

**THE CIVIC CLUB
OF HARRISBURG**

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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.

NOVEMBER LUNCHEON GUEST SPEAKER IS CHUCK WINGATE DIRECTOR OF THE BETHESDA MISSION

The homeless population in Harrisburg has increased by forty percent in the last seven years. The Bethesda Mission has not had an empty bed for more than two years. Executive Director Chuck Wingate, our November guest speaker, will explain what’s driving this, what the Mission is doing about this, and what TCCH members can do to help in his talk, “The Bethesda Mission: Striving to Eliminate Homelessness in Harrisburg.”

Bethesda has been providing hope and healing to hurting and homeless people in the Greater Harrisburg area since 1914. Be prepared for information and inspiration as Mr. Wingate expresses his passions concerning the Bethesda Mission at our Luncheon on Monday November 7. You don’t want to miss this! There will be a meet and greet followed by lunch at noon with a brief business meeting, then the speaker at 12:30. The lunch will be catered and costs \$16.00 which can be paid at the door. The lecture is free. Please RSVP by calling 234-6736 and leaving a message or emailing civicclub-hbg@gmail.com by noon on Thursday, November 3.

In addition, donations of personal care items and new or gently used socks will be welcome at the meeting.



Chuck Wingate



Bethesda Mission at 611 Reilly St.

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



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TCCH in Our Community

TCCH members can be proud, for Founding Member Mira Lloyd Dock was honored October 13 by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. DCNR renamed their Penn Nursery just south of State College on Route 322 the Mira Lloyd Dock Resource Conservation Center. The nursery grows tree seedlings for planting in our state parks and forests. It is a most appropriate gesture, as our Miss Dock was the first woman hired for a state government leadership position on the State Forestry Reservation Commission in 1901. As a commission member, she traveled the state seeking areas forsaken by lumber interests that the state could purchase and reclaim for new forests. She advocated the planting of tree seedlings around the commonwealth, especially white pine. DCNR gave out white pine seedlings at the dedication, and two of these were made available to the Civic Club. We hope to plant them around the grounds soon to honor our Mira. The nursery also makes picnic tables and those made from now on will bear the imprint of the Dock Center –Linda Ries



DCNR Employees unveil the sign at the entrance to the facility.



All the women foresters of DCNR at the sign.



PA Parks and Forests Foundation Director and TCCH Member Marcy Mowrey



DCNR Secretary and TCCH Member Cindy Adams Dunn speaks at the ceremony.



A cake with Mira's image!



Dr. Susan Rimby, Mira's biographer speaks.

News from the TCCH Non-Profit Partners:

The **Zonta Club of Harrisburg-Hershey** invites you to attend our November 10 monthly meeting at the Radisson Hotel, beginning with social time at 5:30pm. Dinner will be served at 6pm and is \$22.00. The program for the evening will be presented by Shelley Brooks, Director, Bethesda Mission Women and Children's Shelter. Please make your reservations no later than Monday, November 7, by calling or emailing Eileen Baylor, 774-8333, eileen1206@aol.com.

The national award-winning **Susquehanna Chorale**, under the direction of Artistic Director Linda L. Tedford, announces our Christmas 2016 concerts. Please join us 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 or more information, call (717) 691-6036 or go to www.susquehannachorale.org. Also, "Sing Me to Heaven," our brand-new CD, will be released later this fall. Go to our Web site to reserve your copy today!

Join the **Historical Society of Dauphin County** as they bring their 250th anniversary year to a close with these events: November 19 at 7:00 p.m. with a Gala Victorian Dinner; and December 11 from 1–6 p.m. with Christmas at the Mansion and Holiday Market. Visit the website at: dauphincountyhistory.org or call 233-3462.

The **Harrisburg Choral Society** will be presenting a Handel's Messiah sing-along! Scores will be provided for the audience, or bring your own! "Messiah and More" on Sunday, December 4, 2016 3:00p.m. Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, 2000 Chestnut Street, Camp Hill. Visit or call for more information at: info@harrisburgchoralsociety.org or call: (877) 663-HCS9.

November 5 at 6:00 p.m., the **Susquehanna Art Museum** will present a talk by **Prof. Curlee Raven Holton**, Executive Director, David C. Driskell Center and Distinguished Artist in Residence, Department of Art. This presentation will include in-depth information about the SAM's exhibition "African American Art Since 1950: Perspectives from the David C. Driskell Center." 1401 North 3rd St. Harrisburg, PA 17102. For information call: 717.233.8668 or sqart.org

Voices of the Valley: Enjoy our 39th 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 Bowmansdale Church of God. Contact Joe Gargiulo at 503-0563 or JGargiulo@comcast.net for tickets. You can also ask him about their new CD release of "A Voices of the Valley Christmas."

Voices of the Valley is also offering a bus trip to see (your choice) of **Hello, Dolly** with Bette Midler and David Hyde Pierce or **Miss Saigon** on Sun., June 25, 2017. Contact Donna Winch at 728-6884 if interested.

House and Garden Happenings

From our Guardians in the Garden in November

Is that a Blue Jay guarding these purple blooms?



Holiday Helpers Needed!!

Overlook will be decorated for the Holidays November 29 from 3–7 p.m. Volunteer helpers are needed!! Dinner will be served. Contact Marybeth Lehtimaki if you want to help at: civicbro612@yahoo.com Decorations will be removed around January 1-4, 2017 (and we need help for that too!!).

