



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.

Join us for “ReMix Style” November 2!!

November’s luncheon speaker will be Suze Moll who will be speaking on her *upcycled* fashions from “ReMix Style.” ReMix Style-Art to Wear mixes new and vintage clothing to create exciting, innovative and upcycled fashions with you in mind. Did you know one million tons of clothing find its way into landfills each year?

Suze transforms what many discard into one-of-a-kind clothing and accessories. She starts by scouring local consignment stores and thrift shops for what she can transform into updated and improved fashions.



In addition to creating the unique and creative fashions she sells online and in selective boutiques and salons throughout Central Pennsylvania, Suze Moll is a life coach and a former adjunct professor at Penn State University. She is also an award winning graphic designer and has been a business

owner for 25 years.

You can visit Suze’s webpage at: <http://remixstyle.webs.com/> and Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/ReMix-Style-235964603139878/timeline/>

Join us on November 2! Informal “meet and greet” begins at 11:30 a.m. with luncheon to follow at noon.

Reservations are required! Lunch costs \$16 and can be reserved by calling (717) 234-6736 or emailing civicclubhbg@gmail.com by noon Monday October 26 (checks made payable to the Civic Club of Harrisburg. The 12:45 program alone is free and open to the public. Please note that the caterer, Sir D’s, has requested a reservation count one week prior to the lunch meeting on 10/26.



The Holiday Champagne Brunch is Coming!!

Save the date and plan to attend the Holiday Champagne Brunch on Sunday, December 6 at 1:00 p.m. at *Overlook* with your spouse, significant other, or guest. The event will be catered by Stock's on Second with seasonal entertainment following the brunch. More details to follow in the December newsletter.

Membership News

Brochure: We will have within the next few weeks a new membership brochure with a new look and a new approach to TCCH membership. You can pick up copies of the brochure and application at *Overlook*. I hope this new recruitment tool strategy will help each of our existing members to recruit at least one new member for the new membership year. If you would like membership brochures mailed to you, please get in touch with Jean Cutler, Membership Committee chair, and she will mail them to you.

New and Prospective Member Welcome Reception: The Fall welcome reception will be held Thursday, October 22, 2015, 5:30–7:00 p.m. at *Overlook*. We would like to welcome Shannon Williams, 1517 Penn St, Harrisburg, PA 17102. Cell 717-805-5836, uiscsgw@gmail.com. Please add her personal data to your yearbook

New “New” Member Mentoring Program: In a critical effort to make new TCCH members feel welcome and comfortable and to encourage their meaningful and fulfilling participation in TCCH activities, the membership committee is implementing a “new member mentoring” program. If you are willing to be a member mentor, please contact Jean Cutler, Membership Committee Chair at jecutler32@gmail.com; 717-805-3398.

Members in the News:

Lynida Hudson received a 2015 Music Honoree Award from the Camp Curtin Mitchell Memorial United Methodist Church. She is a member of the church’s Gospel Choir that entertained and uplifted our hearts at the 2015 Holiday Brunch. Pictured is the church’s Gospel Choir with Lynida, front row, far right.



Beth Cornell attended the State Education Agency Directors of Arts Education National meeting in Jackson, Mississippi. She was the founder of the organization twelve years ago. Their strong leadership at all the Education Agencies has led to the development of the National Core Arts Standards, Assessments and Model Cornerstones being used in most states.

Sally C. Chamberlain was recently elected to the Board of Women Graduates–USA at its annual membership meeting in Baltimore, MD. WG–USA is an online organization of graduate women who are focused on issues affecting women and girls worldwide. It is the USA affiliate of GWI, formerly known as the International Federation of University Women, IFUW. Its global outreach impacts women internationally, advocating for women's rights, equality and empowerment through access to education for all. It can be found at: www.wg-usa.org.

TCCH members attended the October 5th annual PA Breast Cancer Coalition conference: Marylou Ford-Dallam, Jeanne Schmedlen, and Beth Cornell. Also joining them were Judy Immler and President Gail Bishop representing Dauphin County.



November Birthday Wishes go to:

Anne Alsedek
Mary Lou Dallam
Anne Davis
Peggy Purdy



TCCH hosts Harrisburg City Public Forum

On August 24th, *Overlook* was the location for the Harrisburg City Tree Planning Committee public forum. City Arborist Eric Josephson explained the need for several trees to be removed to handle the change in the traffic on Front Street.

