

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.

A Tasty Experience in Store at The Civic Club of Harrisburg's October 6, 2014, Luncheon Program



Inspired by an olive oil and vinegar store she and her husband visited in Santa Fe, New Mexico, Cathie Huber, President, Tastealotta, brought the concept to central Pennsylvania in 2011, where she opened her own unique oil and vinegar emporium/tap house in the State Street Plaza, 829 State St., Lemoyne, PA.

Tastealotta oils, vinegars and sea salts will be the stars of Cathie's presentation, along with a mozzarella demonstration by Rynn Caputo from Caputo Brothers Creamery of Spring Grove, PA.

After honeymooning in Italy, Rynn and her husband, Dave, decided to quit their jobs, move to Italy, and go to culinary school. After six months of study in Calabria and traveling through all 20 regions of Italy, they knew they were destined to make their passion for Italy their life's work.

These culinary entrepreneurs will join us for our October 6 program starting with a “meet and greet” reception at 11:30, followed by lunch and their presentations. Lunch is \$16.00. For reservations, telephone 717-234-6736 or send an email to civicclubhbg@gmail.com by October 2, 2014.

Huber will talk about how to best sample and savor oil and vinegar flavors individually or combined in unique pairings to produce unexpected flavors from a broad selection of extra virgin, fused and infused olive oils from around the world and balsamic vinegars from Modena, Italy, as well as specialty salts and other fine seasonings.

Tastealotta stocks oils and vinegars that have been infused with an herb, fruit, root or vegetable, making each variety burst with flavor. She carries olive oils in exotic flavors, such as blood orange, black truffle, Persian lime and pomegranate. Salts include Himalayan pink, French fleur, hickory smoked and Thai ginger.

The shop also sells Himalayan salt blocks designed to flavor foods from meats to vegetables.

Caputo will give an overview on how to make Stracciatella with Caputo Brothers Creamery Cagliata and heavy cream. This cheese may be used on its own or as the stuffing for Burrata. She says it's fun for kids and a great way to wow your friends at a dinner party!

Caputo Brothers Creamery uses a traditional recipe to create curds for all pasta filata (stretched curd) cheeses, such as Burrata, Stracciatella, and Fior di Latte. These cheeses are made soaking the Cagliata in hot water, followed by a melding and stretching process—one that is easily recreated by renowned chefs and beginners alike. Ideally, these cheeses will be savored the day they are stretched.



Huber has an extensive background in sales having worked at radio station Z107.3 WBZN and for an advertising company in Rochester, N.Y. overseeing accounts for Eastman Kodak and Bausch & Lomb. She also worked at Adhesives Research in Glen Rock, a company owned and operated by her husband, Scott, and his family.

Caputo grew up a “military brat,” giving her the opportunity to travel the world at an early age. Italy was already her favorite country before she had even entered high school. After graduating from Texas Tech University with a degree in Business Computing, Rynn found employment in supply chain management, by leading large-scale implementations at Fortune 500 companies. Rynn manages acquisition and build out of their creamery at 6403 Pahagaco Road, Spring Grove, PA.

House and Garden Receive TLC from Messiah Students



Things are moving at 'Overlook.' The garden is finally gorgeous. We go through the same anxiety each year thinking things just don't grow fast enough. Then September comes and all is well.

August 29th the garden got a hand from 40 Messiah students assigned to do volunteer work as part of their orientation. They enjoyed working, weeding and learning some gardening terms such as 'dead heading.' The garden work was done after several hours. In the house the Messiah students then pitched in washing windows and wood work, as well as cleaning

and reorganizing the basement. Along with receiving new carpet, the storage closet in the ballroom was put in order.

In addition to the students we had 4 club members functioning as team leaders, and cook and we were further assisted by two husbands. (Myrna Delgado, Sara Miller, Tori Bell and husband Harv, Marybeth Lehtimaki and husband Dave) The young people enjoyed their day so much that several have asked to return for the Day of Service in April.



British Masonry and Construction Work on Overlook Structural Issues



Damon Taylor and crew, the masonry contractor of British Masonry and Construction, have begun work on the structural issues addressed in the PHMC grant. They are working on the porch post, a crack in the wall by the kitchen porch and the structural crack in the retaining wall. Along with this work several issues in the plumbing were addressed.

