

# LADIES' NOTES

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.

Please mark your calendar for the TCCH kick-off luncheon for the new season on **Monday, September 12, 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 Linda Ries, TCCH Historian. Her presentation



will highlight one of the founders of the national City Beautiful Movement from right here in Harrisburg, J. Horace McFarland. McFarland (1859-1948) often lectured at the Civic Club and advocated its support for the beautification of the City! He was known in his day as a printer, photographer, rosarian, savior of Niagara Falls, president of the American Civic Association and “Father of the National Park Service.” Yet today he is underappreciated and not quite as celebrated as he deserves. You don’t want to miss this great story about *The Most Famous Man You’ve Never Heard Of!* The lunch will be catered by Sir D's and



costs \$16.00. Please RSVP by noon on Thursday, September 8.

## *Name the Newsletter!*

If you recall, we asked in the June newsletter for suggestions for new names for *Ladies Notes*. Most everyone agrees the word “Civic” should be in the title. Here are the suggested name changes we received:

Civic Club News	Civic Action	Civic Sun
Civic Club Notes	Civic Minds	Civic Central
Civic Engagement	Civic Engager	Civic Call
Civic Center	Windows on the Susquehanna	

It’s not too late to add your suggestion! Contact Donna Winch [winch@comcast.net](mailto:winch@comcast.net) or Linda Ries [jaggers1952@verizon.net](mailto:jaggers1952@verizon.net). The new name will be chosen at the TCCH Board Meeting September 19.

As we draw near the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of the Civic Club headquarters, that is, our very own *Overlook*, the newsletter will be publishing articles from Harrisburg newspapers leading up to November 30, 1916, the day it formally opened. The attached article is from the Harrisburg *Courier* June 21, 1914, describing the death of Virginia Hammond Fleming and rumors that she bequeathed her lovely residence to the fledgling Civic Club of Harrisburg. –Linda Ries, TCCH Historian.

Harrisburg Courier June 21, 1914 p.1

## FLEMING MANSION LEFT TO CIVIC CLUB

**Rumor Says That Mrs. William R. Fleming Leaves Beautiful Front Street Home to Local Organization; Ideally Adapted for Club Uses.**

It was currently reported in Harrisburg last evening that Mrs. William R. Fleming, who died suddenly in New York last week, had willed to the Harrisburg Civic Club the beautiful mansion on Front street, adjoining the city water works.

It was said that former Senator John E. Fox is the attorney in the case, but Senator Fox's office was closed owing to the death of his father, and nothing definite could be learned at his residence, where it was stated Mr. Fox was not at home.

Members of the Civic Club had heard the rumor and several said that it came from very close friends of Mrs. Fleming who ought to know the contents of her will, but none of them would be quoted pending the filing of the will and the making public of its provisions.

The mansion in question is the old Fleming residence, where Mr. and Mrs. William R. Fleming resided until the death of Mr. Fleming. It looks out over the river and is the only house on the western side of Front street below the Hardscrabble district. It is of most beautiful design and is worth on the market, it is said, from \$25,000 to \$30,000.

The building is of old English design, of stone, stucco and beams and its wide porch fronts on one of the most beautiful and artistic gardens in the city.

It would be well adapted for club purposes and will be used doubtless for general meeting purposes by the organization and for the extension of the club's activities, if the report concerning the will be true.

The death of Mrs. Virginia Hammond Fleming, the widow of William Reynolds Fleming, occurred on Monday at the Hotel Plaza, New York City.

Mrs. Fleming was a native of Berlin, Md., and is survived by one brother, Dd. Thomas Hammond, of Washington, D. C. She has resided at the Plaza since the death of her husband. Prior to that time she with her husband resided at 612 North Front street, the house mentioned in connection with the bequest. Mr. Fleming was president and general manager of the Foundry and Machine Works.

While leaving no Harrisburg relatives, Mrs. Fleming had a wide circle of friends here and her sudden death has caused a postponement of many social affairs already announced for this week. The body was buried here.

### Preservation Plan

for

### **Overlook**

612 North Front Street  
Harrisburg, PA 17101



Figure 1 - Overlook, east elevation, 2016.



Figure 2 - Colorized postcard of Overlook as Fleming residence, gene4907 - www.cards.com, accessed April 3, 2016.

Gina M. Douty, Student ID #001744757  
SCAD, Historic Preservation MA Final Project - HIPR - 749 - OL  
Spring 2016  
Professor Connie Capozzola Pinkerton  
May 28, 2016

Preservation Report for September: Gina M. Douty, former TCCH Preservation Chair, has completed her final project to receive her Masters in Historic Preservation from Savannah College of Art and Design. The project was a Preservation Plan for *Overlook*, and it is her hope that it will assist with obtaining preservation funding sources and opportunities targeted for historic buildings and grounds.

Congrats to Gina on getting her degree! It was a win-win!

Dear Members, I am looking forward to the coming year as your newly elected president. Many changes have occurred at the house during this past year and I am looking forward to continuing with positive changes in the preservation efforts of *Overlook*. This takes a lot of work and your participation is most welcome. Please do not hesitate to let us know where your interests lie. Areas in which we could desperately use your help are in grant writing, fund raising, preservation, and involvement with services projects. Your new board is looking forward to your support.

