



## AHCL NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2017

**The next general meeting of The Abington Heights Civic League, Inc. will be held Monday, November 6, 2017, 7:00 pm at the clubhouse.** Our speaker will be Bill White, president and captain of the Scott Township Dive and Rescue Team.

The **Refreshment Committee** members are: Ronda Schiavone (chairman), Lori Kareha, Erin Osterhout, Mindy Dickman, Maria Rehder, Amy Smith, Sharon Campbell, and Lisa Lesneski.

**Our December Tea/Potluck will be held on a Sunday this year.** The date is December 3, 2017 at 6:00 pm. A separate email has been sent out with details on the evening and what to bring. (New members are our guests.) There is also a Member Scholarship form attached to the email.

**Food Pantry** items are always welcomed. This month we'd like to collect Kid-Friendly breakfast items in connection with the State President's Project. Clothing donations for kids and adults are also being collected, especially items for the cold weather – jackets, gloves, boots.

**Our president, Cheryl O'Hora, reports** that GFWC is doing a project at State Convention using **re-usable grocery bags**. If you would like to donate, please give them to Cheryl O'Hora or Sue O'Day.

**Correspondence** was received by Dawn Riker. There were Thank You notes from Camp Create, MDA, Telespond, Sue Burke, and Street Cats of Scranton.



### **Ways and Means has the following to report:**

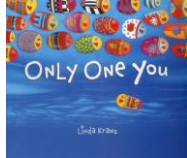
1. Uno was a success with a \$110.54 profit.
2. The Finger Lakes winery bus trip for November 26th is up and running with many seats still available. It will be opened to people outside the club.
3. Club members have approached Erin Osterhout about holding a purse bingo. She is willing to run it in February if she get more volunteers. It's a big job and cannot be done alone!
4. Wine Festival save the dates are ordered and lists are being compiled.
5. Dates are being looked at for Rosario and Just Paint It. These events will help to add funds throughout year.

**Arts** – Sue O'Day announced that the blankets will not be judged in the Arts Contest. Anyone who is interested in making blankets can still do so and they will be donated directly to Project Linus.

**Dance** – Chris Perfilio let us know that the Gertrude Hawk Candy Sale made a profit of \$107.33 with 52 boxes sold and 20 dancers participating. The AHCLDA 60<sup>th</sup> Year of Dance clothing sale made a profit of \$115.00 with 104 items sold and 55 dancers participating.

**Conservation** – Jan Klusza tells us that Adopt-A-Highway pick-up was done on Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers met at 301 Grove St, which is closer to the middle of the covered territory. Eileen, Betsy, Liana and Leah picked up towards the library on Saturday; and Patty, Kathy, Janice and Jan covered the other direction on Sunday. We picked up 5 bags of trash including all sorts of stuff – even a love note!

**There are some notes on the progress of our project at the Memory Garden.** The sponsorship of new trees is in progress so we will wait to order the tags until we have all the names. The tags are more expensive ordered one at a time. Linda has been getting inquiries about the sponsorships but we need to continue to get the word out to those in the community who may be interested. Also, Linda has some bulbs to plant. **Anyone who would like to help with the planting should let Linda or Jan know.** A separate email went out with details on the chosen **planting day which is Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1:00 pm** at the Memory Garden.



**Education** – Ashley Groff has been in touch with the children's librarian at the Abington library. We are planning on a Saturday in January to have a family read and paint event with the book "Only One You". The committee is asking AHCL to fund the purchase of several copies of the book and paint to paint rocks which will be displayed in the garden. We will also need some volunteers once we set a date.

**Book Club I** will be November 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at Maryann Maria's to discuss books on incarceration or local cold cases. They are also reading *Embattled Freedom* which is a book about the local history of Waverly involving the Underground Railroad and the Civil War. They are preparing to meet the author, Jim Remsen, on November 20<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm, at J.J. Bridges. **Book Club II** will be reading *Any Dream Will Do* by Debbie Macomber on November 13<sup>th</sup>. They will also attend the discussion with author Jim Remsen concerning his book.

