



THE CIVIC CLUB
OF HARRISBURG

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.

The Civic Club of Harrisburg Presents, “The Business of Harrisburg,” Monday, September 8, 2014



Lenwood Sloan



Roy Christ

The Civic Club of Harrisburg is pleased to announce that Lenwood Sloan, Director, Arts, Culture and Tourism and Roy Christ, Director, Building and Housing for the City of Harrisburg will be the kick-off speakers for 2014-2015 public luncheon program season starting Monday, September 8. The program, titled, “The Business of Harrisburg,” starts at 11:30 a.m. with a Meet and Greet followed by lunch and the presentation. Tickets are \$16.00. For reservations, telephone 717-234-6736 or send an email to civicclubhbg@gmail.com by August 29, 2014.

Mr. Sloan and Mr. Christ will address the Papenfuse administration’s vision arts, culture, tourism and housing on the local economy and the initiatives being developed to enhance the livability and vitality of the City of Harrisburg. “We are fortunate to have such accomplished speakers for our opening program,” stated Gail Bishop, President of the Civic Club. “We appreciate their willingness to take time from their busy schedules to speak to us about their vision for the City of Harrisburg.”

For the past 40 years, Mr. Sloan has provided inspiration, leadership and technical assistance both in the public and private sector and often refers to himself as a catalytic agent, animator and facilitator of cultural and heritage programs. Career highlights from his work in Pennsylvania includes

Commonwealth services as past Film Commissioner and Director of Pennsylvania’s Cultural and Heritage Tourism Program. His portfolio includes the Pennsylvania Festival Initiative, the Appalachian Regional Commission’s 13 state Geo-Tourism Initiative, the award-winning Artisans’ Craft Trails, the PA Civil War Trails and collaboration with the National Park Services’ 50-site Underground Railroad Trail.

He has served on various artistic teams which created award-winning documentaries and plays as well as providing leadership to various federal and state arts, humanities and tourism programs.

Mr. Christ has a strong interest in education, politics and community activism and worked for over 10 years in the construction industry. His career highlights include employment as an industrial arts teacher in both Schuylkill and Dauphin Counties, service as vice-president of the Capital Region Intermediate Unit, and director on the Harrisburg School Board where he served as President on two separate occasions. Currently, Mr. Christ is President of the Midtown Action Council, and member of the Pennsylvania State Education Association and International Association of Ironworkers. He served as Democrat Committeeman for the 5th ward from 2006 and 2011.

From the House: Latest Updates to *Overlook*

MaryBeth Lehtimaki, Chairman

The house committee members have been busy looking after *Overlook*. Members take a week each month to check after events, take out the trash, keep up with supplies and open the building for contractors as needed. Members also fill in as requested when I'm out of town.

As Chair of the committee, I have been busy with maintenance, grant writing, meeting with contractors and supervising work at hand.

Recently completed maintenance included replacing two contacts in the security system as well as replacing the backup battery. Issues with the air conditioning necessitated a new motor. In addition, a hand switch was put on the chair lift.

Following up on the work at hand, you can expect to

see new gate hinges in the near future as well as enjoy the new powder room on the first floor. I have included a picture of the powder room and the Bowman room as the plaster there was also repaired, as a result of the pipe breaking in March.

Overlook is aging and to keep the building looking its best for the public, our clients and the members, we need to continuously attend to preserving and restoring this wonderful gift. These activities don't come without a price tag. We will continue to look for monies from outside sources and your donations to accomplish this task. We are constantly looking for grant opportunities. Remember, *Overlook* is all of our responsibility.



Bowman room, left and new powder room, right.

We Are Having a Party!

Join us on **Wednesday, September 24th** for a member social to “Meet and Greet” our new Affiliates Chairman, Allan Ausman starting at 5:30 pm at the clubhouse.

There will be hors d'oeuvres and beverages provided. Please mark your calendar to attend.

Transition Report:

Myrna M. Delgado, Management Liaison

By order of the president the name of the committee was changed to Transition Committee: Phase 2 as of July. During the months of June, July and August the committee continued to meet on transition issues while volunteers from the House and Garden Committee were scheduled and checked in on *Overlook* after events to ascertain that all was in order. There was a feedback form completed after each event.

Changes were made to the routing of email inquiries and response to telephone calls for rentals. We experienced a slowdown in inquiries during June and July, but August has been more active. In discussion with other venues it seems this is par for the course. Marybeth Lehtimaki, Beth Cornell, and I have shown *Overlook* numerous times (15) and have several couples considering the venue for 2015. Just last week we booked a wedding for October 2015!

We have created lovely folders with all sorts of information (e.g. contract, parking options, safety/exit floor plan, musician and florist policies, short history, etc.) to give those that schedule a showing/walkthrough of the building and garden. They are received well. It is always gratifying to hear comments from folks who have been here before and

appreciate the improvements we have made to *Overlook* and the rental process.

