



“Civility with Purpose”

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The Civic Club of Harrisburg Announces Its Kick-off Program on Monday, September 8, for its 2014-2015 Speaker’s Program Season

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 its 2014-2015 public program season beginning on Monday, September 8. The program, the first of six, is titled *“The Business of Harrisburg”* begins at 12:45 p.m. at The Civic Club of Harrisburg, 612 N. Front Street in Harrisburg.

Prior to the free program, beginning at 11:30 a.m., the club will host a reception and luncheon in the ballroom of the building. The public is invited to the \$16 per person “meet and greet” luncheon. Guests must make reservations to attend the luncheon. For reservations call 234-6736, option #1 or by email at civicclubhbg@gmail.com by Thursday, September 4. Those attending the luncheon can pay at the door.

Sloan and Christ will address Harrisburg Mayor Papenfuse’s administration’s vision on the 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,” said 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, Sloan has provided inspiration, leadership and technical assistance both in the public and private sectors 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.

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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, Christ is president of the Midtown Action Council, and member of the Pennsylvania State Education Association and International Association of Ironworkers.



Lenwood Sloan



Roy Christ

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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