The number of our Non-profit Partners holds at 57 and we are so proud of this achievement. There is a Civic-Minded breakfast every other month and all members are welcome to attend. Check the yearbook calendar for dates and times.

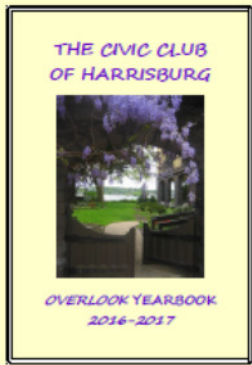
As another chapter begins for 2016–2017, there will be many expected and unexpected challenges. We are ready and willing to face these and may be calling upon you for your help. Looking forward to a successful and satisfying year.

Warm Regards, Judith T. Imler

## SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISING

Please consider being a VOLUNTEER! I am always looking for volunteers who are willing to give a few hours at Hershey Park 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), Hershey Park 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](mailto: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.



## The Yearbook is Here!

Before the end of August, you should be receiving your 2016-2017 Civic Club Yearbook. It's full of useful information about up-coming Civic Club events and reference material: the vision and mission of the organization; board members and committee chairs; civic club members and TCCH's revised by-laws. MANY THANKS TO ALL TCCH MEMBERS WHO RENEWED!

**New Member Recruitment:** Your membership committee will be in full membership recruitment mode starting NOW! If you need membership recruitment material, such as a brochure or membership form, please get in touch with Jean Cutler, Membership Chair, at jecutler32@gmail.com. Let's all strive together to increase our membership by 10%. A really excellent way to engage new members is to bring them to one of our Monday luncheons. It's free for the potential member!

### New Members:

Delilah Rumburg, 125 N. Enola Dr., Enola, 17025, 717-495-9554 drumburg@pcar.org

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**July, August and September Birthdays:** Charlene Bashore, Leila Brown, Cindy Dunn, James Edwards, Amy Hall, Arlene Z. Holmes, Diane M. McNaughton, Sandy Minner, Clare Powers, Delilah Rumburg, Melissa Snyder, and Melanie Wagner. Our apologies if we left any one out! Happy Birthday to All!!

### From the Garden Committee—Marybeth Lehtimaki

Go Pokemon!!! Or rather Pokemon Go! I'm sure you have heard lots over the last few weeks about this phenomenon. Parents, children, young and old are walking around with their eyes focused on their cell phones as they play this new game. We were working in the garden and a family wandered in on a Poke Stop. Yes, *Overlook* is a stop on the app. How, what, why, who knows, but there we are. We hope it brings us interest in new rentals.

As usual the Garden Committee has been commiserating about the plants and how things look. We need to learn patience. It always takes until August for the real flush of bloom. Thanks to our annuals we can hobble along. This year has been particularly hard. First we had a cold wet spring. Then when we were finally able to plant, we had our first ninety-degree heat wave. Those babies just don't like that and the plants were stunted. Then we had varmints eat off what did grow, at least they did leave somethings to allow for the August blush. They were extra hungry this year as they didn't only eat much of the new plantings but went after many of the perennials. They ate our Sedum, African Daisy, and Phlox. We finally got aggressive and called Home Paramount. At least one of them is no longer around! Things should be looking super by our luncheon on September 12th for all to enjoy.





## CIVIC-MINDED BREAKFAST meets

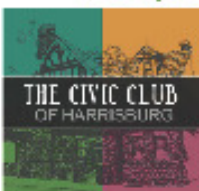
Hbg Young Professionals and their leadership

Wednesday, October 12, 2016

612 North Front Street, Harrisburg,

5:30 pm until 7 pm

Join us as "Breakfast" meets "Cocktail Hour" with HYP  
**Non-profits bring appetizers, HYP brings beer and TCCH brings wine.**



The Civic Club of Harrisburg

RSVP: [civicclubhbg@gmail.com](mailto:civicclubhbg@gmail.com)

### TCCH Non-Profit Partners Update

The next Civic Minded Breakfast will be held in the EVENING October 12. See ad elsewhere in this newsletter.

See below for events hosted by our non-profit partners. You are welcome to attend!

**Art Association of Harrisburg:** News Flash! Save the Date! All citizens are called upon by the Art Association to join forces and support our mission to promote the visual arts! Meet us on Saturday, March 11, from 6 to 11 pm at the Radisson Hotel in Camp Hill for "Super Heroes of the Susquehanna" The 2017 Bal Masque!