The classic beauty of the clubhouse and the steady progress on renovations have resulted in more inquiries regarding rentals. Just this week we have two new bookings, great news for our bottom line!



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Service Corner News:

- **October 8, 2014:** Civic Minded Breakfast 7:30-8:30 AM. Volunteers are needed to set up the ballroom beginning at 7:00AM that morning. Also appreciated are donations for the refreshment table.
- **November 12, 2014:** Serve dinner to YMCA Residents. The Civic Club will prepare and serve dinner to the residents of East Shore YMCA on Front and North Streets. Volunteers are needed to donate/prepare food in advance AND serve at the YMCA beginning at 5:00PM.

If you are interested in volunteering, contact Carol DiMartile cdimartile@gmail.com or 717-991-1748.

TCCH Partner's Update – One of the benefits to becoming a Non-profit partner is the opportunity to share events that are happening in their organizations to our membership. Please see their events below to determine if you would like to attend.

Jump Street – Hosting their 10th Annual Spectrum Awards & Breakfast on Thursday, October 23 at 8:00 am at the Harrisburg Hilton. For more information call 717-238-1887 or email cglover@jumpstreet.org.

The Ecumenical Food Pantry – Will host Hunger & Sound Bites 2014 on October 18th from 5:00 to 8:00 pm, to fight hunger in our area. For only \$25.00 per person, enjoy an evening of heavy hors d'oeuvres, desserts, punch, BYOB, silent auction, and the music of Taylor Perry & Friends. Contact Linda Roberts at 717-727-9997 or at labrooke@mac.com for tickets.

Central PA Food Bank – Sample the latest menu items from 50 of the area's top restaurants, caterers, wineries and breweries at the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank's 27th Annual Taste of Central PA. This premier event will be held October 26, 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Strawberry Square. For ticket and event information please visit centralpafoodbank.org or call the Food Bank at 717-564-1700.

Historical Society of Dauphin County – is hosting guided Ghost Tours through the Harris-Cameron Mansion on October 31st at 6:00 pm and 7:30 pm. The first tour will be suitable for families and children, and the second tour is recommended for adults. The guide will tell ghost stories of old Harrisburg and give visitors a rare peek of the mansion by candlelight. Admission is \$15 for adults (\$10 for members of the Historical Society). Children 12 and under are \$5. Space is limited. Please call 233-3462 for reservations.

Market Square Concerts - On Saturday, September 27, at 8 pm in Market Square Church the Cleveland Quartet Award winner, Ariel String Quartet and pianist Orion Weiss, will open Market Square Concerts' 2014-15 season with the program dedicated to the 100th anniversary of WW I. The program will explore Gallic and Germanic roots in string quartets by Beethoven and Ravel followed by Ernő Dohnányi's Piano Quintet No 2 written in 1914.

The Art Association of Harrisburg – on Sunday, November 2, internationally-known psychic William Stillman will present a "Psychic Gallery" from 2 to 4 PM. Attendees can expect the unexpected as Stillman connects with the realm beyond as well as offering predictions and intuitive insights. The fee to attend is \$25 in advance, or \$30 at the door. For more information, visit www.artassocofhbg.com, or call [717-236-1432](tel:717-236-1432) to make a reservation to attend.

Historic Harrisburg Association – On display from August 15 through October 15, 2014 will be "The Broad Street Market: A Tribute to the Legacy of Harrisburg's Farmers Markets." Also, on Saturday, September 27, at 10:00 am to 12:00 noon. Join a guided walking tour with Harrisburg Historian David Morrison "Landmarks of the City Beautiful". We will meet at the Kunkle Plaza. \$15.00 per adult (\$10.00 for HHA members) and \$5.00 student.

PA Breast Cancer Coalition – Learn about the very latest in breast cancer research, treatments, advocacy and survivorship! You are invited to the PA Breast Cancer Coalition Conference on Monday, October 13, 2014 at the Hilton Harrisburg. Early bird registration is open online for \$65. Visit pbcc.me/Conf to register today. Registration and continental breakfast open at 7 AM on October 13 with the first session beginning at 8:30 AM.

Junior League - The community is invited to register for its annual *Run for the Health of It* 5k and Kids Fun Run which will take place on November 1, 2014, on City Island and River Front Park. Walkers and runners are welcome. The kids' event is a one-mile course. Adults and children are invited to don their favorite Halloween costume with the opportunity to win prizes for costume as well as finish times. All proceeds support JLH, which provides leadership training for women and focuses its community outreach on helping female heads of household in Dauphin County achieve self-sufficiency. Registration information is available at www.jl-hbg.com or email julnel7@gmail.com.