The last three months have allowed us to further refine some procedures and work with some items that remain with Karen's Catering old contract which ends the first week of November. Karen Taylor-Muro has been cooperative and helpful and is to remain as one of our Select Caterers. She has been removing some of her equipment from the premises as required for termination of the old contract.

There are now six Select Caterers: Accomac Events, JDK, Karen's Catering, Patty Armbrust & Co., Sophia's on Market/Walden, Stock's on Second. You will find links to all of these on our web page. There are one or two others who have expressed interest, have been interviewed and would provide options for smaller groups renting *Overlook*. Also look for a listing of Event Planners to come in the not too distant future.

As a result of our discussions and work the committee will be presenting policy recommendations it feels are important to the Board. Stay tuned!



Affiliate Affairs

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.

On July 31st, Susan Spadafore resigned as Affiliates Chairman. We want to thank Susan for her dedication to fundraising and strengthening the Affiliates Board this past year.

We want to welcome Allan Ausman as the new Affiliates Chairman. Allan has a great background in executive management, finance, fundraising and a love for historical landmarks. He is currently Chairman of Keystone Human Services International Board, a member of Keystone Human Services Partners Board (fundraising) and is a Board member of the Harrisburg Choral Society. One of his joys is strengthening organizations and building working teams of people. He will truly be an asset to our organization.



A Note from Susan: As of July 31st, I stepped down from my role as CEO & Chair of the Affiliates. But...I couldn't do that without saying thank you for an engaging and very productive year! Your support for the work of the Affiliates, whether a member or not, has been greatly appreciated.

Being the 501 (c)(3) arm of The Civic Club, we have many doors open to us for gaining financial support through fund raising and through grants. This is why so much of what you have heard from me is about fundraising. As an Affiliate member, you received a copy of my Annual Report for TCCHA, which provides much more detail on all of our activities. (For those of you not Affiliate members, the report should be posted to the back side of our webpage for your review.)

We have a wonderful gift in *OVERLOOK*, and I sincerely hope each of you will explore ways that you can help with its preservation & restoration. We all have talents & resources. I look forward to being a member with you as we utilize our talents and develop our stewardship and the club's resources.

Most Gratefully,

Susan

TCCH Partner's Update — One of the benefits to becoming a Non-profit partner is their 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.

The Ecumenical Food Pantry, housed at Messiah Lutheran Church, 901 N. 6th Street, Harrisburg, presents Lutherfest 2014, our annual Pantry Fundraising event featuring a delicious served German banquet (BYOB), live music and silent auction and a visit from social activist, Martin Luther! 5-8 PM on October 18th in the candle-lit Messiah Lutheran Social Hall! For tickets (only \$40!) contact Linda Roberts: 737-9997 or labrooke@mac.com!

The Salvation Army Harrisburg – SHOE STRUT! Friday, September 12, 2014, 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Radisson Hotel Harrisburg. Lunch, Silent Auction featuring “all things shoes”, DSW, contests and networking with 400 professional women while providing new shoes for local kids in need. Order your tickets today at <http://www.shoestrut.com/> or call The Salvation Army at 717-233-6755 ext. 114 for information. You won't want to miss it!

The League of Women Voters is hosting speaker Roberta Winters, a Marcellus Pipeline Specialist from the state league. The talk will be held at 7:00 PM, Monday evening, September 22, 2014 at the Giant on Linglestown Road. For more information contact Shirley McCormick at shirley4949@comcast.net.

PA Parks & Forests Foundation - Join us for “Military and Families Appreciation Day: Returning to the Outdoors” at Gifford Pinchot State Park on September 6, 2014 from 10am to 3pm! This FREE event is for service members, veterans and their families to try new forms of outdoor recreation (including adaptive sports), improve their skills, share a picnic lunch and enjoy our great outdoors. This is the second annual military outdoors event hosted by the Pennsylvania Parks and Forests Foundation at the park. Find more information at <http://tinyurl.com/MFAD2014>.

The Harrisburg Choral Society is excited to announce the appointment of its new Music Director, Dr. Jason Vodicka, who is also Assistant Professor of Music at Susquehanna University. The Choral Society will hold a Meet & Greet for interested singers on Tuesday, September 9, at 7:30 PM at Grace United Methodist Church, 309 Herman Avenue, Lemoyne. Auditions will begin the following Tuesday evening, September 16 and continue as needed. See www.harrisburgchoralsociety.org or call (toll free) Glenn Murray, President of the Board of Directors, at [877-663-4279](tel:877-663-4279) for more details. We'd love to have you!

