



THE CIVIC CLUB NEWS

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.

WELCOME TO ALL MEMBERS: NEW & LONG-LASTING!!!! MAKE NEW FRIENDS!!!!

NO COST!!!!

Reconnection Celebration

- **Monday, Aug. 13 from 5-7**
- **At Overlook**

• **Contact Jennifer Ostrander @ 717-319-8259**

This is a wonderful way to start off the new season at TCCH! Reconnect with ladies that you already know and create new connections with new friends. Hear from Myrna Delgado, our new president regarding her visions for the Civic Club. You don't want to miss this!! Find out what your Civic Club friends have been up to this summer while enjoying our beautiful Overlook.

Programs for 2018-2019



- We are going back to a Monday luncheon/meeting format.
- All luncheons are held on the second Monday of each month at 11:30.
- **Monday August 13, 2018: 5:00-7:00 –Reconnection Celebration!!!** History of TCCH (in coordination with TCCH Historian)
- **Tuesday September 11, 2018** - What comes next for TCCH: Strategic Plan
President Myrna Delgado will outline her vision and strategies for the near future of the Club.
- **Monday October 8, 2018** - Genetic Testing for preventive treatment of disease
Hear a local expert discuss the advances and learn how you could beat genetics at its own game.
- **November 12, 2018** - Genealogy - using old and new tools
Learn how genealogists are using genetic testing to add leaves to our vast family trees.
- **December 9, 2018: 1:00-3:00** – Holiday Champagne Brunch
Come hear the Voices of the Valley as they serenade us with music to inspire the soul as we brunch, sip on champagne, and share the joy of the Holiday Season.
- **March 11, 2019** - The Women of TCCH
We explore some former members - soul sisters from a prior age. What were their lives like? Who were some notables?
- **April 8, 2019** - Closet Swap
Bring 5-10 washed and ironed items in good condition today and leave with a new treasure as we swap. Any items left at the end will be donated to the Dress for Success or the Salvation Army.
- **May 13, 2019** - “Urban Homesteading”
Permaculture. Learn something new about how we interact with our natural environment.
- **June 10, 2019** – Summer Solstice Stories
Prepare for the June 21 summer solstice by learning about how this solar phenomenon has been celebrated through time and around the globe.

MAY 7, 2018

The luncheon was a huge success!
Wonderful food!
Great turn-out!
Lots of fun!



Talk about big shoes to fill! After a wonderful May luncheon, at which we celebrated the contributions of outgoing board members, the new board was installed and introduced. It includes new and experienced members. It was clear to all that these incredible club members went above and beyond the call of duty, devoting countless hours to the club. No one more so than outgoing past President Judy Imler, along with her husband Jim, who led the Affiliates. This debt can never be repaid. As the new board begins their term, they will draw on the wisdom of these leaders, even as they work to move into the future. **It is with immense gratitude we thank all of the outgoing chairs, board members and volunteers! Thank you! Now is your time to relax and enjoy all we have planned this year. You deserve it!**



Judy accepts the YOU to our Virginia Burley Miller Award for both herself and her husband Jim from Karen Best.



Joan Bretz is awarded the Outstanding Service to the Club which was presented by Karen Best. Judy Imler, our outgoing President is awarded the President's award, and given flowers by Megan Swope on behalf of the membership.



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Memorable awards!

Worthy scholarship recipient!

Gail Bishop presents the Second TCCH Scholarship to Caty Leonard.



Jennifer Ostrander (In her own words!)

After 20+ years of punching a time clock and learning lessons the hard way, I'm now the proud owner of my own Bookkeeping & Administrative Services business. Which is scary and exciting, but most importantly it affords me the opportunity to be get involved in our great community: THE CITY OF HARRISBURG.

In 1994, I moved here from Atlanta with my Parents when Dad was stationed at Ft. Indiantown Gap. Yep, I'm an Army Transplant and an only child (**watch-out**). Over the years

I've earned an Associate Degree in Interior Design and the equivalent to a bachelor's degree in the Life of Hard Knocks. While it was challenging I wouldn't trade all the things I've learned along the way for anything.

About 7 years ago I settled in with a small business right here in the City of Harrisburg and got to know the people of this City along with all their stories. Harrisburg is rich in history and architectural beauty. So, when my personal life took a dramatic change a couple of years ago and an opportunity came along to buy an old 1947 Cape Cod (in need of a lot work) in Uptown Harrisburg... well let's just say it was a no brainer. I LOVE my house and after crunching numbers all week I look forward to putting that design degree to good use.

Thank you to everyone for what you do to make The Civic Club of Harrisburg a great organization and I look forward to serving as your Board Secretary and getting to know each and every one of you.



