place during the long, cold months of winter. I would like to highlight one in particular to be held at The Civic Club. The Gala Committee is finalizing plans for the third annual "The Great Gatsby" Celebration and Auction to be held on Sunday, May 17. Invitations are in the mail and we look forward to a fun filled event and seeing you there. I want to thank all members, including your family and friends who plan to attend, in advance, for your support of this very important fund raiser for TCCH. In preparation, the house and the grounds are being spruced up. Everything is coming together smoothly for a throwback to the "Roaring Twenties!"



As we come to the end of our 2014-15 fiscal year, I would like to thank everyone who participated in the many activities of this organization during the year. I am hearing good things throughout the community about us. As we enter our 2015-16 fiscal year, please consider volunteering from the variety of opportunities made available to the members of The Civic Club of Harrisburg. Your support and involvement will make us stronger and give us a more vital presence in the greater Harrisburg community.

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

Compassionate and Inspired

There is no doubt that The Program, *It's About Change*, has found a compassionate and inspired leader in its new CEO/ Executive Director, Raquel Lilly. After sharing some of the salient moments in her personal narrative at our April 6 luncheon program, it is easy to understand from where Raquel draws her inspiration, energy and positive spirit. If you would like to volunteer your time, treasure and/or talents, get in touch with Raquel at 238-9950 or rallilly@theprograminc.org.



front row - Raquel Lilly, Gail Bishop, Karen Fleisher
back row - Carol Howard, Cynthia Watkins and Jean Cutler

Designer Showhouse Tickets Available - Membership Opportunity

The Harrisburg Symphony Society is pleased to present the 2015 Designer Showhouse & Gardens, Lindenwood, "A Country Destination." This unique event is only offered once every three years and is the signature fundraising event for the Symphony Society. The monies raised will help to support the music and education programs of the Harrisburg Symphony Orchestra.

As a partner of the Harrisburg Symphony Society, we have been given the opportunity to offer a discounted ticket price of \$15.00 to our membership. The show runs from Friday, May 22 to Sunday, June 14, 2015. If you would like to purchase discounted tickets through TCCH, please e-mail civicclubhbg@gmail.com or call 717-234-6736.



Need Wrought Iron Tables & Chairs for Overlook porch

TCCH is looking for donations of wrought iron tables and chairs for the porch of Overlook. Please e-mail civicclubhbg@gmail.com or call 717-234-6736 if you can help with this project. The cost is around \$100 for a set of one table and two chairs. Donations are welcome and appreciated.



