THE CIVIC CLUB NEWS

The Civic Club of Harrisburg and Affiliates "Civility with Purpose" Volume 8, Issue 2, October 2016

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.

CHECK YOUR CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER MEETING & LUNCHEON!

Make room in your calendar for the TCCH luncheon on **Monday, October 10, 2016.** A Meet & Greet reception starts at 11:30 am, the luncheon at 12:00 noon followed by the program around 12:45 pm. Our speaker will be Nan Reisinger who is distinguished as the oldest female to walk the entire Appalachian Trail in 2014. This should prove to be most interesting. Don't miss the chance to hear of her experiences she had on her more than 2,000 mile journey. Who knows, perhaps you too will want to become an AT Thru-Hiker! The lunch will be catered and costs $16.00. Please RSVP by noon on Thursday, October 6.

Photo of Nan Reisinger

Did you see it? We've got a new name for our newsletter!

The TCCH Board voted at its September 19, 2016 meeting to officially change the name of the newsletter to **"The Civic Club News."** We hope you like it. Here is a bit of explanation between the newsletter title and TCCH motto from the OED online: "Civic": adjective, 1. Relating to a city or town; especially its administration; municipal 2. Relating to the duties and activities of a people in relation to their town, city, or local area. "Civility": noun, formal politeness and courtesy in behavior or speech. We feel both of these takes on their root word "civil," meaning "relating to ordinary citizens and their concerns" help describe who we are and what we are about.

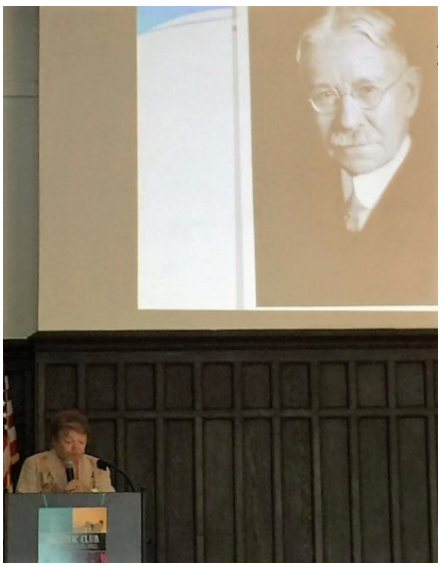
New Feature!!!

From our Guardians in the Garden

We have so many interesting statues in the garden that we would like to feature one each month this year. What would you name these two adorable cherubs?

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE SEPTEMBER MEETING:

Many thanks and kudos to our own TCCH historian, Linda Ries! Linda REALLY opened our eyes to a Harrisburg son that we never knew. Thank you so much for introducing us to Horace McFarland, a creator of the National Park system, not to mention his many other accomplishments.



Linda Ries in the shadow of Horace McFarland.

Guest Claudia Pritchard took home the McFarland Rose and the Book on Rose Care that McFarland penned. This is only fitting since Claudia is quite a gardener herself!

President Judy Imler welcomes all to the Civic Club!

from TCCH Partners:

Boys and Girls Club of Harrisburg , located at 1227 Berryhill St., Harrisburg, Pa 17104, announces that its *After School Program* began August 29, 2016, and runs Monday to Friday, 2:30 pm to 8:00 pm.

- **Historic Harrisburg Association: Sunday, October 16:** Guided walking tour: ***"Landmarks and Artworks of the PA Capitol Complex,"*** led by David Morrison. Monuments, statuary, architectural symbolism and the world famous "Milles Doors" of the Finance Building, traces of African-American heritage and the Old Eighth Ward. 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM. Meet on Capitol Steps at Third Street. $15; $10 for HHA members; $5 for students. **Monday, October 24:** Historic Harrisburg lecture series: ***"The Pennsylvania Turnpike, America's First Super Highway, a 75-year History,"*** presented by Curtis Miner, chief curator, the State Museum of Pennsylvania. 6:00 PM. Free. For more information about these and other Historic Harrisburg Activities and Programs, please contact us at info@historicharrisburg.com or 717.233.4646