News from Our TCCH Partners:

Harrisburg NOW: FREE screening of the movie, "The Rape of Recy Taylor" to be shown at the PA State Museum, 300 North Street, on Thursday, August 9 at 6:30 p.m. The film tells the story of Recy Taylor and the involvement of the late Rosa Parks regarding this incident. Register to attend at Eventbrite.

Historic Harrisburg Association: Sunday, August 12 – Governor's Residence 50th Anniversary Block Party. An important architectural and cultural landmark since its construction in 1968, the Governor's Residence invites the public to join in celebrating its half-century milestone, at 2035 North Front Street | 1:00 to 5:00 pm. Free.

Monday, August 13 – Historic Harrisburg's annual "Pillar Party" Our complimentary thank-you reception for major donors (Pillar level and above), always at an architecturally distinctive venue, and ALWAYS a fun evening! 2200 Bellevue Road | 5:00 to 7:30 pm

Thursday, September 6 – Centennial of the Opening of Mary Sachs Store in Harrisburg in 1918 Ceremony at the Mary Sachs Building, 208 North Third Street | 12 Noon

Thursday, September 6 – Opening reception for the exhibit "Harrisburg's Merchant Heritage" Curated by Jeb Stuart and sponsored by the Mary Sachs Charitable Trust. 1230 North Third Street | 5:30 to 7:30 pm

Sunday, September 9 – Annual Harrisburg Gallery Walk The Bankers' Hall Gallery at Historic Harrisburg will feature the new history exhibit, "Harrisburg's Merchant Heritage," curated by Jeb Stuart and sponsored by the Mary Sachs Charitable Trust. 1230 North Third Street | 11 am to 6 pm. Free.

Art Association of Harrisburg: 30th Annual Gallery Walk. Sunday, September 9 (11 am - 6:00 pm) Twenty-two galleries and exhibition spaces will open their doors, free of charge, to hundreds of art lovers who flock to the City that day to enjoy art, music and refreshments in an exciting, eclectic mix of venues. Contact 717-236-1432

Friends of Midtown: National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. This is a family-friendly event and all are welcome to attend. **ALL activities and food are free!**

The Governor's Residence is celebrating its 50th anniversary with a public block party! Enjoy a variety of Pennsylvania food truck vendors, animals you can pet and many more activities for the whole family. WINK 104 will provide entertainment. Sunday, August 12: 1 – 4 at the Broad St. Market Courtyard.



Five Lessons on Civic Engagement from Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor

The Honorable Sonia Sotomayor, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States shared several calls to action for Latinos and non-Latinos alike that can bring about a more civically engaged society in March of 2017.

Engage a child that you know: The Justice reiterated the value of engaging children in their community and the need to “show them the meaning of helping someone else.”

Note: The Justice explained that voting is a necessity and responsibility because “whatever happens is because we don’t take control and ensure that our voices are heard.”

Encourage schools in your community to add iCivics to their curriculum: The Justice advocates for civic education and is on the board of iCivics, which teaches students “about our democracy, about our system of government, and about the rights and obligations that they have in that system.”

Volunteer: The Justice emphasized the importance of civic engagement, explaining that “we create our community. And we create it by being active participants in our community.”

Pay it forward: The Justice shared her belief that “all of us who have been given the privilege of education, the privilege of knowledge, we have an obligation to pass it on, to pay it forward.”

One major theme of the Justice’s discussion was that little things can be done in your own community for the civic good of the entire country. She mentions that “if everybody takes a little piece of every problem, it will go a long way.”

EXCERPTED FROM The Aspen Institute Blog (APRIL 20, 2017 • HAILI LEWIS)

[Don’t you feel like she is talking directly to us?](#)



HOUSE AND GARDENS REPORT

The summer started with rains and appears that it is continuing to challenge us. Memorial Day and Film Fest challenged the garden with traffic from the event. While this is wonderful to have the exposure and tours of the building, we were left with a fair amount of damage to the lawn. Jim Close, of Ameriscape Lawn Service placed sod in the damaged areas and because the rains that have followed, the garden is looking great. The house itself has fared well with all the rain by showing only the usual amount of dampness in the basement. What a surprise with nine plus inches of rain! The building itself is showing more wear with the moisture seeping into the wood panels. Several of the panels have rotted and a cement panel has fallen from the building. Also, on inspection of the cement panel by British Masonry and Restoration, several structural cracks were found to be of concern. All in all our home is doing well, but **Overlook** is in need of some TLC, particularly the exterior.



OVERLOOK YEARBOOK

Did your address or phone number change? Do you have information that should be included in the Annual Yearbook? Please contact our Membership Chair: Tess Bockes at 717-379-4479 or tmbockes@gmail.com. ASAP!