TCCH Non-Profit Partner's Update – May 2015

- **Pressley Ridge** - is hosting their annual Ice Cream Fundae event at Indian Echo Caverns on Saturday August 22nd from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Come enjoy all you can eat Yuengling's Ice cream and enjoy other family fun. This fundraiser helps support Pressley Ridge's work in Central PA with children and families. For more information and to purchase tickets please contact Deb Ryan at 717-845-6624.
- **Tri-County Regional Planning Commission** - Please join us for our Annual Dinner on Thursday, May 7 at 5:30 p.m. at the Crowne Plaza Harrisburg-Hershey Hotel. Former Pennsylvania Secretary of Transportation Barry Schoch, P.E., will deliver the keynote address. Tickets are available at www.tcrpc-pa.org.
- **Jump Street** – we are pleased to announce that on Saturday, May 2, Dr. & Mrs. Myers will host our 14th Annual Derby Day on the grounds of Linwood Estate, Carlisle. It will be a day of Kentucky Derby fun, complete with a traditional Derby Day menu, mint juleps and more. There will be a live showing of the 141st Kentucky Derby. Visit www.jumpstreet.org for information and to purchase tickets. On May 23-25, we are proud to announce the 2015 Patriot News/PennLive Artsfest of Greater Harrisburg held in Riverfront Park, Harrisburg, PA. Artsfest features over 200 fine artists and craftsmen from across the US and Canada. Admission is FREE!
- **Tri County Community Action** – we are partnering with many Harrisburg groups to facilitate the upcoming Great Harrisburg Litter Cleanup on May 2nd and the South Allison Hill Multi-Cultural Festival will be held on the following weekend, May 9th.
- **PA Humanities Council** - In partnership with the Orton Family Foundation, we invite you to a workshop on Community Heart & Soul™, a resident-driven approach to community planning and development. Held at TCCH on May 13 from 9-3, participants will learn about new ways to engage residents in discovering their community's potential. Participants are automatically eligible to apply for PHC's \$25,000 Civic Engagement grant that can support projects based on Heart & Soul approach. Register at phcheartandsoulworkshops.eventbrite.com. Registration deadline is April 30.
- **Open Stage** – We are hosting a new award program, "People Who Care," saluting local community leaders at a gala brunch on Sunday, June 14 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at TCCH. Inaugural awardees are Marion and Bill Alexander, Alex Hartzler, David Morrison, and Mim Warden. Ticket information at aalsedek@gmail.com.
- **The Ecumenical Food Pantry** is sponsoring a night at the Whitaker Center to see *The Adams Family* by Theatre Harrisburg, on Friday, May 15th. Purchase your front orchestra seats for \$35.00 for this award-winning musical AND help us feed our hungry neighbors! Contact Linda Roberts at labrooke@mac.com to reserve your tickets.
- **The Harrisburg Symphony** presents Brahms' Requiem with Susquehanna Chorale, Messiah College Concert Choir, and Messiah College Choral Arts Society Saturday April 18th at 8:00 p.m. and Sunday, April 19th at 3:00 p.m. Johannes Brahms' *A German Requiem* is a work great beauty and peaceful consolation. Sung in English. Tickets are available at HarrisburgSymphony.org or by calling the box office 717-545-5527.
- **The PA Breast Cancer Coalition** - Join us at Metro Bank Park on Tuesday, June 9 for the *Take a Swing Against Breast Cancer* Home Run Derby! For only \$30, batters receive 10 swings and a goodie bag as they try to hit one out of the park for breast cancer survivors in PA! Register yourself or a team at www.pahomerunderby.org. Prizes will be given to highest scoring batters and highest fundraising team. For more information, please contact Erica at Erica@PABreastCancer.org or (717) 769-2307 or visit www.pahomerunderby.org.
- **The Harrisburg Choral Society** - invites you to its French Connection concert on May 17 at 3:00 p.m. at Camp Hill Presbyterian Church, 101 N. 23rd Street, Camp Hill. The concert will feature the popular Faure Requiem as well as music by other French composers. Tickets are available at the door, from any Choral Society member, or from www.harrisburgchoralsociety.org. Please call [877-663-4279](tel:877-663-4279) for more information.
- **Market Square Concerts** - On Saturday, April 25, at the Temple Ohev Sholom, Market Square Concerts presents Amernet String Quartet, winner of Banff and Tokyo International competitions. The program dedicated to the 70th anniversary of the end of WW II will feature Jewish voices in music of Mendelssohn, Schulhoff, Shostakovich and Weinberg. There will be a pre-concert talk with Dr. Truman Bullard at 7:15 p.m.
- **Dress for Success South Central PA** - On Saturday May 9 at the Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center, join us for the Power Walk for Dress for Success and Suits to Careers 5K Run! Visit www.dfspowerwalk.org/southcentralpa for event information and to register. At the end of May, we will hold an Inventory Reduction Sale at the Harrisburg Mall. Shop the sale May 28-30, 10 a.m. – 8 p.m., and check out the BAG SALE on Sunday May 31, 12 p.m. – 3 p.m. Always looking for volunteers to sort inventory and participate in other opportunities, call [\(717\) 232-1333](tel:717-232-1333).

