

LADIES' NOTES

The Civic Club of Harrisburg and Affiliates

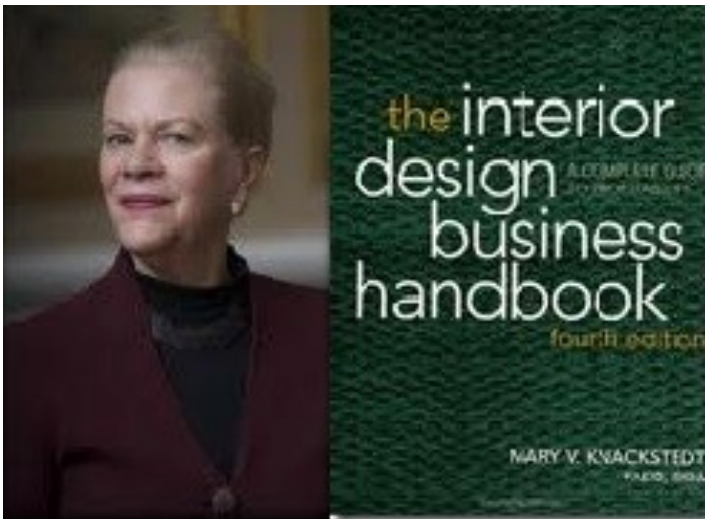
"Civility with Purpose"

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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.

"CHANGE YOUR ENVIRONMENT – CHANGE YOUR LIFE"

Monday, October 7, 2013 (Evening Reception at 5:30 pm)



businesses. Her own business, Knackstedt, Inc. of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania and New York City, has handled hundreds of projects from small offices and residences to institutional complexes of more than one hundred buildings.

Mary writes frequently for design magazines and publications. She is the author of eleven books, including one of John Wiley & Sons most requested, *The Interior Design Business Handbook*.

Presenting and conducting seminars on business practices and client relations for interior designers takes her all across the United States. Designers who have attended a Mary Knackstedt seminar often come back for more, calling her speaking "inspirational." She has conducted courses on design business techniques at Harvard Graduate School.

The October 7th program will take place in the evening with heavy hors d'oeuvres. It starts at 5:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. the program committee will host Mary Knackstedt of Mary K. Interiors. Her topic for us will be "Change Your Environment-Change Your Life."

Mary Knackstedt is an acclaimed speaker, a prolific author, and sought after consultant on Interior Design business practices. She is founder and president of two successful design firms and consultant who has helped organize new businesses and develop strategies that reversed failing

**Save the date and by make your reservation by
Thursday, October 3**

(\$16 for hors d'oeuvres, program is free):

**TCCH, 234-6736, line #1
or at our e-mail address
civicclubhbg@gmail.com**

Windows on the Susquehanna: Sunrise...Sunset

As the theme for the second annual gala of The Civic Club of Harrisburg. The event will take place on Sunday, June 8, 2014 at club headquarters 612 North Front Street, Harrisburg, from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Music will again be provided by *Third Stream*.

Volunteers for the Gala Committee are welcome and can contact Karen Best at 717-763-4614 or kdbest@p.net

TCCH Kicks Off the Year "In the Pink!"



Left, Debbie Freer (back right) with members of TCCH and right, "IN THE PINK."

On Monday, September 9, The Civic Club of Harrisburg (TCCH), kicked off the 2013-2014 year with a dual program on breast cancer awareness. "IN THE PINK", a group of women whose lives have been touched by cancer, provided entertainment during the luncheon.

Through belly dancing they share the joys of music, dance, friendship and the love of life around them. Their message is that life continues after hearing those words, "you have cancer".

The featured speaker, a Board Member of the PA Breast Cancer

Coalition (PBCC), Debbie Freer spoke about the mission, programs and 20 years of success of the statewide program for breast cancer survivors and those who care for them. She opened the discussion time for questions or concerns of those attending.

The ballroom was a buzz with 51 members and guests in attendance. The food was provided by BRICCO of Harrisburg, PA.



