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**HARRISBURG’S OLDEST SERVICE CLUB KICKS OFF ITS 2013-14
PUBLIC PROGRAM YEAR WITH PRESENTATION ON THE
PENNSYLVANIA BREAST CANCER COALITION**

On Monday, September XX, The Civic Club of Harrisburg (TCCH), Harrisburg’s oldest service organization, will feature the president and founder of the PA Breast Cancer Coalition (PBCC), Pat Halpin-Murphy, who will talk about the mission, programs and 20 years of success of the statewide program for breast cancer survivors and those who care for them. The free public program begins at 1 p.m. and will be held at the TCCH clubhouse at 612 N. Front Street, Harrisburg.

Prior to her remarks, several women breast cancer survivors who are also belly dancers, will demonstrate their talent which they use to spread awareness of the disease in a “cheerful, fun way.”

“TCCH is proud to have partnered with the PBCC for the past two years. The club regularly keeps our members informed of the PBCC’s programs and progress in finding a cure for the disease ‘so our daughters and granddaughters don’t have to,’” said Gail Bishop, program chair.

Pat Halpin-Murphy, named a Distinguished Daughter of Pennsylvania last year by Governor Tom Corbett, has a long and celebrated career in public service at state and national levels. She is a former teacher, Governor Casey cabinet member, President Clinton appointee who also spent several years working in government relations for the American Federation of Teachers.

“As a breast cancer survivor and a national leader, Pat brings a unique perspective to advocacy and outreach on behalf of breast cancer survivors,” said Bishop. “We are proud to kick off our years’ public programming with her presentation. She’s an engaging speaker who will celebrate the 20th anniversary of the coalition with us.”

Guests should make reservations to attend the program. For more information or to RSVP, contact Judith Imler at 717- 761-0457 or online at juimler@verizon.com.

TCCH is a service organization that supports and initiates community projects and provides meeting space to non-profit partners and others. The club, with a motto of “*Civility with Purpose*,” offers programs that instill civility and build a better and greater Harrisburg.

The purpose of the club is to promote and engage in civic and social activities which preserve the heritage of the club and its landmark building; encourage cultural and historical 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. Visit www.civicclubofharrisburg.com or contact TCCH at civicclubhbg@gmail.com.

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