There are over 5000 trees in the City of Harrisburg and 25% of them are in need of trimming and/or to be taken down. With the Front Street traffic changes, six trees must come down to comply with Penn Dot regulations in order to provide better access to Riverfront Park for the persons with physical handicaps.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Our first big fundraiser with the Pennsylvania Breast Cancer Coalition will be this Sunday, October 18, 2015 from 2:00 to 5:00 PM. The committee has worked very hard to make this a success and we are looking to you, our members, for your support of this event. A special thank you to Co-Chair Sandy Minner and the many members of the committee who have worked so diligently to make this happen. Come and meet Chef John Moeller and hear his entertaining accounts of serving three first families. Enjoy traditional tea fare and the silent auction. It is an afternoon that you do not want to miss.

A big thank you goes out to all members and friends who volunteered at Hershey Park and the Giant Center this summer and early fall. We have greatly increased our scholarship fund! There is still time for all members to support this Service Project. Volunteers can be added anytime so please let me hear from you. There will be many opportunities during the months ahead to raise additional monies by working at the Giant Center and special days at the park. There is a deserving senior at Harrisburg High School who would be most appreciative of our help.

It is my pleasure to announce that Charlene Bashore has accepted the Chairmanship of the Program Committee. She will be looking for your suggestions and ideas for the 2016-2017 club year. Charlene will be forming her committee and is looking for your support. Please let her know if you are interested in serving on this most important committee. Charlene is replacing Jean Cutler, who has accepted the Chairmanship of the Membership Committee.

Autumn is here and the holidays are fast approaching. Please mark your calendars for our annual Holiday Champagne Brunch on Sunday, December 6, 2015. Detailed information will follow in the next newsletter.

TCCH President, Gail Bishop



Audit of Civic Club Financial Records for Fiscal Year 2014-2015

An Audit Committee - comprised of Joan Bretz, Chair, and Beth Cornell - was appointed by the Executive Board to review the financial records of the Civic Club of Harrisburg (TCCH) for the fiscal year June 1, 2014, through May 31, 2015.

The Audit Committee reviewed the Civic Club's financial records - especially the movement of funds among the various accounts maintained for conducting business, in particular making deposits and paying bills. The records were easy to follow and compare, so that deposits and disbursements could be tracked and verified. The Civic Club has a number of bank accounts at Susquehanna Bank for transacting business, with most transactions shown on a consolidated bank statement which greatly facilitated this review, especially with explanatory notes added by the treasurer. The records of the organization are maintained in a spreadsheet format, with these data used to prepare budgets; monitor financial activities of the organization; prepare monthly as well as year-end financial statements and tax returns; and generate data for grant proposals. The committee found that reports, bank statements, check registers and spreadsheets appear to have been maintained in proper order in the period under review.

A report was presented to the Executive Board at its September meeting in which the Audit Committee recommended that no further action needs to be taken with respect to the 2014-2015 audit.

TCCH Holiday Service Project

This year TCCH will support Paxton Ministries as our Holiday Service Project.

Paxton Ministries provides affordable housing and support services to adults in need. At the Paxton Street Home, each person receives a fully-furnished, private room, giving each resident a space to call his or her own. They provide accountability in monitoring the medication of our residents who need assistance, helping our residents stabilize their mental health. In addition to many services, they also provide an active community life focused on recovery and independence. All staff members are encouraged to develop meaningful relationships with residents. By relating on a personal level, they create a sense of belonging, and they become more than an institution. They become a home.

Items needed: **Hygiene items** (tooth brushes, tooth paste, Brushes/combs, Shampoo, Conditioner, Bottled shower wash, Bar soap, Shower caddies, Deodorant, Razors, Dryer sheets, lotions, Hand sanitizer, Shoe laces, Plastic storage containers which fit under the bed); **Recreation items** (AA batteries, Flash lights, Travel coffee cups, metal or plastic water bottles with lids and straws, Word search books, Crossword puzzle books, Jigsaw puzzles, Deck of cards, Shopping bags, Socks, Gloves, Hats, Scarves; **Household items** (Picture frames, Blank cards with envelopes, Greeting cards of all kinds, Night stand clocks, Twin sheet sets, Bath towel with matching wash cloth (hand towels not needed)

Please share the holiday spirit by helping with this project. Collection will be at the November 2nd luncheon, at the December Holiday Brunch or by making arrangements with Kathy Gates at kgates808@gmail.com. Thank you for participating!

TCCH Non-Profit Partner's Update

Welcome to our newest partner – Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay – PA.