**Home Life** had a committee meeting on September 27<sup>th</sup>. For the **December meeting** they are asking members to bring a **donation of Christmas gift wrap, tape, tissue paper, gift bags** etc. They will be having a gift wrapping party (date to be determined) to help wrap gifts for the Angels program at AHMS. Monetary gifts will also be accepted to help with purchasing gifts.



Chris Perfilio will co-ordinate a **Blue-Ribbon Activity** in honor of Sue Burke. She will have blue ribbons available for a donation. We will take a group photo and have cards available to write notes of encouragement to her.

**Vision Screening** will be held during the first week of March. Jan will be needing volunteers.

The last visit to the **State Hospital** was October 17<sup>th</sup>. Two members attended and there was one birthday celebrated.

For **International Outreach**, Gretchen Eagen reported that University of Scranton Worldwide Fashion Show, which was held on October 20<sup>th</sup>, was well attended by AHCL members.

#### **Federation News:**

Four members attended the Fall District meeting on Saturday, October 21, 2017. Sue O'Day was elected to the position of the 2018-20 Northeastern District Director. Linda Young and our current District Director, Heide Cebrick, were endorsed to serve as state officers (Treasurer and 2nd Vice President, respectively) for the 2018-20 GFWC PA administration. Congratulations!!!!

**Membership** - New Member Night was October 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at Gretchen Eagen's house. There were seven prospective members and two new members in attendance along with the membership co-chairman, club officers and new member sponsors. There are several new members and their information is on the last page of this newsletter.

**GFWC Signature Project: Domestic Violence** will be collecting items again this month. This will complete that project. 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 and Hospitality** – Betsy Osman sent a card to Susan Burke. Continue to keep her in your thoughts and prayers. Also, the committee will be decorating the club house for Christmas on the weekend after Thanksgiving.

**Junior's Special Project: Advocates for Children** is working on a project for February/March. New books are to be distributed to hospitalized children in our area. Hospitals are being contacted to see if they could accommodate us.

**State President's Project: Enrich, Educate, Empower; Every Child Every Day** is involved in the Marketplace which is being held at the Middle School on Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 to 3:00. The Abington Angel's Program, which the AHCL supports, is hosting this fundraiser to help defray the cost of gifts. Ronda Schiavone is planning and coordinating the concession stand. They are looking for volunteers to help man the stand as well as any food/drink donations including kid-friendly breakfast items to be donated at our November meeting. If you can help in any way, please email her at [ronda.schiavone.rs@gmail.com](mailto:ronda.schiavone.rs@gmail.com) or call her at 570-650-4577.



**Women's History and Resource Center (WHRC)** - Liana Smith reports that in October/ November of 1957, the Club decided to purchase .25 gifts for the Clarks Summit State Hospital. The cost for adult ballet classes were \$1.00 per class. A Halloween record dance was held November 2nd at the club house.

**Please send Yearbook corrections** (names, addresses, emails, phone numbers) to Bernadette Menendez to be included in the newsletter.

The **Cookie Walk at the Clarks Summit Fire Company** is on Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 to 10:00 am. Please drop off your baked goodies from 6:00 to 9:00 on the evening of Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. If you need to drop them off on Saturday, please get your items there by 8:00.



**DATES to REMEMBER:**

- Marketplace at Middle School – Nov 4th
- Club Meeting - Nov 6th
- Book Club I – Nov 13th
- Book Club II – Nov 13th
- Next Hospital Visit – Nov 21st
- Winery Bus Trip - Nov 26th
- Next Board - Nov 27th
- Monthly Meeting - Dec 3rd, Sunday, Christmas Tea/Potluck

**ITEMS BEING COLLECTED-**

- Reusable grocery bags
- Kid friendly breakfast items
- Warm clothing for kids & adults
- Various items (see Domestic Violence paragraph above)
- Christmas gift wrap, tape, tissue paper, gift bags



Happy Birthday to Keri Anders 11/6, Sharon Campbell 11/13, Ashley Goff 11/18, Patty Lawwler 11/22, Marie Maddi 11/16, Rena O'Malley 11/14, Betsy Osman 11/8, Dawn Riker 11/27 and all other members who may celebrate their birthdays in November.



God Bless America