- **League of Women Voters:** Please join us on Thursday, September 15, 6:00 PM at the Harrisburg YWCA, 1101 Market Street, Harrisburg, about the importance of voting. Women of various backgrounds from across our region will be **sharing their personal stories about why they vote**. The League is collaborating with nine other organizations to present this free program as we remind each other of why we need to listen, speak up, and be heard. Although voter registration is available on-site that night, the purpose is not only to register voters, but to actually inspire them to go to the polls and vote. There will be so many interesting and touching stories to hear. Parking is free.

- **Susquehanna Chorale:** Please join us for the following concerts - **Annual Youth Choral Festival**, featuring the Susquehanna Children's Chorale, Youth Chorale and Young Women's Chorale, with selections by the adult Susquehanna Chorale. The concert is Sunday, Nov. 20, at the High Center (Messiah College) at 4 p.m. **Christmas Concerts** 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.
- **Zonta Club of Harrisburg-Hershey** invites you to attend our October 13 monthly meeting at the Radisson Hotel, beginning with social time at 5:30 pm. Dinner will be served at 6pm and is $22.00. The evening program will be presented by **Ken Mengel who will speak about his 10 years of missionary work** with the CrossPoint United Methodist Church **in the village of Maboeh in Sierra Leone**. The CrossPoint United Methodist Church has a five point program that focuses on the spiritual, education, agricultural, business and medical needs of the village. Reservations should be made no later than Monday, October 10 by calling or emailing Eileen Baylor, 774-8333, eileen1206@aol.com.

- **Voices of the Valley:** (formally known as The Alumni Chorale of Lebanon Valley College) 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) orSun., 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 offering a bus trip to see (your choice) of **Hello, Dolly** with Bette Midler & David Hyde Pierce or **Miss Saigon** on Sat., Muar. 18, 2017. Contact Donna Winch at 728-6884 if interested.

TCCH in Our Community

TCCH attends New Salvation Army Project Launch

A group of TCCH members attended the big WIN fundraiser for the new Salvation Army project: a new building complex Harrisburg. At the "Shoe Strut" they electronically raised over $6,000 in ten minutes!

TCCH Holiday Service Project: 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 2500 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 requires a can opener.)

Sandy Minner: Service Projects Chair

President Judy Imler and Kathy Martin: Salvation Army Development Director

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 plays (and raises money) for Harrisburg Parks & Recreation

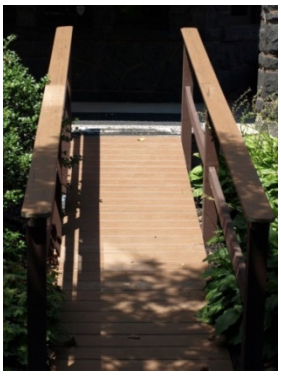
TCCH participated in The Harrisburg Parks Foundation's Annual Jack Crago Memorial Golf Outing on August 26th! Beth Cornell, who serves on the Harrisburg Parks Foundation, provided a TCCH team and TCCH Hole Sponsor. The funds raised will help rebuild the parks and playground facilities of the City. Our team consisted of Jeanne Schmedlen, Vicki Riordan, Susan Cohen and Beth Cornell. Beth won the "Longest Drive for Women" and also a great basket from the Hon. Peggy Grove. TCCH's participation contributed to assist HPF best last year's income! Reminder: TCCH needs two teams for next year. All golfers contact Beth Cornell.

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISING

Please consider being a VOLUNTEER! I am 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), Hersheypark in the Dark (October, 2016), 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 me at gbishop3@verizon.net and I will add you to my list. Thanks and remember, friends or family members may also volunteer...MUST be 18 years or older.