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- **The Salvation Army Harrisburg Capital City Region** – On May 13 is our Annual Civic Event with special guest Coach James Franklin, Penn State Football! Celebrating the 130th anniversary of The Salvation Army in Harrisburg and 150th anniversary of The Salvation Army as an international organization. Also, tickets are on sale now for The Salvation Army Shoe Strut, Friday, September 11 at 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the Radisson Hotel Harrisburg. Silent Auction with Shoes, Shoe contests and much more. Most importantly, shoes for kids in need! Contact The Salvation Army 233-6755 ext. 114 for sponsorship and ticket info.
- **Susquehanna Art Museum** - will host Ekphrastic, a workshop lead by the inspirational duo Eric Dorney and Tyler Barton from The Triangle Literary Group based out of Lancaster, PA. The instructors will lead both an adult's session (2:30 p.m.) AND a kids session (12 p.m.) on May 2 that will be rooted in creative writing inspired by the Everyone Can Fly Exhibition on view in the main gallery. Spaces are limited, \$10 registration fee, RSVP to tsell@sqart.org.
- **Paxton Ministries** - We would love you to join us in the Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community on Saturday, May 16. The 1-mile Fund Walk begins at 9:15 a.m. Our goal is to raise \$10,000 to benefit the residents of Paxton Ministries. To register as a walker or donate go to hcf.convio.net/PaxtonWalk.
- **Capital Area Greenbelt** – will host the annual Tour de Belt bike ride on June 7. Save the date!
- **PA Parks and Forests Foundation** - is hosting their annual awards banquet on May 5, at the West Shore Country Club. Harrisburg residents Norm Lacasse will be recognized for his work on the Capital Area Greenbelt and for reconnecting people to the work of Mira Lloyd Dock. Information can be found at paparksandforests.org/events_and_programs.html
- **Historical Society of Dauphin County** - You are invited to an afternoon tea and open house on Mother's Day weekend, Saturday, May 9 at 2:30 p.m. at the Harris-Cameron Mansion. The tea will be hosted by Dr. Agnes Kemp who was the first licensed female physician in Dauphin County and a member of the Historical Society of Dauphin County. Tickets for the event are \$20, (\$15 for HSDC members). Please call [717-233-3462](tel:717-233-3462) or email office@dauphincountyhistory.org to reserve your seat.
- **Boys & Girls Club** – will host its Summer Camp from June 8 - August 7, at the Angino Clubhouse (1227 Berryhill St. HBG), John N. Hall Clubhouse (1700 Hanover St. HBG), and Downey/Cumberland Road Clubhouse. The Club will offer educational programs to stop the summer "brain drain", technology programs promoting digital literacy, programs furthering healthy lifestyles, and much more. Contact the Club at 717-234-3268 for more information.
- **World Affairs Council of Harrisburg** - Join us on May 2 at the Harrisburg University of Science and Technology for an exploration of what's working and where within education systems around the globe (discussing K-12th grade). Reserve your tickets at wacharrisburg.ticketleap.com/education-conference-k-12. Then on May 15th, we will host the Third Annual Torch and Global Scholar Awards, at the Penn State Hershey Fitness and Conference Center. For more information, please visit www.wacharrisburg.org.
- **Harrisburg Symphony** - The Harrisburg Symphony Society presents Lindenwood: A Country Destination May 22nd - June 14th. Join us for the Opening Celebration, an elegant evening of dinner, music, live & silent auction on May 21. Be among the first to see the Showhouse! Get tickets and more information at www.symphonyshowhouse.org.
- **Vision Resources of Central PA** - will be holding the organization's 17th night of casino style games, great food and lively music in support of the VROCP mission on Friday, April 24, 2015 at the Sheraton Harrisburg-Hershey, 4650 Lindle Road, Harrisburg. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. To place your ticket reservation, call 717-238-2531 or visit www.vrocp.org.

BYLAWS COMMITTEE

At the April 6th Annual Meeting of The Civic Club of Harrisburg, the membership approved a motion presented by the Bylaws Committee. The motion approved that the current Constitution and the current Bylaws of The Civic Club of Harrisburg be combined into one document to be known as the Bylaws.

The Bylaws Committee has completed the creation of this single Bylaws document. It will be emailed to all Civic Club members the week of April 20 from the email address shirley4949@comcast.net. Please check your junk email account if you have not received it by April 24. For members who do not have email, the document will be sent through the US Postal Service that week also.

The new Bylaws will be presented for a vote at the May 4, 2015 General Membership Meeting. We ask that you review the document prior to this meeting. If you have questions, please contact Bylaws Committee Chair Shirley McCormick at the email address above.

Members Serve Meal to Men at YMCA

As a service to the community, on two different occasions, several club members served meals to the men at the YMCA. On March 11, five members served a hardy meal of chili, baked potatoes, salad and dessert to 27 men in attendance. Thanks to Tammy Relken, Tori Bell, Marybeth Lehtimaki, Lisa DeNicola and Myrna Delgado (not pictured) for participating.



Preservation & Restoration of Overlook



Gina M. Douty has agreed to serve as Chair of the Preservation & Restoration committee. Gina owns a historic preservation consulting business (www.gmdhistoric.com). She grew up in Camp Hill and Harrisburg has been home to several generations of her family. Gina holds an undergraduate degree from Penn State University in Architecture with a Special Studies in Historic Preservation. Currently, she is working on a MA in Historic Preservation at Savannah College of Art and Design.

There have been some challenges at Overlook this year since the water pipe break last winter in the downstairs bathroom and the reconstruction of it. One of our priorities includes the replacement of the knot & tube wiring throughout the building. Gina has been working with several contractors to develop a plan to replace the old wiring with new code compliant wiring. "I look forward to the challenges and the rewards of preserving and restoring Overlook with other enthusiastic members of TCCH! It may take some time and careful planning, but well worth it to insure a successful future for the building itself and various club activities," states Gina.

If you are interested in the preservation & restoration of Overlook, please volunteer to serve with Gina on the Preservation/Restoration committee by marking this "area of interest" on the Renewal Dues Notice enclosed with this newsletter. There is much work to do and we look forward to the challenges of preserving this historic building.