At the Club's September meeting, immediate past president Beth Cornell was presented with the new "*Laura W. Cornell Legacy Award*", noting her "exemplary and steadfast leadership and devotion to the club." The award is named after her late mother, who was an active member of TCCH for several years. Cornell accepted the award from Club president Jeanne Schmedlen. Treasurer Kathy Gates created and showed a power point collage of photographs of Beth Cornell's three years of leadership.

Volunteer Opportunities:

Volunteers are needed to help set up and close the club house for events and monthly programs.

Our Partner, The Salvation Army needs volunteers.
See details under the Partner Update.

Our Partner, Dress for Success, needs volunteers for their Inventory Reduction Sale.
Contact Ruth Koup 717-232-1333 or southcentralpa@dressforsuccess.org

Service Corner:

The 10th Regional Civic Minded Breakfast will be held on Wednesday, October 9 from 7:15-8:30AM at the Civic Club. These forums offer an opportunity for non-profit organizations to network, share and access valuable resources. The group meets every other month on the 2nd Wednesday. Meeting agendas are set based upon the needs of the non-profit participants. Past presentation topics include Liquor Control Law and Small Games of Chance. The Civic Club serves as the host location for these meetings which are masterfully facilitated by David Morrison, past president of Historic Harrisburg Association. Anyone is welcome to attend. Contact Carol DiMartile (cdimartile@verizon.net) if you would like to attend a future meeting.

The Service Committee held its first meeting on August 7, at the Civic Club and enthusiastically brainstormed a slate of ideas and initiatives to facilitate through our organization. The mission of the Civic Club, *Civility with Purpose*, supports ongoing service to the community and we encourage all members to volunteer their time and talents in that capacity. In an effort to promote the important concept of service, we will share opportunities for local volunteerism in our newsletter and encourage you to serve these organizations if time permits.

Partners Update:

We are happy to announce that we have 31 non-profit partners to date. Please check the TCCH website for complete list.

Market Square Concerts – We open our 32nd season on Saturday, September 21 at 8 pm in Market Square Church. The program will feature the Jasper String Quartet, winner of the prestigious Cleveland Quartet Award, and Stuart Malina at the piano performing music by Haydn, Dvorak and Shostakovich. For tickets visit www.marketsquareconcerts.org

Central PA Food Bank - September is Hunger Action Month and we would like to invite you to participate in two upcoming events. On Tuesday, September 24, the Food Bank's *Can Hunger* event will take place on State Street in Harrisburg, with businesses, organizations and individuals assisting the Food Bank to line State Street with canned goods. On Monday, September 30, the inaugural Capitol All-Stars softball game will take place at Metro Bank Park at 5:30, with members of the general assembly squaring off on the field to raise funds to fight hunger across the state.

The Salvation Army Harrisburg – We need Thanksgiving food boxes to provide 150+ needy, local families with holiday meals. Also need volunteers to help with taking Christmas assistance applications beginning 9/30 and continuing through October. For additional information (including dates and specific food list for each Thanksgiving box), visit www.timetosignup.com/salvationarmyhbg or contact Melissa Snyder at The Salvation Army Harrisburg office at 233-6755 X111.

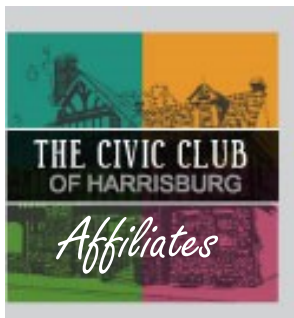
Pennsylvania Humanities Council – We are pleased to announce the inaugural Pennsylvania Humanities Awards will take place Monday, October 7 in the Main Capitol Rotunda from 5 to 7 pm. Pennsylvania First Lady Susan Corbett will be honored with the Champion of the Humanities Award. The Distinguished Service to the Humanities Award will honor Harrisburg agent and animator Lenwood Sloan and Altoona businesswoman Ann Benzel. Philadelphia area arts service organization, Jazz Bridge, will be honored with the Humanities Partner Award. For more information, or to purchase tickets or sponsorships, please visit www.pahumanities.org.