We would like to wish a October Happy Birthday to the following ladies who have volunteered their birthday month on the renewal application.

Ann Brooks, Sally Chamberlain, Beth Cornell, JoAnn Curado, Carol DiMartile, Margaret Dowling, Loretta Gallia, Pat Haplin-Murphy, Mary Knackstedt, and Donna Winch



Collection of this birthday month data is new this year, so if you have not provided this information but would like to, please call Jo Ann Curado at 510-499-3039 or e-mail her at joanncurado@yahoo.com.

Kickoff Luncheon Speakers Provide Thoughtful and Inspirational Message



L-R, Ann Alsedek, Roy Christ, Jean Cutler, Gail Bishof and Lenwood Sloan

"I feel so inspired and uplifted," was the comment most overheard after the presentations made at The Civic Club of Harrisburg's kick-off luncheon program on September 6 by speakers Lenwood Sloan, Director, Arts, Culture and Tourism and Roy Christ, Director, Building and Housing for the City of Harrisburg. Sloan resigned his position Wednesday, September 10. His energy and creativity is a loss to the City.

Both speakers spoke eloquently about the importance of internal teamwork and collaboration with community partners to restore vitality to the City. While the City has a strong cultural presence, Sloan passionately believes there is much to be achieved by establishing ourselves as a professional regional

center for the arts and the community-building potential that can be tapped through both formal and informal arts and cultural programming.

Christ discussed a new approach to community revitalization by focusing on sections of the city that are in a state of positive transition. He remarked that renewing these neighborhoods that need a moderate lift will help to enhance adjacent neighborhoods that are more distressed.

There is no doubt that this dynamic duo is providing strong leadership for the City and putting in long hours to develop strong programs and partnerships, and create opportunities that will lead to a prosperous and beautiful city populated by happy residents, businesses and visitors, alike! They are building a foundation which will drive economies and improve lives.

Volunteers Needed

Contact civicclubhbg@gmail.com or call 234-6736

- Help to set-up and/or clean-up for the October 6th luncheon/program.
- Help with table centerpieces for October 6th luncheon/program.
- Help with the Civic-Minded Breakfast on October 8th.
- Help with the New Member Orientation Reception on October 16th.
- Help serve dinner to the YMCA residents on November 12.
- Volunteer to serve on the Technology committee to help with website updates and video equipment setup for program meetings.
- Consider volunteering on a committee to sustain the Overlook clubhouse and gardens.

Financial Audit for 2013-2014 Completed

An Audit Committee - comprised of Joan Bretz, Chair, and Brenda Martin - was appointed by the Executive Board to review the financial records of the Civic Club of Harrisburg (TCCH) for the fiscal year June 1, 2013, through May 31, 2014. The Civic Club terminated its relationship with a professional accounting firm about four years ago due to concerns about costs and procedural issues. TCCH treasurers Sana Kouri and Kathy Gates are to be commended for their efforts since that time to develop and implement procedures for managing the finances of the organization.

The Audit Committee reviewed the Civic Club's financial records - the movement of funds among the various accounts maintained for conducting business, in particular for making deposits and paying bills. The records were easy to follow and compare, especially with explanatory notes added by the treasurer. 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. The records of the organization were 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, invoices and

spreadsheets appear to have been maintained in proper order in the period under review so that deposits and disbursements made could be tracked and verified. All documents were available for review and the then-treasurer was available to answer questions concerning the financial transactions.

A report was presented to and accepted by the Executive Board at its August meeting in which the Audit Committee recommended that no further action needs to be taken with respect to the 2013-2014 audit.



Members attend the Salvation Army Shoe Strut. Pictured L-R are Kathy Gates, Gail Bishop, Jo Ann Curado, Judy Imler & Sana Khouri.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members:

What a great start to the new club year. Many committees have met over the summer, completing projects and planning the implementation of several more throughout the year. As you enter the grounds, the gardens look beautiful. A special thanks for our volunteers working through the summer, weeding and pruning and for the Messiah students coming to help with a “big” clean up. Every little bit of help is appreciated. As it takes “a village to raise a child” so it takes the members of a club to keep it running. Don’t sit back and wait for others to make things happen. Join in and at the same time meet new people and make new friends.



