

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.

The first day of retreat at the Giant on Linglestown Rd. had lively participation from all attendees as we grappled with interesting questions. Among them: “Would the Civic Club exist without the responsibility of **Overlook**?” There were several interesting responses to this. Others dealt with origins, social welfare, education, membership, programming and communication. A major result of the discussion was the identification of **core values** that will guide all our work going forward. They are:

- Community service (Harrisburg and environs as target)
- Diversity (membership, programming)
- Education/Learning
- Collaboration and Partnerships
- Stewardship (of Overlook, funds and the environment)

Some of the values above reflect work we have already done, so they are not necessarily new. What is *new* is a conscious iteration of them by the Civic Club.

The February meeting reviewed January’s retreat, addressed the 2015-18 Strategic Plan, noted our accomplished goals and then developed the new plan that reflects a unified vision, mission and core values. Since fully half of the attendees on day 2 were new, we had a lot of discussion and review of the first session in January. As a result, we now have a core group of members who are familiar with the

2018 TCCH RETREAT:



LOTS PLANNED AHEAD!!!

direction our strategic plan is taking.

The group decided on 5 major goals. We will continue work to on objectives for each goal.

In order to have a major focus for our activities for each year, there were several topics selected and member Pat Stringer volunteered to call members to see which one they favored. Please respond to Pat with your choice.

In order to complete our strategic plan for board approval in May, there will be working sessions on Mondays, Wednesdays or Sunday afternoons during the next couple of months. (Dates and times to be determined) *All* are invited to attend and contribute. Come and see what we are up to...

Great big thanks to all the attendees who took of their time to participate! Their input was extremely valuable. It is greatly appreciated!!

Myrna M. Delgado, president elect



Environmental Film to be Aired Locally...

The Civic Club of Harrisburg Presents “Water Blues – Green Solutions”

Calling it a catalyst for community discussion and empowerment, Judy Imler, president, announced that The Civic Club of Harrisburg (TCCH) will air “Water Blues – Green Solutions,” a film featuring ways that communities have created “green” solutions for Central Pennsylvania’s water “blues.” Imler, added that “the production will encourage a dialogue addressing flooding, pollution and scarcity of clean water in our region.” The film shares ways that other communities have created green solutions for our water blues - flooding, pollution and scarcity.

The 6:00 p.m. free public event will take place on Thursday, March 29 at Overlook. Reservations can be made by sending an email to civicclubhbg@gmail.com.

“The Susquehanna River and several tributaries feed into the Chesapeake Bay which has been undergoing intensive clean up under a national program begun several years ago,” Imler said, adding, “caring for our river, the greatest source of water flowing north to south into the bay and one of Pennsylvania’s great natural resources, is key to the successful environmental future of our surrounding communities.”

TCCH’s partners in this event include the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, Harrisburg Parks Foundation, Capital Area Greenbelt Association and Harrisburg Regional Water.

In 1916 Harrisburg founded the country’s oldest, annual inland waterfront celebration held early each September, naming it “Kipona” a Native American term meaning “to be upon the sparkling water.” Imler invites all citizens who seek to improve the condition of the Susquehanna River and other area water suppliers to attend the airing. “Let’s reinforce the efforts of the professionals and volunteers who care deeply for our beautiful “sparkling water. Let’s continue the celebration and support of our water resources begun by our forebears over 100 years ago.”





News from Our TCCH Partners:

- ☞ **Beta Theta (woman's honorary educational society)** – Trip to Broadway to see either My Fair Lady or Waitress on **Wed., June 27**. Contact Donna Winch at winch@comcast.net or 717-728-6884 if you are interested. Tickets are going fast!

- ☞ **League of Women Voters: Criminal Justice in Dauphin County** (a public meeting) on **Monday, Mar. 19 from 7 - 8:30pm** in the Susquehanna Room of the Giant on Linglestown Road. Speakers will include **Brian Clark** (Dauphin County Prison Warden), **John Sponeybarger** (Supervisor of the Mobile Case Management Unit of Dauphin County Drug Court), **Addie Palache** (Certified Recovery Specialist, previously incarcerated and currently a Mentor-coordinator for returning citizens). The goal of this meeting is to learn about the strengths and challenges of criminal justice in Dauphin County. The League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania believes that our justice system should be fair to all and that everyone who becomes a part of the system should be treated with dignity.

- ☞ **Susquehanna Chorale to Perform with HSO** - The Susquehanna Chorale, will make a special appearance with the Harrisburg Symphony Orchestra and Messiah College Concert Choir this spring. Three performances of Bernstein's *Chichester Psalms* and Bloch's *Sacred Service* will be offered. Performances are Fri., April 13 at Messiah College at 8 p.m.; Sat., April 14, 2018, at the Forum at 8 p.m.; and Sun., April 15 at the Forum at 3 p.m. For tickets to performances at the Forum, call HSO at (717) 545-5527 or visit www.harrisburgsymphony.org. For all other tickets, call the Messiah College Box Office at (717) 691-6036 or visit www.susquehannachorale.org/tickets.

