

October Happenings

AHCL NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2017

The next general meeting of The Abington Heights Civic League, Inc will be held on Monday, October 2, 2017 at the clubhouse at 7:00 pm. Our program will be on International Orphanages and World-Wide Fashion Show. Amy Clegg, along with Jamie & Julie Overholser, will be our speakers.

The October **Refreshment Committee members** are: Cathy Plishka (chairman), Eileen Milunic, Marion Karanosky, Jan Klusza, Josephine Petry, Mary Osterhout, Betsy Osman, Lorraine Bossard, and Laurie Fletcher.

Our **president reports** that the ASAP program was held on September 9th and was very well attended. The Pocket Park lighting was held on September 24th and 10 members attended. There were articles in the local newspapers on each of these events.



Ways & Means is working on several items:

- Two possible bus trips – one to the Finger Lakes and one to the Christmas Kindle Market in Bethlehem.
- The committee has decided not to participate in the Boscov's coupons this year.
- Several restaurants are being considered as fundraisers: Uno, Rosario's, and Nina's.
- Wine Festival is April 28th.
- Working on a Spirited Art date. Member Retention will work with this event.
- Wrap it up date at The Gathering Place for Christmas wrapping.
- A health challenge for the community will be held at the library in January. A raffle would be in connection with this event. Prizes and sponsors would be needed.
- Flower sale for the recital.

The **Art Contest** this year includes member and student photography, literature and art along with the following member craft categories: Handmade Bracelet, Decorated Wine Bottle, Decorated Wooden Tray, Sewn Cosmetic Bag, Quilted Wall Hanging, No Sew Blanket (all blankets will be collected for Project Linus). Clubs may donate more than one blanket, but only one can be submitted for judging. Other types of blankets may be donated. For particulars on these entries, please see Sue O'Day. See projectlinuspgh.org for more information.

Dance began on Monday, September 11, 2017 and continues through Saturday, April 14, 2018. There are currently 299 students enrolled and 44 classes. The Gertrude Hawk Candy Bar sale finished on Saturday, September 23rd. The **clothing sale** is running from September 11th through October 7th, commemorating our 60th year of dance! Chris reported that we received a Thank You card from Matthew McDonnell. 😊



Conservation is having an **Adopt-A-Highway** pick-up on Saturday, October 14th going towards the library and Sunday, October 15th going towards State Street. The route being split should make it an easier job. We will meet at 301 W Grove Street (between the elementary school and the train tracks) at 9:00 am. All equipment will be supplied. Rain date will be the following weekend, October 21/22. Other items on the list include identifying trees and shrubs at the Memory Garden and marking them, weeding the Pollinator Garden, and having an electronics recycling. Please contact Jan Klusza with any questions.

Education is looking into a grant offered by GFWC for \$200 for a literacy project. Ashley is working on ideas.

Book Club 1 will be meeting at Kathee Senofante's home at 7:00 pm and will be discussing books by Alan Bradley.

Book Club 2 will be reading *Crimes Against a Book Club* by Kathy Cooperman on October 9th. Place TBA.

Under **Home Life**, the Race for the Cure went very well.

There were four members attending the September **State Hospital Visit** and four birthdays were celebrated. The next visit will be on October 19th. Contact Pat Pahoski for info.



Under **Public Issues**, Kathy Croft and Cheryl O'Hora will attend a demonstration at Marley's Mission on their horse therapy with Veterans. It will be held on October 1st at 1:00 pm. If you are interested, please contact Kathy Croft.

Federation News-

Sue O'Day and Linda Young will be attending the **MAR Convention** in Delaware on October 6-8, 2017. Sue will be doing the invocation at Saturday night's banquet. She will also give a short talk on her LEADS experience during the convention.

The **Fall District Meeting** is set for Saturday, October 10, 2017 at the Holiday Inn in Wilkes-Barre. The cost is \$25 per person for the breakfast meeting. Endorsements will be made for Sue O'Day as the 2018/2020 District Director and Linda Young for the office of Treasurer for the 2018/2020 GFWC administration. It would be great if members could attend to cheer on Sue and Linda! RSVP's should be in by October 10th.

Membership has accepted the **resignation** of the following members with regret: Rachel Strayer and Kathleen Johnson. The '**Get To Know AHCL**' night will be held at Gretchen Eagen's home on October 18th at 6:00 pm. Please submit names of any prospective members to Linda Young so that invitations can be sent. Officers, prospective members and their sponsors will attend.



STOP DOMESTIC VIOLENCE **GFWC Signature Project: Domestic Violence** will be doing a **collection** for the months of October and November. The following items are requested: **Bedding** – twin size sheet sets, blankets,

comforters in children's designs, pillows. **Bath** – bath towels & wash cloths, toiletries. **School** – child size backpacks, lunch boxes, markers, folders, other school supplies. **Fun & Play** – coloring & activity books, arts & crafts, educational toys. **Clothing** – new socks, new pajamas in assorted sizes, hats, scarves, gloves, mittens. **Food Pantry** – cereal, soup, canned tuna, canned fruit & applesauce, peanut butter & jelly, healthy snacks.

House & Hospitality sent a card to Sue Burke. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers.

Food items are needed by United Neighborhoods. We collected items monthly for The Dalton Food Pantry; however, they are well supplied at this time, so we'd like to give to United Neighborhoods. **Non-perishable food items will be collected the general meetings each month.**



Junior's Special Project: Advocates for Children is hoping to work with the library and our Education and State President's Project committees to do the painted rock project. More information will be made available as plans are made.

WHRC (Woman's History and Resource Center) reports that in September/October of 1951, 83 Students and 10 adults had registered for ballet classes and the senior club gave permission to install a ballet bar for dance. The board decided to have a "Merchandise Club" with every member participating as a Ways and Means project.

DATES TO REMEMBER: Club meeting Oct 2, Middle Atlantic Region Conference Oct 6-8, Book Club 1 Oct 9, Book Club 2 Oct 9, Adopt-A-Highway Oct 14/15, Get to Know AHCL evening Oct 18, Hospital Visit Oct 17, U of S Fashion Show Oct 20, Fall District Meeting Oct 21, Next Board Oct 30, Next Monthly Meeting Nov 6



Happy Birthday to Cheri Murray 10/13, Janel Notari 10/1, Cheryl O'Hora 10/5, and all other members who celebrate their special day in October.



God Bless America