House and Garden Happenings

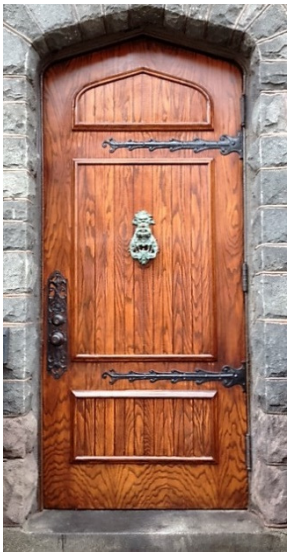
1. The Refurbished Ramp:



Here is the refurbished ramp for those with mobility issues. This project was made possible by a Grant from the Josiah W. and Bessie H. Kline Foundation.

2. Check out the Front Door!

Where are all those artists now? Several years ago a group of art students were sketching doors in Harrisburg. Overlook's Front Street door was amongst them. Wouldn't it be great if they could see it now? Dave Harder of Susquehanna Craftsman has just completed refurbishing this door which has been leveled and re-anchored to the building so that the pressure is of the lock system and it will open and close more smoothly. The wood has been sanded and stained to take away all the marring from use and the weather. A special finish coat that will create a glass-like finish and protect the wood from all the weather and abuse it takes from the salt trucks in winter was applied by Smith Paints of Harrisburg. With this work we should be looking at a beautiful door for years to come.



3. Random acts of kindness

Welcome visitors! Last month we spoke of our Pokemon guest. This month the garden team would like to thank all those who visit the garden and help us out. Many are still anonymous. I was watering this week when a couple who often come to commune stopped by to enjoy our tranquil space. They remarked that the whole south west corner of the garden was a mess the other day so they picked everything up and threw it away. Unfortunately I don't know their names, but that's the beauty of it! Thank you!

Respectfully Submitted:
Contrena Baltimore: House
Marybeth Lehtimaki: Garden

MEMBER NEWS!

September
Sandy Minner
Delilah Rumburg
Melissa Snyder

October
Sally Chamberlain
Beth Cornell
Gina Douty
Loretta Gallia
Pat Halpin-Murphy
Anne Schriver
Donna Winch

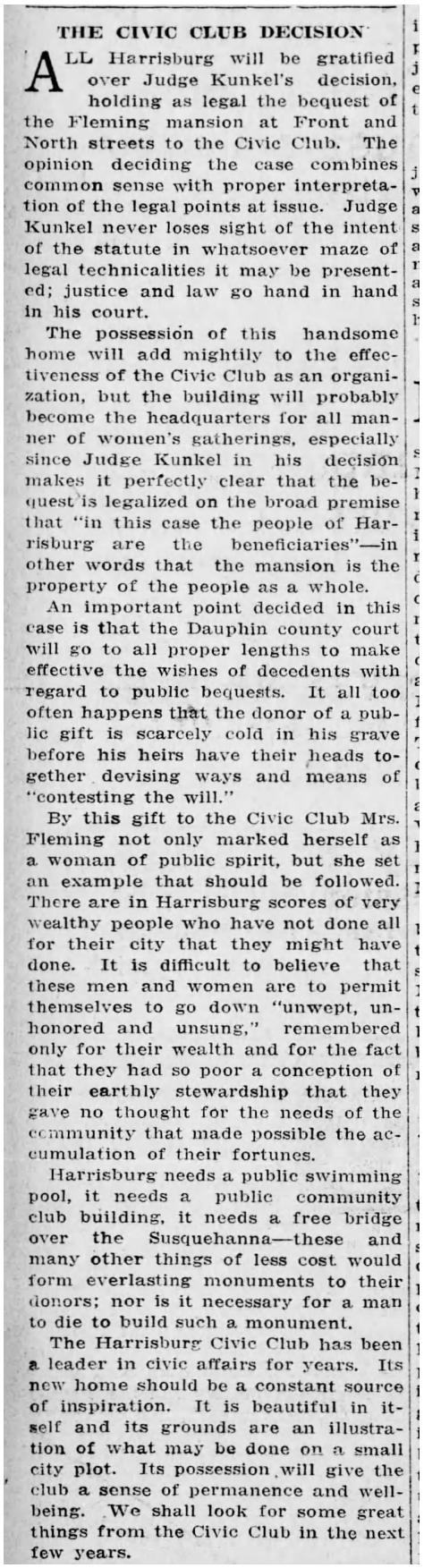
Ever wonder who is responsible for the lovely centerpieces like the ones from the September meeting?

