



AHCL NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2018

The next general meeting of the Abington Heights Civic League, Inc. will be held at the clubhouse on **Monday, April 2nd at 7:00 pm.** Joshua Arp will be our speaker on the topic of Conservation.

The **Refreshment Committee** members are: Ann Marie Genova (chairman), Marie Maddi, Leah Rudolph, Donna McCreary, and Char Lyon.

President 's Report - Cheryl O'Hora read a letter from the Scott Twp. Dive and Rescue Team and shared that they will be placing our club name on the truck as a way to thank us for our support!!

The **April Program** is Conservation and Joshua Arp is the speaker. Bernadette Menendez is working on the **June Banquet.** It will be held on June 5th at Constantino's and the charity will be Griffin Pond Animal Shelter.



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Ways & Means – CHEERS TO SPRING WINE FESTIVAL is APRIL 28!

- Erin Osterhout and Laurie Fletcher, along with the committee, have been working very hard and all is in place. Now it is up to us, as members, to sell the tickets. If you have not gotten yours, contact Sue O'Day. Those of you on Facebook be sure to check the Civic League page, like and share. It will help get the word out.
- At the next club meeting we will spend 15 minutes working on **pretzel necklaces** for the event. We will need donations of any brand / size / shape pretzel that has a loop on it to thread the ribbon through. (wheels and twists). We also need thin ribbon, any color. The ribbon we will be using can be bought at AC Moore or the dollar store, 1/8-inch-wide and 10 yards on a spool (as an example). Clean out your closet and donate your odds and ends to make the necklaces. As long as the ribbon is 15 inches long, the piece will work.
- We are still looking for raffle baskets and sponsors.
- **Ryan Leckey will do live coverage of the wine event April 25th at 4:00 a.m. at South Abington Park!** Come and support the news coverage.

Contact Erin Osterhout with any questions regarding any of this information. She can give you further info or a contact name of whoever is coordinating that aspect of the event.



Dance is happy to report that all costumes are in! There were 1,240 ordered this year. Sign-up sheets will be passed around for the recital. **Please consider volunteering.** The dates are as follows: Thurs. April 19, Fri. April 20, and Sat. April 21. Remember that you need your clearances to work with the girls. Anyone can sell tickets or pass out the programs at the doors of the theater. Gretchen Eagen will be working on the flowers sold at the recital. Help is needed.

Conservation will host the spring Adopt-A-Highway. It will be scheduled in May. Contact Jan Kluzsa if you'd like to help.

The **Fishing Derby** is set for June 9th.

Book Club I will meet on April 9th. The topic is Women's Friendship.

Book Club II will also meet on April 9th at 6:00 p.m. at Dino's. They will be discussing the book "If I Stay" by Gayle Forman. Contact Sue O'Day if you are interested in joining Book Club II.

From **Home Life**, the MDA Shamrock collection amount was \$52.00. Information was sent out about a collection for the MDA summer camp. Items will be collected in April and May. You can find the list on the last page of this newsletter.

Under **Vision Screening**, Jan Kluzsa reported that it was held on March 5th, 6th, and 8th at our four elementary schools. Ten members volunteered to assist. Ann Lawler of the Lackawanna Blind Association brought the testing machine to three of the schools. Newton Ransom was done manually. 151 children were screened and 13 children were referred.

The **State Hospital** visit was held on March 20th with 5 members going. April 17th is the next visit. Easter candy will be ordered. The Recognition Dinner for volunteers will be on April 24th.



Federation News – The **Spring Festival of the Arts** will be held on April 7th at 10:00 a.m. at Camelback Lodge. Five members will be attending. **State Convention** is May 19th-20th in Cranberry Township, PA. Three members will be attending.

Membership recommended that we accept into membership Amy Hollander, sponsored by Joanne Pezzuti.

Member Retention – A social night was held at the Posh in Scranton on March 22nd. Thirty-four people attended.

The **website** is updated monthly during the first week of the month. The newsletter is posted there as are updates on our current projects. (ahcivicleague.org)

GFWC Signature Project: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE will still be accepting funds from the calendar collection.