PA Breast Cancer Coalition - Please join us in celebrating our 20th anniversary at this year's Conference and Pink Party. Pink Party is free to the public and will be held from 6-8 pm on Monday, October 14 at the Harrisburg Hilton and will feature celebrity bartenders and a celebration of the volunteers, sponsors, and survivors fighting against breast cancer. The Conference on October 15 is an educational day of workshops, networking, and support that will also honor PBCC Board Member Jeanne Schmedlen, philanthropist Mindy Gray, and creator of the breast cancer drug Herceptin, Dr. Dennis Slamon. For more information or to register, please visit www.pabreastcancer.org.

The Art Association of Harrisburg – The Susquehanna River Exhibition will debut on Friday, October 18 from 5-8 pm. The exhibit will feature paintings by David Henry, Paul Gallo, Steven Heffner & Stephen Wetzel. The exhibition will remain on view at the AAH galleries at 21 N. Front St., Harrisburg, through November 21. Call 717-236-1432 for more information.

Paxton Ministries – we invite Civic Club members and friends to attend our “Expressions of Hope” tours. This one-hour tour program gives an introduction to our ministry and how we serve people in need in Harrisburg. For fall tour dates and times, please contact Priscilla Morales at pmorales@paxtonmin.org or 717-236-5508.

Historical Society of Dauphin County – We will host the Deck the Halls annual fundraiser on Wednesday, December 4 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm at the John Harris-Simon Cameron Mansion. Our honorees this year for the John Harris Award are the five founders of the Harrisburg Young Professionals. The John Harris Award recognizes contributions to our community that will be part of local history for generations to come.



Affiliate Affairs

by Susan Spadafore, CEO & Chair

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.

This has been a very busy summer for the Affiliates. We held our first Quarter Meeting on August 5th. Thirteen members, returning and new, attended. During our time together we got to know each other a bit better, reviewed Jeanne's Vision and Mission for the Civic Club and reviewed our by-laws. Our most immediate work is four fold: Identify and build our Board; Articulate a clear mission for our work; Identify areas of assistance to the Civic Club; and to seek out funding sources.

At the core of all The Civic Club of Harrisburg and the Affiliates work is Service to the Greater Harrisburg Community. The Civic Club, a Non-Profit 501(c)(4) women's club has formed a committee structure by which to fulfill its vision and mission. The Civic Club of Harrisburg Affiliates (TCCCH or Affiliates) is open to both men and women and holds a Non-Profit 501(c)(3) tax exempt status – which opens more doors to financial support. By expanding our membership we are opening doors to men, as well as women who are not members of the Civic Club, who wish to actively support our work.

We continue to work on building our 8 member board – and I look forward to sharing our Board Membership in the next newsletter. As we are still looking for leaders to fill these posts, if you are interested, please contact me directly to let me know of your interest and your talents. My contact info is – Susan Spadafore – sdspadafore@comcast.net (h) 717-540-5324, (c) 771-756-7905.



AS PART OF THE CITY BEAUTIFUL 2.0 MOVEMENT, TCCH WILL HOST

**CHESAPEAKE BAY FOUNDATION
HARRISBURG ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERSHIP TRAINING**

October 8 through November 26, 2013

Application Deadline is September 24th

Author Tom Hylton's Oct. 8 presentation open to the public



Pulitzer prize winner and author Tom Hylton will kick off the training series with a presentation on October 8th. Hylton of "Save our Land, Save our Towns," will speak about the major issues communities are dealing with, the root causes, and what can be done to improve our communities and our environment. A focus of the discussion will be on the community benefits of green infrastructure, like trees, and the positive impact trees can have on local water quality. That event is being held at The Civic Club of Harrisburg and is open to the general public as well as program participants. For more information on the event and the training, contact Andrew Bliss, Grassroots Coordinator, The Chesapeake Bay Foundation, abliss@cbf.org.