This month we had RotoRooter come to clear the outside drains due to a problem with rain water backup during the cold part of the winter. British Masonry and Restoration installed the new downspout. We also had RotoRooter remove and replace the existing, non-functioning sump pump in the basement with a new 1/2 horsepower unit. The cost of the work on the sump pump is covered by a grant received from the Kline Foundation. And also this month, UGI has been upgrading the line into the building and capped a gas line into the kitchen.



Downspout replaced



UGI upgrading the gas line into Overlook



UGI caps a gas line in the kitchen



UGI upgraded gas line into basement and replaced the concrete on the sidewalk outside Overlook



Two new serving carts purchased for Overlook

Membership News

We would like to welcome 3 new members this month. Please add their personal data to your yearbook. They are:

Raquel Lilly
1515 Derry Street
Harrisburg, PA 17014
717-238-9950
ralilly@theprograminc.org

Sandy Minner
58 Round Ridge Road
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055
717-238-2451
minnerrace@gmail.com

Bobbye Gregory
683 St. Johns Drive
Camp Hill, PA 17011
717-763-0807
mamasan678@aol.com

We would like to wish a “Happy Birthday” to the following ladies in May:
Joan Douglas, Patricia Lavelle, Sarah Miller, Judith Zerbe



Thanks to Lisa DeNicola for providing the beautiful flowers and decorations for the April Luncheon/Program. Thanks to Beth Cornell for making 5 tablecloths and 15 table toppers for the clubhouse. And thanks to Joan Bretz for completing and filing the City Tax return for TCCH.

We offer our condolences to the family of former member Sallie Parker who passed away on April 3, 2015.

It's that time of year already. Enclosed you will find the **Renewal Dues Notice for 2015-16**. Please fill out this form and send it to the P.O. Box address by May 15, 2015. Special attention should be paid to the **Part C - Areas of Interest**. Please indicate what areas are of interest to you so that we can keep you informed of volunteer opportunities. TCCH's organizational structure is setup and functions by committee. We look forward to having more members get involved in the various committees. If you would like to know more about a particular committee, please contact civicclubhbg@gmail.com or call 234-6736.

We are still looking for someone to volunteer as our Membership Secretary for 2015-16. This can be filled by a chair and co-chair to work with a standing committee of volunteers. Please consider filling this Board position as we start the Renewal Dues process this month.

New Member Orientation Reception

Join us for the New Member Reception on Thursday, April 23, starting at 5:30 p.m. at The Civic Clubhouse. This reception gives new members an opportunity to meet the Executive Board as well as other new 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. All members are invited to attend and welcome our new members. Please RSVP to Jean Cutler at jecutler32@gmail.com.

TCCH Volunteer Opportunities

There are many ways to support TCCH. Please consider one of these volunteer opportunities (Contact civicclubhbg@gmail.com or call 234-6736)

Help the program committee with the May luncheon/program.

Help with Spring cleanup of the gardens on April 29. Contact Marybeth Lehtimaki at 717-599-5863 if available.

Serve on one of the Gala 2015 committees.

Chair or co-chair the Service Committee.

Serve as Membership Secretary.

Serve as “Ladies’ Notes” newsletter editor for the 2015-16 year.

Serve on the Technology committee to help with video equipment setup for program meetings.

Special thanks to Donna Winch for volunteering to take the messages off of the clubhouse answering machine.

**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

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Chairman for the Affiliates: Allan Ausman

LOOKING AHEAD:

**Monday, April 20, 2015
(10:00 a.m.)**

Executive Board Meeting

**Thursday, April 23, 2015
(5:30 p.m.)**

New Member Orientation Reception

**Monday, May 4, 2015
11:30 a.m. Meet & Greet**

Noon Luncheon

“GET A SERIOUS GREEN THUMB!”

Anne M. Hawk

**Sunday, May 17, 2015
(5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.)**

TCCH/A Gala

“A GREAT GATSBY CELEBRATION”

**Monday, May 18, 2015
(10:00 a.m.)**

Executive Board Meeting

**Sunday, June 7, 2015
(1:00 p.m.)**

All Family Picnic

Covered Dish

**Watch for more information in
next month's newsletter**

**Wednesday, June 10, 2015
(7:15 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.)**

Civic-Minded Breakfast

TCCH Phone line:

717-234-6736

TCCH on the web:

www.civicclubofharrisburg.com

Email:

civicclubhb@gmail.com

Facebook:

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

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NOTE: News articles for the June “Ladies’ Notes” should be emailed to Kathy Gates, kgates808@comcast.net by Friday, May 8, 2015.

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