See list below for events hosted by our non-profit partners. You are welcome to attend.

- **The PROGRAM "It's About Change"** presents UNMASKED a masquerade gala to benefit our organization. The date is Friday, October 30, 2015. Time is 5:00 p.m. until 9:30 p.m., Place Is Best Western Premier The Central Hotel and Conference Center, 800 E. Park Drive, Harrisburg, PA 17111. Ticket and RSVP information available on our website at www.theprograminc.org.
- **Dress for Success South Central PA** - You're Invited to our 9th Annual Gala, "Bet on Success," will be held Friday, October 23, 2015 from 5:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. at the Hilton Harrisburg. Dinner, dancing, casino fun, silent and live auctions are all part of this exciting evening. Cost is \$125 per person. To register, please visit <https://southcentralpa.dressforsuccess.org/get-involved/events/>. Join our Purple Purse Challenge (Oct 1- Oct 27) as we change the lives of domestic violence survivors! Check out our website at www.crowdrise.com/dressforsuccesssouthcentralpa/. We are always looking for volunteers to sort inventory and participate in other opportunities (717) 232-1333.
- **World Affairs Council** – Join us for our upcoming "Hot Topics-Turkish Tea" forum at 2:30 p.m. on Oct. 25, 2015 on "Immigration, Refugees and America's Conscience." Held at the Turkish Cultural Center, 500 N. third, St., 7th floor. Ticket information here: <http://wacharrisburg.ticketleap.com/admin/events/hot-topics-tea-immigration-refugees-and-americas-conscience> or at www.wacharrisburg.org.
- **Historic Harrisburg Association** – On Saturday, Nov. 21 Historic Harrisburg Walking Tour, "A 'Mad Men' Retro Tour of the mid-60's landmark State Museum of Pennsylvania." Built in 1964 and recently placed on the National Register of Historic Places, the State Museum is undergoing a sensitive and historically accurate refurbishment under the direction of our tour guides, Beth Hager and Andrea Lowery of the Museum staff. Meet at Museum's Third Street entrance. 10 AM to Noon. \$15. (\$10 for HHA members; \$5 for students). On Monday, Nov. 23: Fourth Monday Lecture, "Bungalows: Prairie-style architecture in Central PA and beyond," by Bryan Van Sweden of the PA Bureau of Historic Preservation. Presented jointly with the Bungalow Society of Central PA. 6 PM. Admission is Free.
- **Shalom House** - The Sixth Annual "Wreaths for a Reason" will be held at Strawberry Square on November 17-19, 2015 from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. daily. Crafters in the Greater Harrisburg area have created homemade holiday & seasonal wreaths; visitors bid on their favorites in a silent auction or purchase at a "buy-it-now" price, benefitting Shalom House.
- **Central PA Food Bank** - During November and December, we respond to thousands of requests for traditional holiday meals. To help meet the need, the Food Bank conducts a turkey drive each year to collect and provide frozen turkeys (along with all of the side dishes that make a holiday meal complete) to families struggling with hunger in central Pennsylvania. Donations may be dropped off at our Harrisburg warehouse Monday through Friday 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. and select Saturdays. Please visit centralpafoodbank.org for more information.
- **The Salvation Army Harrisburg Capital City Region** - Christmas at The Salvation Army! Holiday activities, volunteer opportunities have begun at The Salvation Army Harrisburg. Visit www.timetosignup.com/salvationarmyhbg for ways you can help. Groups interested in participating in the annual Battle of the Bells competition are also invited to attend a fun, spirited informational luncheon on 11/6 at The Woods at Cedar Run. For details and info regarding holiday activities, contact Kathy Anderson-Martin, 233-6755 ext. 114 or kathy.anderson-martin@use.salvationarmy.org.
- **The Zonta Club of Harrisburg Hershey** – We have a tremendous fundraising project by selling fresh handcrafted natural balsam Christmas Wreaths decorated with clusters of pine cones, red berries and a water proof red velvet bow. These New England wreaths are individually boxed and will be delivered at a particular location on the East and West Shores the week of Thanksgiving. Please send an email to sgale@homesale.com for additional information and to receive your flyer on this project.
- **Susquehanna Art Museum** - Family Paint Parties will be held Sundays November 1 and December 6, 1:00 p.m. A cooperative project for kids and families of all types- create a piece of art unique to your family! Fee: \$20 for 1 child/1 adult (\$5 per extra attendee), all materials provided. Contact tsell@sqart.org to register.
- **Historical Society of Dauphin County** - Halloween Ghost Tours of the Harris-Cameron Mansion will be held on Friday, October 30 at 6:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. There will be guided Ghost Tours through the mansion. The guide will tell ghost stories of old Harrisburg and give visitors a rare peek of the mansion by candlelight. Please call 233-3462 for reservations.
- **Susquehanna Chorale** - Put the Youth Choral Festival on your calendars now! The Festival will be held at 4:00 p.m. at the High Center, Messiah College on November 22, 2015. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. For more information or to order tickets, visit susquehannachorale.org or call (717) 691-6036.
- **Vision Resources of Central PA** - is hosting the 4th Annual Blindness Awareness Fundraising, *Evening in the Shadows*, on Thursday, November 5, 2015 at the Mill in Hershey. Sponsored by Pinnacle Health and wine by Cullari Vineyards and Winery of Hershey, guests will experience a unique 5-course meal prepared to engage the senses and 4 wine pairings all while wearing a blindfold. Limited seating, tickets available after 9/24 by visiting www.vrocp.org or calling Cheryl at 717-238-2531.
- **Harrisburg Choral Society** - is beginning our 121st season of performing great choral works. Our fall season includes three events: "Autumn Sampler" concert on November 1, the 15th Annual *Messiah* Sing-Along on November 29 and our "Christmas with Brass" concert on December 20. Hope to see you there.