TCCH Donations needed to:

Repair the reed or caning on the TCCH desk and chairs some of which are in the basement.

A garden is not complete without turnips!

Turn up for meetings;
Turn up with a smile;
Turn up with ideas;
Turn up with determination to make everything count for something good and worthwhile.



MEMBERSHIP

The Civic Club of Harrisburg welcomes the following new members who have joined our organization since May 2013.

Danette Blank
Megan Coble
Amy Hall
Pat Halpin-Murhpy
Kathy Marley
Maureen Maxwell-Simon

Andrea McCormick
Kali Tennis
Melanie Wagner
D'Arcy Wagonhurst
Tiz Williams
Reina Wooden

Our membership to date totals 87. Invite your friends and neighbors to one of our program luncheons and encourage them to become part of one of the oldest civic service groups in our area.

OVERLOOK YEARBOOK 2013-2014

The *Overlook Yearbook 2013-2014* was mailed to all members in August. Please make the following corrections to your copy:

- Page 14 – Karen Best – correct the cell phone number to 319-0629
- Page 15 – Beth Cornell – correct home phone number to 763-4099
- Page 19 – Alice Sounders – correct the last name to Souder. Our apologies to Alice Souder.
- Page 30 – Change the 2nd Quarter Meeting to Wednesday, November 6, 2013.

Please review the information in the book carefully and report any additional corrections to Membership Secretary, Shirley McCormick, at shirley4949@comcast.net or 717-580-2480. Add the following new and renewing members whose memberships were received after the *Overlook* was printed.

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With great sadness – Past TCCH president Betty Barnes passed away on September 5, 2013. Betty served as TCCH president from 1995-1997.

SPOTLIGHT ON A NEW MEMBER VOLUNTEER

Over the past three months Melanie Wagner has been adding images to our web site from TCCH scrap books starting from 1930's thru the 1990's, including many past president's pictures. She has added three videos and much more. Be sure to check this all out on our website:

www.thecivicclubofharrisburg.org

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**The Civic Club of Harrisburg
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- President:* Jeanne Schmedlen
- 1st Vice President (Programs):* Gail Bishop
- 2nd Vice President (Finance):* Karen Best
- 3rd Vice President (Finance):* 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, Susan Spadafore

Appointed Chairs:

- By-Laws and Taxes:* Joan Bretz
- Social and Awards:* Noelani Uhl
- Newsletter:* Ann Brooks
- GALA:* Karen Best
- Events:* Myrna Delgado

**The Civic Club of Harrisburg Affiliates
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CEO & Chair: Susan Spadafore

Renovation Update:

Over the summer we added air conditioning in the women’s bathroom, fixed the ceilings in both upstairs bathrooms and painted. Words can not express our appreciation of Harv Bell and Dave Lehtimaki for their volunteer work on the new ladies lounge in the heat of the summer. We love the "Pink" Ladies Lounge. Both the men and the women are enjoying the new crown molding in both bathrooms.

Special thanks to Barbara Mumma for the donation of the new Baby grand piano in the Bowman Room in honor of her Mother, Isabelle.

Great work by the Garden committee for the lovely green grass and blooming flowers.

LOOKING AHEAD:

- Monday, November 4, 2013 (Noon Luncheon)**
Program: "HIGHLIGHTS IN THE PA LEGISLATURE"
Patty Kim, House of Representatives
- Wednesday, November 6, 2013 (5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.)**
Second Quarter Meeting of TCCH Affiliates
- Monday, November 18, 2013 (10 a.m. – 12 Noon)**
Executive Board Meeting
- Sunday, December 8, 2013 (1 p.m.)**
Champagne Holiday Brunch
- Wednesday, December 11, 2013 (7:15 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.)**
Civic - Minded Breakfast

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Any news articles for "Ladies' Notes" need to be emailed to Ann Brooks, awbrooks@verizon.net by the first Friday of each month.

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