House and Hospitality – Betsy Osman sent a Thinking of You card to Susan Burke and Sympathy cards to Gerri Carey, Kathy Croft and Janice Kulp, all with the loss of a brother. Get Well cards went to Linda Young and Heidi Cebric. We are thinking of you!

For **Juniors Special Project**, the last of the books for the children's library at CMC Geisinger will be delivered in April instead of March. A story time with the children is being requested and Gretchen is checking on that.

Under **Legislation**, Kathy Croft will soon be working on voter registration packets.

State President's Project: Enrich, Educate, Empower; Every Child Every Day – On April 22nd, there is a Crop walk in Dalton. If there is any interest, please contact Ronda Schiavone.

Women's History and Resource Center (WHRC) - Liana Smith reports that in 1958, the Juniors would sponsor the ballet classes for next year but on the seniors' terms.

Yearbook – Bernadette Menendez will be passing around member information so that everyone can make updates if necessary.

Reminder about Reports for Committee Chairmen - Hours to Report - any hours that were involved with the project.

- This includes the number of members present times the amount of time. **Example:** you report at the club meeting on your project it takes five minutes to report it, take that 5 minutes and time it by the number of members present.
- Donation - any funds the club has donated toward your project. **Example:** end of year give-away \$500 to Assoc. of The Blind is a donation.
- In - Kind Donation - any money or expenses NOT paid by the club associated with your project. **Example:** Book Club 2 goes out to dinner when they meet so you need to total up any money spent on dinners during that gathering and that is an in-kind donation.

Congratulations to Patty Lawler on her appointment to the office of Mayor of Clarks Green. Best wishes, Patty!



Happy Birthday to Amy Florey 4/14, Luann Holmes 4/13, Cheryl Kaiser 4/7, Patti Pallo 4/9, Amy Clegg 4/13, and all other members who celebrate their special day in April!



God Bless America.

DATES to REMEMBER:

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| - April 2nd - Club Meeting | - April 24th - Hospital Recognition Dinner |
| - April 7th - Spring Festival of the Arts | - April 25th - Ryan Leckey Live 4:00 a.m. at the park |
| - April 9th - Book Clubs 1 and 2 | - April 28th - Wine Festival |
| - April 17th - Hospital Visit | - April 30th - Next Board |
| - April 19, 20, & 21st, Dance recital | - May 7th - Next Monthly Meeting |



MDA Summer Camp Wish List

We are always in need of gift cards! (Preferably Walmart, Target and Giant. Could also use CVS, Walgreens, Rite Aid, Joann's, Michael's, etc.)

Personal Care Supplies:

- **Non-latex gloves** (especially size large)
- **Disinfectant wipes** (Clorox/Lysol)
- Hand sanitizer
- **Flushable toilet wipes**
- Lice check sticks
- **Plastic pill pouches**
- Pill dispensing cups
- Ziploc bags (Gallon, quart and sandwich size)
- Tissues

Activities/Administrative:

- Index cards
- Mailing labels
- Ink Pens
- Duct tape
- Markers, Crayons, Colored Pencils
- **AAA Batteries**
- Lanyards
- **Name badge holders** (to use with lanyards)
- **Child & Teen Board Games** (i.e. Checkers, Connect Four, Apples to Apples, Scrabble, etc.)
- **Puzzles** (i.e. various sizes, # of pieces)
- Elmer's glue
- Coloring books (all ages)
- Children's books
- **Blank canvases** (for painting)
- **Ceramics** (for painting)
- Beads (for jewelry making)
- Wire/string (for jewelry making)
- Sidewalk chalk
- **Pool floats**

Over-the-Counter Medications:

- Children's Tylenol

- Tums
- Miralax
- Liquid ibuprofen
- Ibuprofen tabs or caplets
- Aspirin tabs or caplets
- Dulcolax tablets
- Chewable and liquid Benadryl

Food:

- Apple sauce
- Pudding and yogurt
- Apple & prune juice
- Cranberry juice
- Pedialyte
- Spoons & bendable straws
- Raisins
- Bottled water, **Gatorade**, juice packs
- Individually-wrapped Snacks – i.e. chips, granola bars, crackers, fruit snacks, etc.