- ☞ **The Women's Fund (a fund of The Foundation for Enhancing Communities):** Save the Date: 2018 Women's Fund Annual Grantee Recognition Breakfast on **April 26, 2018** at the Radisson Hotel Harrisburg. Visit www.tfec.org/wfgranteebreakfast for more details.

- ☞ **Susquehanna Art Museum:** 2 great new exhibits: Embraced by Honeybees by Ladislav Hanka through **April 29** and Looking In: Portraits and Their Stories through **May 21**. Just in time for spring! Hanka's fascinating honeybee prints incorporate actual honeycombs into beautiful nature etchings. The Portrait exhibition feature narrative portraiture by 31 artists from the 20th century to today. Visit Susquehanna Art Museum Tues- Sun with extended Wednesday hours until 7:00 pm.

- ☞ **AARP: PA Office:** Free Be-In Concert on **April 19th** at the Capitol Theater in York; will be FREE and Open to all members of the Public, but advance registration is required. The original Be-Ins happened in Golden Gate Park in San Francisco in 1967. The idea was to create and support Original Music in the name of Community, Peace and Love, Music that was independent of the mainstream "industry" view of creativity. Among the parks where Free Be-Ins took place was York's Kiwanis Lake, which hosted Be-Ins all summer for an entire decade. These Be-ins were locally re-birthed a few years ago, and now we're bringing this tradition to the Capitol Theater for an Evening of Original Song with two of York's finest Original bands - John Terlazzo & Voices in the Hall, and Megan Woodland Donnelly's band The Wild Hymns. **Registration: call 1-844-428-2281**



March Civic-Minded Breakfast

The Harrisburg Civic Club Hosts Panel to Discuss Regional Transportation Trends

We are honored and pleased to have a distinguished panel discussion:

"Keeping in Step with 21st-Century Transportation Trends: Pedestrian-friendly Cities, Bicycles, Transit, Uber, and Carless Living"

Wednesday, Mar. 14, 2018: Civic-Minded Breakfast: 7:15 a.m. @ Community Room, Linglestown Giant

What does this Mean for Non-Profits? Facilitator: Ross Willard

Panelists include: Andrew Bomberger (Tri-County Regional Planning Commission), Geoffrey Knight (Planning Director City of Harrisburg), Dick Norford (Bicycle South Central Pa), Kelly Sangee (Hbg Family Bicycling Specialist) and Ross Willard (Recycle Bicycle Harrisburg).

The Civic Club of Harrisburg will prepare coffee, tea and goodies for 7 a.m. start so we can finish at 8 a.m. We look forward to your participation. Consider bringing some non-profit questions for the panel related to transportation.

Please RSVP by March 12th as that helps us prepare the room and food. Please send RSVP to (civicclubhbg@gmail.com) or to Beth Cornell at blcornell@mac.com



**Special
events!**



AT OVERLOOK:

At the last minute the Civic Club helped out the Harrisburg Country Club by stepping in to hold a wedding reception here at Overlook because of unforeseen problems at the country club. JKD stepped in to help the chef from the country club. It was a beautiful reception and the bride and groom were very pleased and happy how everything turned out.



Even though Colonial Electric isn't finished, we are pleased to tell you that they are working downstairs across all 3 areas in the front of the building. A full report will be in the next newsletter.