MEMBERSHIP



Membership meetings will be held at Overlook on Friday, August 17th from 4-5pm (wine and snacks will be served). Both TCCH and the community benefits from new members joining this group and becoming a part of the fabric! We also have to be sure that we are providing for our members needs and interests. We have many great ideas for communicating better with members and making it a very positive experience. Please consider joining us for one or all of the Membership committee meetings. We need your voice!

Tess Bockes, Membership Chair

We're working on new ways to reach out to our community. Are you hiding a talent that you could share with your follow members and our community?

The Cursive Club: Do you have excellent penmanship? Or perhaps a desire to teach the lost art of cursive writing? We're looking for a member or volunteer who would like to lead The Cursive Club. A member suggested that we offer cursive writing class to children who are no longer receiving this instruction in school. Everyone needs to be able to proficiently sign their names!

each
others
Enjoy
talents
and
be grateful
for
your
own.



Calligraphy: *Could you teach a Calligraphy class? We're looking for someone who would like to lead an informal group of adults and/or children interested in learning Calligraphy. Many members have expressed interest in learning this skill.*

Knitting: We need a knitter! Would you like to teach a community group of interested knitters? Knitting is an up and coming social and therapeutic activity being embraced by many people these days, young and old and in between.



You have the talent! All you have to do is be willing to share a piece of your abilities with the community. We envision the adult activities to be in a very casual, fun setting with food and drinks included. Please let me know what you would like to teach or lead for the community at the club! Tess Bockes 717-379-4479

SLATE OF OFFICERS 2018-2019



President: Myrna M. Delgado

Service: TBD

President Elect: Marybeth Lehtimaki

Communications/Media: Megan Swope

Secretary: Jennifer Ostrander

Newsletter: Donna Winch

Treasurer: Jennifer Kohler

Affiliates Chair: Jim Imler; acting chair

Finance: Beth Cornell

Directors

House and Grounds: Contrena Baltimore

Karen Best – Social/Awards

Membership: Tess Bockes

Sarah Miller

Preservation/Restoration: TBD

Margaret (Peggy) Purdy

Program: Shannon Gority



Calling All Members! We Need YOU!

As you can see there are openings for two key standing committees. Providing leadership to the Service Committee allows you to contribute to the work we do in our community; the Restoration/Preservation Committee affords the opportunity to help restore, preserve and improve Overlook. Both are very important parts of who we are and what we do.

The current Board is excited about our plans for this coming year and wants to do the best we can for our members and community. Please join us!

If you are interested or are willing to serve, please call, email or text me. 717.608.5135 or myrna.delgado@verizon.net

WE WANT YOUR PHOTO!

If you have a photo you like, send it to me! We would like to include them in a Membership Directory. If you do not have a photo to send us electronically, then we'd like to take your photo at one of the luncheon meetings. Please email photos to tess.bockes@cbhomes.com.



DO CHECK US OUT ON FACEBOOK!! WE THINK YOU'LL LIKE WHAT YOU SEE!!!

We have three sites!

Our site to promote events and attract potential members/corporate bookings

<https://www.facebook.com/theoverlookballroom/>

Our site devoted to bridal events

<https://www.facebook.com/Weddings-at-The-Civic-Club-of-Harrisburg-207814666670457/>

And finally...YOUR page! A place to connect, find out what's new!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/249062505639381/>



NEW TO TCCH! CHECK IT OUT!

TCCH Website Markets our Historic Venue

<https://www.civicclubofharrisburg.com/>



AUGUST

Charlene Bashore
Leila Brown
Amy Hall
Arlene Holmes
Diane McNaughton
Claire Powers

SEPTEMBER

Sandy Minner
Delilah Rumburg

OFFICERS

President Myrna M. Delgado
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 Director (Membership) Tess Bockes
 Director (House) Contrena Baltimore
 Director (Newsletter) Donna Winch
 Director Peggy Purdy
 Director Sarah Miller
 Director (Awards and Events) Karen Best
 Director (Communications/Media) Megan Swope
 Affiliates Chairman/Liaison Jim Imler (Acting)

APPOINTED CHAIRS

Archivist/Historian Linda Ries
 Scholarship Gail Bishop

LOOK WHAT'S AHEAD!

Monday August 13, 2018
5:00-7:00
Reconnection Celebration
 featuring the History of TCCH at Overlook

Friday, August 17, 2018
 Membership Committee meeting

Monday, August 20, 2018
 10:30 am
 TCCH Board Meeting at Overlook

Tuesday, September 11, 2018
 What comes next for TCCH:
Strategic Plan

Monday, September 24, 2018
 @ 10:30 am
 TCCH Board Meeting at Overlook

Monday October 8, 2018
 11:30
 Membership Luncheon at Overlook
 Program: **Genetic Testing** for preventive
 treatment of disease

NOTE: Articles and images for the next *The Civic Club News* should be emailed to Donna Winch at: winch@comcast.net by 9/7/2018

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