



AHCL NEWSLETTER
March 2018

The next meeting of The Abington Heights Civic League, Inc. will be held on Monday, March 5, 2018 at 7:00 pm. PLEASE NOTE - We will be meeting at The Gathering Place.

The **Refreshment Committee** members are: Sue O'Day (chairman), Gretchen Eagen, Amy Lange, Linda Young, June Burns, Patty Lawler and Gerrie Carrie.

Upcoming **Programs** to be held are Conservation in April with Joshua Arp, the AHCL Dancers in May, and the June Banquet in June!! Our banquet is being held at Constantino's and the charity will be Griffin Pond Animal Shelter. Time and cost will be announced.

Kathy Croft has shamrocks to sell for the MDA. They are priced at \$1 and \$5. She will post them at Eagle Cleaners.



Ways & Means reports that the Purse Bingo went very well. A profit of \$4,570.93 was made!! Thanks to all the members that participated by volunteering, donating items, or playing Bingo. The **Cheers To Spring Wine Festival is up next!!** The planning is going well. Wineries and vendors have been secured. Raffle baskets are needed and if you can reach out to local businesses, they may be willing to donate a basket or an item or two!

Under **Education**, Ashley Goff is working on scholarships from our club with The Abington Heights Student Aid Fund.

Book Club I will meet on March 12th at Gail Bowers' home at 7:00 pm. The topic for the evening will be cold cases.

Book Club II will also meet on March 12th at Dino's. They will be discussing readers' choice on autobiographies.



Dance has sign-up sheets for recital help. The dates are as follows: Thursday, April 19th; Friday, April 20th; and Saturday, April 21st. Volunteers are needed for the senior and junior shows at the rehearsals and the recital. Please contact Chris Perfilio or Lynn Lucash if you have any questions.

- Also under Dance, **a child for the recital proceeds has been found.** His name is Ethan Bell. He has Chronic Granulomatous Disease which is an autoimmune condition. His body is rejecting a blood stem cell transplant and he must be quarantined at Children's Hospital. A younger brother died of this same disease in 2016. A link for information on Ethan can be found at CaringBridge.org.
- Large cardboard is still needed. If it is in box form, please fold it. Contact Chris at 570-586-4792 or

perfilio.chris@gmail.com.

Vision Screening is scheduled for March 5th thru 7th at our four elementary schools. Ten members have volunteered to assist. Ann Lawler of the Lackawanna Blind Association will bring the testing machine to three of the schools. However, testing will be done manually at Newton Ransom since they are scheduled for the same day as Waverly and we only have one machine. If anyone else would like to assist, we still need another volunteer at Waverly on Tuesday morning 9:30-11. Please contact Jan Klusza at 610-428-2891 or jan@ljkclusza.net for further information.

In connection with vision, the Lackawanna Blind Association will benefit from the 89th annual Helen Keller Day Fashion Show and Luncheon. It will be on Sunday, March 25. Doors open at noon and the fashion show will be at 1:30 pm. The place is Fiorelli Catering in Peckville. Tickets are \$35 for adults and \$15 for children ages 10 and under. Reservations are required by March 9th. For more information call 570-342-7613.

The men in Ward 2 at The Clarks Summit **State Hospital** were visited by Pat Pahoski and Betsy Osman on February 20th. There was no visit in January due to snow; therefore, they had six birthdays to celebrate. The next visit is March 20th.

Under **Federation news**, the Spring Festival of the Arts will be held on April 7th at Camelback Lodge. It begins at 10:00 am and the cost for breakfast/brunch is \$28. Please contact Sue O'Day at 570-947-6597 or q918@comcast.net if you're interested in going.

Membership will be handing out T-shirts at the March meeting for new members that did not receive them at the December Tea/Pot Luck. Also, pins for members in good standing for 10, 20, 30 and 40 years will be handed out in March if the recipient was not at the December Tea.



Member Retention is planning a social night for **Thursday, March 22nd at The Posh in Scranton at 6:00 pm**. This will be a private function and 20 people are required for it to take place. The cost is \$30 per person and includes 3 wine and 4 food tastings which will include a salad, an entree, and a dessert. Rae Baldino and Eileen Milunic will be helping Jennifer and Janelle with the RSVP's. Guests are welcome.

GFWC Signature Project: Domestic Violence – Are you working on your calendar that was passed out last month?!

For **House & Hospitality**, Betsy Osman sent out Thinking of You cards to Marie Maddi, Betty Veater, Pat Pahoski and Susan Burke. And we are thinking of you!!

Juniors Special Project: Advocates for Children delivered books to the Geisinger CMC children's area courtesy of Gretchen Eagen. They were so appreciative and thankful. The books will be available to the children and they are adding a library due to our efforts. The children also have the option to take a book home if they would like.

Women's History and Resource Center (WHRC) – Liana reports that in February and March of 1958, \$25.00 was donated to the fund for a Clarks Summit student to go overseas. Mrs. Jewett, the high school counselor, asked the club to provide \$10.00 to purchase medicine to a student in need. It was approved. Once again, \$25.00 was donated to the Retarded Children's Society.

Here are a few notes on **Facebook** from Rae Baldino:

We all need to be active on social media, in particular Facebook, and connect with the AHCL page and share our information. The wine festival information, since that is our main focus right now, should be shared on our own personal timelines to help spread the word about what we are doing. I would think this is a part of being in the AHCL and something everyone can do that costs zero dollars. For those interested, I am happy to do a quick training on how to use social media, in particular Facebook, to show exactly how to like the AHCL page and

share our information.

There is some new business concerning club reports. The 1st Vice President will be giving every chairman a report sheet each month. Chairmen are to write a brief report of any club activity they did in that month. If there is no activity, simply state that on the report. Reports are to be copied - one is to be given to the club president and one is given to the 1st VP. Hopefully this procedure will help with the year-end reports due to state.



Happy Birthday to Carol Florey 3/22, Ann Marie Genova 3/11, Leah Rudolph 3/27, Ronda Schiavone 3/9, and all other members who celebrate their special day in March.



God Bless America

DATES TO REMEMBER:

March 5 – Next Monthly Meeting
March 5, 6 & 7 – Vision Screening
March 12 – Book Clubs 1 & 2
March 20 – Hospital Visit
March 22 – POSH

March 26 – Board Meeting
April 2 – General Club Meeting
April 7 – Spring Festival of the Arts
April 19, 20 & 21 – Dance Recital
April 28 – Wine Festival