- **Ecumenical Food Pantry - Hunger and Sound Bites 2015:** to support the work of the EFP (volunteer staff feeding more than 29,000 every year since 1972), on Saturday, October 24th, from 5-9 p.m. at Messiah Lutheran Church, Commonwealth & Forster in Harrisburg. Delicious heavy appetizers/desserts, BYOB, silent auction, reserved tables available, live music: \$25 per person. For more details, tickets or sponsor info, please email Linda Roberts: labrooke@mac.com or call 737-9997.



Market Square Concerts for the fourth consecutive year held one of their summer series in August at the Civic Club to a full house!



Members attend the Salvation Army Shoe Strut on September 11. Pictured: (front row) Beth Cornell and Gail Bishop, (back row) Jennifer Kohler, Judy Imler, Faith Imler and Kathy Gates.



Right to left: Jean Cutler, President of the Harrisburg Rain Barrel Coalition, was joined October 5 at *Overlook* by Shannon Williams, P.E., Executive Director of Capital Region Water, and Geoffrey Knight, Chief Planner for the City of Harrisburg, and spoke about how we can, collectively and individually, be a part of the clean water solution by presenting "Harrisburg: Our Water's Worth It."

Volunteer Opportunities

Contact civicclubhbg@gmail.com or call 234-6736

- Help to set-up and/or clean-up for the November 2 luncheon/program.
- Help with the New Member Orientation Reception on October 22. Jean Cutler is chairing.
- Volunteer to help with the Tea setup on the morning of October 18. Gail Bishop is chairing.
- Help to clean up the gardens on November 11 from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Contact Marybeth Lehtimaki at 460-7617.
- Help to decorate the clubhouse for the holidays on December 2 from 3:00 to 7:00 PM. Contact Marybeth Lehtimaki at 460-7617.
- Serve on the Technology Committee to help with video equipment setup for program meetings.
- Participate in the Holiday Service Project.

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Looking Ahead

<p>Sunday, October 18, 2015 (2:00–5:00 p.m.) Charity Tea for Breast Cancer Awareness Former White House Chef John Moeller</p> <p>Monday, October 19, 2015 (10:00 a.m.) Executive Board Meeting</p> <p>Thursday, October 22, 2015 (5:30 p.m.) New Member Orientation Reception</p> <p>Monday, November 2, 2015 (11:30 a.m.) Meet & Greet President’s Update & Noon Luncheon “Remix Style: Art to Wear” Suze Moll, Speaker</p>	<p>Monday, November 16, 2015 (10:00 a.m.) Executive Board Meeting</p> <p>Sunday, December 6, 2015 (1:00 p.m.) Annual Holiday Champagne Brunch</p> <p>Wednesday, December 9, 2016 (7:15 a.m.) Civic Minded Breakfast</p> <p>Monday, January 11, 2016 (10:00 a.m.) Retreat/Executive Board/Strategic Planning Meeting at Linglestown Road Giant Community Center</p>
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NOTE: Articles and images for the December *Ladies Notes* should be emailed to Linda Ries at: jaggers1952@verizon.net by Friday November 6, 2015

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