Thank you Lisa DeNicola! We so admire your talent and appreciate the creations you share with us!

The beautiful centerpieces in September: courtesy of Lisa DeNicola

The Legacy of TCCH

The attached article is from the Harrisburg *Telegraph*, April 11, 1916 describing the decision of Judge Kunkel to uphold Virginia Fleming's will to bequeath *Overlook* to the Civic Club of Harrisburg. After her death in 1914, questions arose as to the status of TCCH as a legal civic group.



THE CIVIC CLUB DECISION

ALL Harrisburg will be gratified over Judge Kunkel's decision, holding as legal the bequest of the Fleming mansion at Front and North streets to the Civic Club. The opinion deciding the case combines common sense with proper interpretation of the legal points at issue. Judge Kunkel never loses sight of the intent of the statute in whatsoever maze of legal technicalities it may be presented; justice and law go hand in hand in his court.

The possession of this handsome home will add mightily to the effectiveness of the Civic Club as an organization, but the building will probably become the headquarters for all manner of women's gatherings, especially since Judge Kunkel in his decision makes it perfectly clear that the bequest is legalized on the broad premise that "in this case the people of Harrisburg are the beneficiaries"—in other words that the mansion is the property of the people as a whole.

An important point decided in this case is that the Dauphin county court will go to all proper lengths to make effective the wishes of decedents with regard to public bequests. It all too often happens that the donor of a public gift is scarcely cold in his grave before his heirs have their heads together devising ways and means of "contesting the will."

By this gift to the Civic Club Mrs. Fleming not only marked herself as a woman of public spirit, but she set an example that should be followed. There are in Harrisburg scores of very wealthy people who have not done all for their city that they might have done. It is difficult to believe that these men and women are to permit themselves to go down "unwept, unhonored and unsung," remembered only for their wealth and for the fact that they had so poor a conception of their earthly stewardship that they gave no thought for the needs of the community that made possible the accumulation of their fortunes.

Harrisburg needs a public swimming pool, it needs a public community club building, it needs a free bridge over the Susquehanna—these and many other things of less cost would form everlasting monuments to their donors; nor is it necessary for a man to die to build such a monument.

The Harrisburg Civic Club has been a leader in civic affairs for years. Its new home should be a constant source of inspiration. It is beautiful in itself and its grounds are an illustration of what may be done on a small city plot. Its possession will give the club a sense of permanence and well-being. We shall look for some great things from the Civic Club in the next few years.

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Looking Ahead

Monday October 10, 2016
Noon Luncheon (RSVP required)
Hiking the Appalachian Trail at Any Age
Nan Reisinger

Wednesday October 12, 2016
(6:00p.m.)
Civic-Minded Event
See ad in this newsletter

Wednesday October 12, 2016
Service Project
YMCA Residents Dinner

Monday, Oct. 17, 2016
(10:30 a.m.)
TCCH Board Meeting

Thursday October 20, 2016
(5:30-7:00 p.m.)
New Member Orientation Reception

Monday, November 7, 2016
Noon Luncheon RSVP required
The Bethesda Mission: Striving to Eliminate Homelessness in Harrisburg
Chuck Wingate, Presenter

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Note: Articles and images for the November issue of the newsletter should be emailed to Donna Winch at: winch@comcast.net by Friday October 14, 2016.

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