TCCH in Our Community



TCCH Holiday Service Project: The 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 luncheon on November 7, and 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 2,500 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 requiring a can opener.)

We will need volunteers to join us on December 6 at 3:00 p.m. at Overlook to assist in packing the donated items. There will be a volunteer sign-up sheet at both the Luncheon and the Brunch. Your help is greatly appreciated for this worthy endeavor. Please join us! Thank you!

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.

TCCH helps with Dinner at the Y

As a service project TCCH periodically serves dinner to men staying at the YMCA. They have a residence meeting the second Wednesday of the month. October 12th was the first of three dinners we will serve. The meal was provided by Myrna Delgado, Lisa DeNicola, Marybeth Lehtimaki and Tammy Relken. The fifteen men were thrilled with our meal. We served ham, Chinese cabbage salad, corn on the cob and dessert. The corn was a big hit. One elderly gentleman said it was the best corn he had eaten since his mother made it as a child. Another man said it had been years since he had corn on the cob. A highlight of the evening, for us, was the fact that we saw only one man from previous meals. This is a sign to us that those missing have most likely moved on to a better place in their lives. Some of the gentleman that we saw last spring had been there two years. We will serve two more meals on Wednesday March 8, 2017 and May 10, 2017. We try to provide interesting, nutritious, and varied meals as they most likely get a lot of chicken. If you would like to help, contact Marybeth Lehtimaki at 717-599-5863 or civicbro612@yahoo.com.

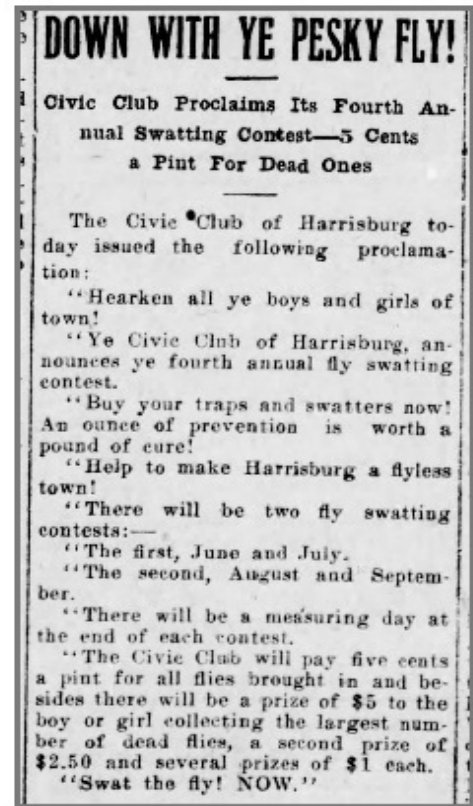
Marybeth Lehtimaki and Myrna Delgado serving dinner.



The Legacy of TCCH

The Civic Club News Continues a Look Back at our Beginnings in Order to Move Forward!

As we draw near the 100th anniversary of the opening of the Civic Club headquarters, that is, our very own *Overlook*, the newsletter will be publishing articles from Harrisburg newspapers leading up to November 30, 1916, the day it formally opened. This article in the *Harrisburg Star-Independent* for July 7, 1916, has a humorous take on their fourth annual fly-swatting contest. It was no joke that flies were a problem along the Riverfront, and the contest was a novel and clever idea to reduce the fly population and get children involved in a civic activity. —Linda Ries, TCCH Archivist.



Water Damage to Overlook: As many of you know there was water damage at the house in late September. Service First was called in to mitigate the damage. The water came from the second floor men's room into the coat room and back hall of the second floor then proceeded to leak through the ceiling of the first floor kitchen destroying a good bit of the kitchen. Repair of the water damage is ongoing. We'll keep you posted.

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISING

Please consider being a VOLUNTEER! TCCH Immediate Past President Gail Bishop is always looking for volunteers who are willing to give a few hours at Hersheypark and the Giant Center. The more people who volunteer...the more money we will have to award scholarships 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. I will send out the schedules when I receive them and, if there is a time that is good for you, let me know ASAP. They go so quickly. If you are interested, please email Gail at gbishop3@verizon.net and she will add you to the list. Thanks, and remember, friends or family members may also volunteer...MUST be 18

TCCH Membership News:

Happy November Birthday to: Mary Louise Dallam and Margaret (Peggy) Purdy!
Forgive us if we've left anyone out!

Road Trip!

TCCH member Lisa DiNicola is suggesting a novel way for TCCH members to get to know one another and do some networking besides: A Road Trip! Bring some cash for dining and shopping and a funny story or two to share on the drive. Where are we going? Where ever our hearts take us! If interested in a November trip, contact Lisa at: lisadenicoladesigns@yahoo.com; 717-712-2798.



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Looking Ahead

<p>Monday, November 7, 2016 Noon Luncheon RSVP required <i>The Bethesda Mission: Striving to Eliminate Homelessness in Harrisburg</i> Chuck Wingate, Presenter</p> <p>Monday, November 21, 2016 (10:30 a.m.) TCCH Board Meeting</p> <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, Jan (10:30 a.m.) TCCH Board Meeting</p> <p>Tuesday, February, 7, 2017 (5:30 p.m.) Annual Meeting of the TCCH Affiliates</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 by Friday November 11, 2016.

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