[www.artassocofhbg.com](http://www.artassocofhbg.com)

**The Kiwanis Club of Harrisburg** is planning to host a tailgating event outside the PA Farm Show building during the Pennsylvania National Horse Show on October 20<sup>th</sup>. Save the date! [www.Kiwanisclubharrisburgpa.com](http://www.Kiwanisclubharrisburgpa.com)

**The Zonta Club of Harrisburg-Hershey** invites you to attend our September 8 monthly meeting at the Radisson Hotel, beginning with social hour at 5:30pm. Dinner will be served at 6pm and is \$22.00. The program for the evening will be presented by Jen Sensenig, Founder and Chief Advocate of North Star Initiative. Jen started a grass roots movement in 2009 to combat modern day sexual slavery and this movement has grown into focusing on the restoration and aftercare of trafficked persons with the mission of opening, Lancaster County's first restoration home, The Harbor. Reservations should be made no later than Monday, September 5 by calling or emailing Eileen Baylor, 774-8333, [eileen1206@aol.com](mailto:eileen1206@aol.com). [www.zonta-harrisburghershey.org](http://www.zonta-harrisburghershey.org)

**The Susquehanna Chorale:** The national award-winning Susquehanna Chorale, under the direction of Artistic Director Linda L. Tedford, announces our newest CD, "Sing Me to Heaven," on sale now and available this fall. The CD features "Chautauqua Requiem", our newly-commissioned piece set to the words of local poet Mary Anne Morefield's "Requiem," and other music from our Spring 2016 concerts. Also, mark your calendar now for our Christmas concerts on Dec. 16, 17 and 18! For more information or to reserve your CD, go to [www.susquehannachorale.org](http://www.susquehannachorale.org).

**Jump Street**, a Harrisburg-based arts incubator, wants to be more accessible as it helps grow the arts and culture scene in the capital city. So in September, the nonprofit is moving from 100 N. Cameron St., its home for nearly a decade, to 21 S. Third St. [www.jumpstreet.org](http://www.jumpstreet.org)

**Ecumenical Food Pantry:** Hunger and Sound Bites 2016! A FUNdraiser to support the Ecumenical Food Pantry, the area's largest and oldest food pantry. Save the date, Saturday October 15th from 5-8 PM for a fun evening of fabulous hors d'oeuvres (BYOB), great live music and a silent auction of fanciful and practical items! Join us at Messiah Lutheran Church, home of the Pantry, corner of Commonwealth and Forster. Reserve your tickets (\$25) by contacting Messiah at 233-7631 or email [messiahhbg@yahoo.com](mailto:messiahhbg@yahoo.com)  
<https://ecumenicalfoodpantry.wordpress.com>

**Susquehanna Art Museum** has just opened *Despues de la Frontera/After the Border*, a bilingual group exhibition that honors the stories of recent unaccompanied immigrant youth, families, and young adults who fled their home in Central America. This timely exhibition comes to the Museum from the Creative Alliance in Baltimore and runs through December 4 in the Lobby Gallery of the Museum. Check the Susquehanna Art Museum website <http://www.sqart.org> for information on the September 23 screening of *Sin Nombre*, an award winning documentary reflecting the plight of Central American immigrants and an October 15 tour with the exhibit curator followed by a panel discussion in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month (9/15-10/15).

**Pennsylvania Parks and Forests Foundation:** Light on the Screen, heavy on the outdoors!

PPFF will be posting outdoor activity ideas on our Facebook page at:  
<https://www.facebook.com/PennsylvaniaParksAndForestsFoundation>

**Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay:** *The Taste of the Chesapeake*, our annual fundraising gala and celebration of our environmental leadership award winners, will be held on **Thursday, September 15, 2016** (5:30-9:00p.m.) in Annapolis, Md. **This year's Taste will be extra special as the Alliance celebrates our 45th Anniversary!** Gather with us for our vibrant Chesapeake celebration of local food, drink and live music, and join together with an exciting mix of business, government and environmental leaders and supporters who share a passionate commitment to their rivers and streams, their communities and the Chesapeake Bay. Don't miss out on the fun! <https://allianceforthebay.org>

**Voices of the Valley (formerly known as The Alumni Chorale of Lebanon Valley College)** is pleased to announce the release of their new recording: **A Voices of the Valley Christmas**. Go to the website: [voicesofthevalley.co](http://voicesofthevalley.co) to order now! They are also excited to welcome as their new accompanist, Ruth Sweigart, LVC grad of 1964.



Don't Miss our October lunch featuring Nan Reisinger, oldest female Appalachian Trail through-hiker! Nan accomplished this in 2014. Join us Monday October 10 at 11:30.



An August 14, 2016 a view of the grounds and a view of the majestic Susquehanna from the grounds of *Overlook*.

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**Looking Ahead**

<p>Monday, August 22, 2016 (10:30 a.m.) TCCH Board Meeting</p> <p>Monday September 12, 2016 Noon Luncheon (RSVP required) <i>J. Horace McFarland: The Most Famous Man You've Never Heard Of</i> Linda Ries, Presenter</p> <p>Monday September 19, 2016 (10:30 a.m.) TCCH Board Meeting</p>	<p>Monday October 10, 2016 Noon Luncheon (RSVP required) <i>Hiking the Appalachian Trail at Any Age</i> Nan Reisinger</p> <p>Wednesday October 12, 2016 (6:00p.m.) Civic-Minded Event See ad in this newsletter</p> <p>Wednesday October 12, 2016 Service Project YMCA Residents Dinner</p>
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**Note:** Articles and images for the October issue of the newsletter should be emailed to Donna Winch at: [winch@comcast.net](mailto:winch@comcast.net) by Friday September 9, 2016.

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