The business organization side of TCCH will be complete with the hiring of the consultant to market “Overlook” and to bring in multiple diverse rentals. The Transition Committee has all procedures in place to move ahead and the ink will not as yet be dry on the consultant contract when this newsletter goes to press. Yes! I am happy to announce that an agreement has been reached, and I look forward to introducing Amanda Smyser Scharrer to the membership at the October luncheon/program. I would like to extend a special thank you to the law offices of Buchanan, Ingersoll & Rooney for their support; to Jonathan Vipond and, especially, to Jacob Theis for his patience.

All of this happens when we work together as a team. The energy and enthusiasm that emanates is infectious.

Best wishes,

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

We want to offer our condolences to Marybeth Lehtimaki and her family on the death of her mother on August 24th.



Seeking a volunteer as backup editor for the monthly “Ladies’ Notes” newsletter who will consider picking up the responsibility for the 2015-2016 year. If you have past experience with newsletters or have a flair for writing and creativity, please contact Ann Brooks at awbrooks@verizon.net.

We want to thank members Joan Bretz and Brenda Martin for their work of conducting an audit of both The Civic Club and Affiliates financial records this past month.

MEMBERSHIP – October 2014

The membership committee would like to ask you to remember to invite your friends to join The Civic Club of Harrisburg and become a part of the deep, rich history of community service and leadership in Central PA. We welcome you to bring your friend with you as our guest to one of the luncheon/programs held this year. We feel these luncheon/programs are a great way to meet the members and learn more about the club.

New Member Orientation Reception

Mark your calendar for the New Member Orientation Reception to be held on Thursday, October 16 from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm at the Overlook clubhouse. 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. New members will receive a formal invitation in early October, but all other members are invited to attend and welcome our new members.

As you know the Overlook Yearbook for 2014-2015 was mailed to all members in mid-August. Please add Karen Taylor, 910 Kilroy Circle, Harrisburg, PA 17111 to the booklet.

Please report any corrections to the Overlook book to Membership Secretary, Jo Ann Curado at joanncurado@yahoo.com.

If you are currently receiving the Ladies Notes’ newsletter by mail and wish to help the club save on the printing and mailing of it, please e-mail civicclubhbg@gmail.com and express your desire to wish receive the newsletter by e-mail. Thank you for your consideration.

Ladies' Notes

The Civic Club of Harrisburg and Affiliates

**The Civic Club of Harrisburg
2014-2015 Slate of Officers**

President: Gail Bishop

Past President: Jeanne Schmedlen

1st Vice President (Programs): Jeanne 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, September 22, 2014
(10:00 a.m.)**

Executive Board Meeting

**Wednesday, September 24, 2014
(5:30 p.m.)**

**Welcome Social for New Affiliates
Chairman**

**Monday, October 6, 2014
11:30 a.m. Meet & Greet**

**Noon Luncheon
"TASTEALOTTA"**

Cathie Huber, Owner

**Wednesday, October 8, 2014
(7:15 a.m.)**

**Civic-Minded Breakfast
(9:00 a.m.)**

Service Committee Meeting

**Thursday, October 16, 2014
(5:30 p.m.)**

New Member Orientation Reception

**Monday, October 20, 2014
(10:00 a.m.)**

Executive Board Meeting

**Monday, November 3, 2014
11:30 a.m. Meet & Greet**

Noon Luncheon

**"HONORING OUR MILITARY VETERANS"
TIS Martina Crouse**

**Monday, November 17, 2014
(10:00 a.m.)**

Executive Board Meeting

**Sunday, December 7, 2014
(1:00 p.m.)**

ANNUAL HOLIDAY CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH

**Wednesday, December 10, 2014
(7:15 a.m.)**

Civic-Minded Breakfast

**Monday, January 12, 2015
(10:00 a.m.)**

Retreat/Executive Brd/Strategic Plan

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civicclubhbg@gmail.com

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

Reminder: If you are unable to attend the October 6 luncheon and need to cancel your reservation after Thursday, October 2, you will be charged \$16.00 for the luncheon. Cancellations have become an added expense to the club and your understanding is appreciated.

NOTE: News articles for the November "Ladies' Notes" should be emailed to Ann Brooks, awbrooks@verizon.net by Friday, October 10, 2014.

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