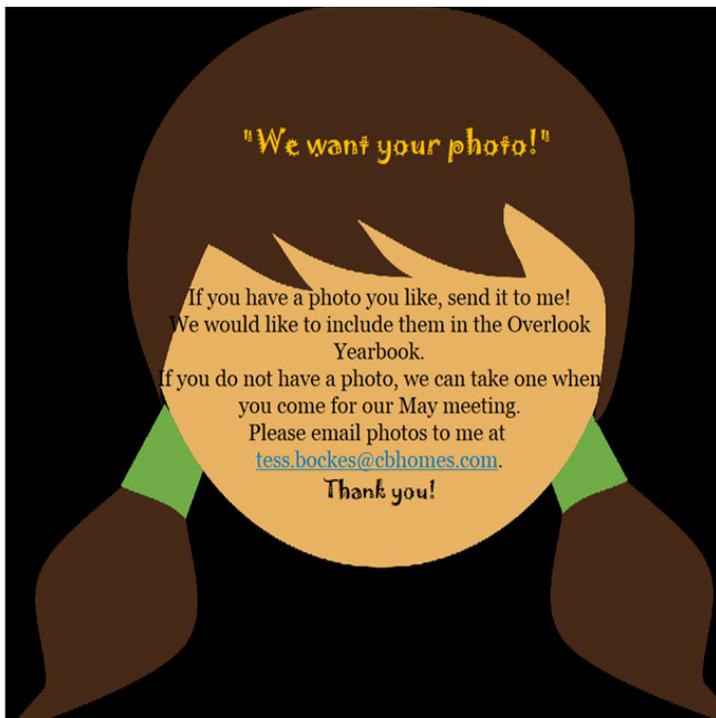
LOOKING FOR NOMINEES

Now is the time for club members to nominate individuals for the Annual Civic Club of Harrisburg Awards. There are several categories to include: Rhea Reese Award for outstanding service to the community; The Civic Club of Harrisburg Award for outstanding service to the Club; Virginia Burley Miller Award for outstanding service to the Club; Star Technology Award for technology integration and the Garden Award for a commitment to maintaining the grounds and gardens. Consider recognizing our valuable volunteers. Nominations can be sent to Karen Best, Awards & Events Co-Chair at kdbest@pa.net or 536 Bridgeview Drive, Lemoyne, PA 17043 by April 13th.



SLATE OF OFFICERS 2018-2019

President: Myrna M. Delgado
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Donna Winch
Affiliates Chair: TBD
Directors
Karen Best – Social/Awards
Sarah Miller
Margaret (Peggy) Purdy





SAVE THE DATE - MAY 7, 2018



TCCH Luncheon and President's Update at Overlook.



Meet & Greet will begin at 11:30 a.m.



Followed by a delicious catered lunch



Program including the installation of new officers, TCCH Awards and the presentation to the 2018 Scholarship Recipient.



Details and RSVP instructions will follow.

MEMBERSHIP



MEETING

Membership meetings will be held at Overlook on Monday March 19th from 10-10:30am, Monday May 7th from 10-11am (coffee will be served) and 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

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**KEEP CALM
AND
RENEW YOUR
MEMBERSHIP**

"Membership Renewals are Due in May!"

Please get your membership renewals in so that we can make sure you are included in our 2018-2019 Overlook Yearbook. Dues are the same. Thank you for renewing your membership and for your continued participation and support in this great endeavor! Membership Application is attached.



March

Chantal Atnip
Joan Bretz
Doris Coyne
Myrna Delgado
Gladys Nelson

each
others
Enjoy
talents
and
be **grateful**
for
your
own.

We're working on new ways to reach out to our community. Are you hiding a talent that you could share with your fellow 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!

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

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

We have two sites!

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

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



NEW TO TCCH! CHECK IT OUT!

TCCH Website Markets our Historic Venue

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

APPLICATIONS ARE OUT APPLICATIONS ARE COMING BACK



The TCCH SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS were sent to the guidance counselors on January 31, 2018. We will have all applications back no later than April 6, 2018. The committee's work will then begin to select the candidate for the **\$1000 SCHOLARSHIP** to be awarded for this coming academic year. We look forward to interested members joining our committee to make this selection. Please let the committee chair, Gail Bishop, know of your willingness to help. Gail can be reached at gbishop3@verizon.net or at (717) 533-2404. This is a great Community Project and we reached out, again, to all seventeen school districts in Dauphin County. Last year we received applications from all districts. Please consider helping us.

WHAT A YEAR! KUDOS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!!

Our bank account is growing!!!! We ended the year in a comfortable plush position. As of the end of December, we had \$5590.52 in our scholarship account. Our goal is to have perpetuity for several years into the future. This year we will continue to award one \$1000 TCCH Scholarship. With our present committed volunteers and adding new volunteers, we are looking forward to another spectacular year and with being able to award **two \$1000 SCHOLARSHIPS** next year. If you are interested in volunteering or finding out more about our Hershey Park Program, please contact Gail Bishop at gbishop3@verizon.net or at (717) 533-2404. You will receive free vouchers for your use at the park. It is a win/win situation for you, TCCH, and Hershey Park.



We are excited to tell you about a new AmazonSmile promotion that will launch soon. Amazon is **tripling the donation amount** to 1.5% when customers make their first eligible smile.amazon.com purchase from March 12 - 31. This is a great opportunity to increase Civic Club of Harrisburg Affiliate's AmazonSmile donations. Don't forget to do your Amazon shopping at smile.amazon.com. It's the same website as amazon.com.

For additional details about the promotion, visit the promotion [detail page](#).



Looking Ahead

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APPOINTED CHAIRS

Taxes/Parliamentarian..... Joan Bretz
 Newsletter Donna Winch
 Awards and Events Karen Best/Carole DeSoto
 PR/Communications Diane McNaughton
 Archivist/Historian..... Linda Ries
 Scholarship..... Gail Bishop

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 7:15 a.m. @
 Community Room,
 Linglestown Giant

Monday, March 19, 2018

TCCH Board Meeting
 @ Overlook

Thursday, Mar. 22, 2018

Free film presentation:
 “Water Blues, Green Solutions”
 6:00 pm at Overlook

Monday, Apr. 16, 2018:

TCCH Board Meeting
 10:30 am at Overlook

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NOTE: Articles and images for the next *The Civic Club News* should be emailed to Donna Winch at: winch@comcast.net by 4/6/18

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