Central PA Food Bank – September is Hunger Action Month: (1) On September 23, our state legislators will trade business suits for ball caps to play in the 2nd Annual Capitol All-Stars Softball Game. The game will take place at Metro Bank Park and first pitch is at 5:30. All proceeds benefit hunger fighting organizations in PA. (2) On September 30, the annual Can Hunger event will line the Capitol steps and State Street in Harrisburg with canned goods. The event will begin with a press conference on the Capitol steps at 11:00 and the process to line State Street will immediately follow. Donations can be made the day of the event along State Street, or dropped off at the Food Bank in advance.

Estamos Unidos de Pennsylvania is hosting their 10th Annual Latin Gala & Silent Auction called “Setting the Beat to the Rhythm of Success” on Saturday, September 13, 2014 at 5:30 pm at the Radisson Hotel in Camp Hill. Join us for an evening of fun featuring cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, a silent auction, dinner, and cultural music and traditions benefiting (EUP) programs, services & outreach! RSVP 649-0368 or euptreasurer@gmail.com.

Historical Society of Dauphin County A Star Spangled Celebration: celebrating the 200th anniversary of the Star Spangled Banner and honoring Harrisburg native George J. Heisely and York native Ferdinand Durang's connection to the national anthem and its first performance in 1814. Funding provided by the Dauphin County Commissioners. Saturday, September 13 Exhibit Opening and Reception from 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm. Cost is \$50 (\$45 for HSDC members). Sunday, September 14 Presentation and Flag Ceremony at 1:00 pm. Cost: Free.

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 – The 26th Annual Gallery Walk will take place on Sunday, September 14, 2014 from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm with 29 Galleries & Artists' studios to visit – completely free. Start at the Art Association at 21 N. Front St. where the fall membership show “Parks & Recreation” will open with Hemlock Hollow playing lively music all afternoon. For more information see our website at <http://www.artassocofhbg.com>

Boys & Girls Club of Harrisburg - We concluded our summer camp program on August 11th by celebrating Cal Ripken, Sr. day with field activities, featuring Quick Ball with the officers of the Harrisburg Police Department. We are now accepting registrations for children ages 6 – 18 for our after school program which begins August 25th! GREAT FUTURES START HERE!

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 10:00am 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.

Latino Hispanic American Community Center - All our welcome to the Hispanic Heritage Kickoff Celebration on Saturday, September 13th from 10am to 3pm. Family Fun -- Live Latin Band – Los Monstros, great Spanish food vendors, and much more. This year the City of Harrisburg has embraced our festival as one of its 100 Days of Culture Events! Call [717 232 8302](tel:717-232-8302) for more information. Also, come to LHACC on Sunday, September 14th between 11am and 6pm, as we will participate in the Harrisburg Art Association's 2014 Gallery Walk. On display are Caribbean Mask made from recycled materials – you will be amazed at these remarkable creations, and other Latino Hispanic American inspired art work on display. Call (717) 232-8302 for more information.

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.

Susquehanna Art Museum – Exhibits for the Gallery Walk on September 14th will be (1) Mural Proposal Exhibit Opening; 11 a.m.– 6 p.m. at Historic Harrisburg Association and (2) Mural Arts Panel Discussion; 2 p.m. at the Midtown Scholar Bookstore.

Soon Historic Hinges to be Restored!

TCCHA received grant funding from the Historic Harrisburg Association to restore the gate hinges that are rusted and falling apart. Special thanks goes to Susan Spadafore, Chairman TCCHA and MaryBeth Lehtimaki, House Chair TCCH for applying for these grants.



Pat Lavelle, from the Garden Committee and her son finish trimming the Wisteria on the gate at TCCH.

In 1914, Virginia Hammond Fleming, thought so highly of the club and its mission that she bequeathed *Overlook* to The Civic Club of Harrisburg. Full title was given to the club in 1916. From then until now, the building has been maintained by the club's members. Over the last several years, the club members have invested much time and effort to restoring this historic gem designed by architect William Hart Boughton (AIA) of Buffalo, NY.

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

August - Helen Sajer & Melanie Wagner

September - Renie Abele, Melissa Snyder & Mary Zimmerman



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

From the Service Corner:**Civic Minded Breakfasts**

David Morrison facilitates bi-monthly Civic Minded Breakfasts.

June 11, 2014: Civic Minded Breakfast featured a panel discussion about the Education Improvement Tax Credit (EITC). Our panelists included Christopher Markley, Vice President Corporate Communications Penn National Insurance and Theodore Knorr, Former Administrator of EITC at PA Department of Community and Economic Development. The topic drew a large audience of non-profit organization members who listened attentively, asked questions and contributed their first hand experiences with the EITC. A follow-up discussion is planned for the February 12, 2015 Civic Minded Breakfast.

August 13, 2014: Civic Minded Breakfast featured presentations by Jason Meckes, Executive Director of the Pride of the Susquehanna and Ross Willard, Chief Mechanical Officer of Recycle Bicycle Harrisburg.

Completed Service Projects

June 2, 2014: Annuals were added to the Genevieve Blatt plot on Front Street by Carol DiMartile, Shirley McCormick, and Marybeth Lehtimaki

Upcoming Service Projects (2014-2015)

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. Watch for the opportunity to volunteer for this event.

November 2014 Date TBD: Holiday program- partner with the Junior League. Jr. League is considering a holiday-focused event that may include helping female heads of household living below poverty learn how to prepare a holiday meal, purchase the food for a holiday meal on a budget, etc.

December 20, 2014: Partner with Empower Hour Girls hosted at the Civic Club for the girls to complete a service project.



Left, Melissa Snyder welcomes the attendees to the August 13, 2014 Civic Minded Breakfast.



President's Message



Dear Members:

What an exciting year lies ahead. The winds of change are in the air. We are entering two new phases. The first one involves the hard work and many meetings held by the Transition Committee during the past year as we moved to multiple caterers who were interviewed and identified for their quality food and presentation. We will also have a house manager to oversee this coordination. This will be a big year for all of us and we will need the support and team work of our membership. If you, a member of your family, a friend, or an organization that you belong to are planning a wedding or special events venue, please remember to check us out at www.civicclubofharrisburg.com.

The second phase involves the merging of The Affiliates with The Civic Club so that we will all come under a 501(c)(3) umbrella, a tax free charitable organization. The implications and details are presently being worked on. This should be accomplished prior to the end of our fiscal year. In conjunction, the updating of our by-laws is in process along with the many projects by our committees. We continue to fundraise for restoration and service to the greater Harrisburg area.

What we do in the community is so important to many residents, organizations, and the City of Harrisburg. We may not always agree on the implementation but we must continue to give back, take part in and be connected with ongoing community services. This gives us our sense of belonging and that we are part of this wonderful and historic community. Our positive approach will continue to function within our established guidelines of "Civility with Purpose."

Looking forward to serving,

Gail Bishop, Ed.D
TCCH President 2014/15

Mark your calendar to lend a hand on August 29th when the Messiah students fulfill their service requirement as entering Freshman by helping at *Overlook*.

MEMBERSHIP

The Civic Club of Harrisburg welcomes new member Cindy Dunn who has joined as a dual member over the summer months. Welcome Cindy.

The *Overlook* Yearbook for 2014-2015 was mailed to all members in mid August. There are two oversights: Doris Coyne and Jean Grandon should be included in the list of Sustaining members on page 13.

You will note the yearbook includes business card size ads this year. A special thank you to members Sana Khouri and Jo Ann Curado, and non-profit partners Pressley Ridge, PA Breast Cancer Coalition and The Boys & Girls Club of Harrisburg for participating which will help defray some of the costs for publishing and mailing the *Overlook* yearbook.

Please review the information in the yearbook carefully and report any corrections to Membership Secretary, Jo Ann Curado at joanncurado@yahoo.com. 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.

We are very fortunate this year to have many members renew at the Sustaining level. This level provides for a donation to the Preservation/Restoration fund for repairs to the *Overlook* historic building. A special thank you to the following Sustaining members.

Mari Atchason	Jean Cutler	Amy Hall	Tammy Relken
Chantal Atnip	Anne Davis	Judith Imler	Helen Sajer
Victoria "Tori" Bell	Myrna Delgado	Sana Khouri	Jeanne Schmedlen
Dr. Gail Bishop	Carol DiMartile	Marney Lappley	Anne Schriver
Ann Brooks	Oralia Dominic	Nancy Strohm Lenker	Alice Souder
Sally Chamberlain	Patricia Ferris	Emily Lenker Long	Susan Spadafore
Beth Cornell	Kathy Gates	Sarah Miller	Rita Warner
Doris Coyne	M. Gwendolyn Gilroy	Phyllis Mooney	Donna Winch
JoAnn Curado	Jean Grandon	Helen Nauman	Judith Zerbe

**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 and Victoria

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

Management Liaison: Nyrna M. Delgado

Bylaws: Shirley McCormick

Newsletter: Ann Brooks

Technology: Melanie Wagner

**The Civic Club of Harrisburg Affiliates
501 (c)(3)**

Chairman for the Affiliates: Allan Ausman

LOOKING AHEAD:

Monday, September 8, 2014

11:30 a.m. Meet & Greet

Noon Luncheon

“THE BUSINESS OF HARRISBURG”

Lenwood Sloan & Roy Christ

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”

TS Martina Crouse

Monday, November 17, 2014

(10:00 a.m.)

Executive Board Meeting

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NOTE: News articles for the September “Ladies’ Notes” should be emailed to Ann Brooks, awbrooks@verizon.net by Friday, September 5, 2014.

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