



AHCL NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2018



The next general meeting of The Abington Heights Civic League, Inc. will be held at the clubhouse on Monday, December 3, 2018 at 6:00 pm. It is our annual Potluck/December Tea. New members will be initiated into the club and we will have The Abington Heights Choir as our entertainment. We will have the annual **Ornament Exchange**. Please keep the cost around \$10. As we did last year, a collection will be taken for The Abington Angels.

The **Refreshment Committee** members are: Ashley Goff (chairman), Liana Smith, Nora Stracham, Jacqui Tunis, Kelli Eisenlohr, Amy Florey, Fran Jones, Carol Florey and Marcy Millett.

President's note: Please remember that all emails are to be checked by the president for approval before they are sent out. No member should be sending emails to the AHCL as a group without approval.



Arts: The civic league, along with The Gathering Place and The Abington Business and Professional Association, **will be selling note cards** called "Our Town". They were designed by Shirley W. Eagen, Gretchen's mother and past civic league member. The cards are to raise money for art scholarships for four senior students from Abington Heights High School (a dream Shirley had wanted to fulfill as a payback to the mentor she had as a young girl). This is the second year scholarships will be offered. The cards depict sketches of 12 different sites in the Abingtons. The cards are full note cards with envelopes and the cost is \$15. The students' art work will hang in the Gathering Place. Awards will be presented at a reception on Friday, February 8th from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Help is needed with selling the cards and for ideas of places where to sell. The committee has the following selling: The Abington Community Library, Sunrise Cafe, Everything Natural, Waverly Deli and Waverly General Store along with The Gathering Place and The Abington Business Association. The Art Committee is working on this project and will also be sending the annual club art contest information to the high school in hopes of getting more participants. Gretchen will be bringing note cards to the December Tea/Potluck if you would like to purchase a set. If you are interested in helping to sell or buy, please contact Gretchen at 570-878-9795.

Dance: Lynn Lucash reports that costumes have been ordered and are beginning to come in.

Conservation: A Highway Cleanup was held on November 7th with three members participating.

Education: Christmas trees were ordered for the elementary schools and the maintenance man is picking them up on December 3rd. Two scholarship applications were received.

Book Club 1 is meeting on December 10th at 6:00 pm. It is their annual Christmas Soup Dinner and will be held at Liana Smith's home. After dinner, they will report on children's books. This has been a tradition since their adult children were small.

Book Club 2 is also meeting on December 10th at 6:00 pm at Bernadette Menendez's home. They will be discussing books with a Christmas Theme.



Home Life: UCP is gift wrapping at Viewmont Mall for the holidays (November 23) until Christmas Eve (December 24). They offer three time slots each day: 12-4pm, 4-7pm, 7-10pm. Please contact Rae Baldino if interested in helping. Email her at r.baldino@ucpnepa.org, call at (570)347-3357, or text her at (570)574-1332.

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The **Abington Angels** will have their annual wrapping party at the Middle School. They are in need of shirt sized gift boxes and tape so that the gifts can be wrapped individually. The date will be announced. Donations can be brought to the December Potluck Dinner.

Hospital Project: Two members attended the November 20th visit. There were no birthdays to celebrate. The gifts for our ward will be taken to the hospital on December 18th. Please drop your gifts at Pat Pahoski's house or bring them to the Potluck Dinner. (Please give Pat a call ahead of time at 570-587-4983 if you are delivering them to her home.)

Public Issues: The Clarks Summit Fire Company is hosting their annual cookie walk on Saturday, December 8th. Donations of baked goods are being accepted on Friday, December 7th and early Saturday morning. The sale runs from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm. Cookies are \$8 per pound.

Membership: The board voted to accept the following women into the AHCL: Colleen Catanar sponsored by Cheryl O'Hora and Mary Ellen Durkin sponsored by Sue O'Day This brings our membership count to 80.

Member Retention: Joanne Pezzuti and Amy Hollander are working on a Mardi Gras Jazz Brunch at the Gathering Place tentatively scheduled for March 3rd. It would be held mid-morning or early afternoon. Also, a Garden Party at Greystone Gardens is being considered for the nice weather.



Ways & Means: The **Calendar Raffle** is coming up in January. The calendars are \$5 each and they are ready for members to start selling now. There are 31 days of prizes for the month of January with over \$1600 of prizes for \$5 a chance. Please see the attachment on this email. There is no limit to the amount a member can buy or sell. Contact Erin @ irishmomto3@yahoo.com for more information.

GFWC Signature Project: Domestic Violence: Ronda Schiavone reported that 126 pairs of socks were donated to the Catherine McAuley Center. They were extremely pleased.

Give Away: The next committee meeting will be held on December 19th. The committee wants members to understand how the process will work. Members can be advocates for tentative recipients of funds. There are drafts of the letter and the form on the website which will give some insight into how it will work. These are just drafts. The actual process won't begin until 2019.

House and Hospitality: Betsy Osman sent a card to Vicky Vargo. You are in our thoughts.



Junior's Special Program: Advocates for Children: The Create-A-Card project is slated for January 19th from 1:00 to 3:00 pm at the library. Those wishing to help that day must have their clearances. Also, GFWC is supporting St. Jude's Hospital by having clubs participate. There are 3 ways: making mask straps, putting together individual craft packages, and/or contributing supplies for patients to use for crafts. This will take place in the late winter/early spring.

Public Relations: Cathy Plishka's AHCL article appeared in The Suburban. The monthly "blurb" was in several local papers.

State President's Project: Sue Burke, Marcy Millett, Gretchen Mackie and Amy Hollander participated in the Run Against Hunger on November 10th. If you ran in any races from July 2018 thru March 2019, your efforts could count. A picture of you with your bib would count as proof of your participation.

Women's History and Resource Center (WHRC): Liana reports that in December 1958, the Waverly Kindergarten had undergone some remodeling and they needed new drapes. Also, the Grove Street Kindergarten needed a new record player. Because we were instrumental in starting the kindergarten classes, we continued to see to their needs.

Yearbook: If there are any corrections to be made in your Yearbook listing, please contact Bernadette Menendez at bern1616@aol.com, 570-586-7293 or 570-499-7869. Corrections so far are: Amy Hollander – amv0710@yahoo.com and Leah Rudolph – leahDrudolph@gmail.com,

Announcements: Money for T-shirt orders can be given to Sue O'Day or Cheryl O'Hora



Happy Birthday to Gerri Carey 12/10, Laurie Fletcher 12/2, Lori Kareha 12/15, Deborah Kennedy 12/31, Lynn Lucash 12/29, Marcy Millett 12/1, Susan Veater 12/10, Linda Young 12/14 and all other members who may celebrate their birthdays in December.



God Bless America

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Club Meeting, Potluck - Dec 3rd

Cookie Walk – Dec 8th

Book Clubs 1 & 2 – Dec 10th

Next Hospital Visit – Dec 18th

Give Away Committee Meeting – Dec 19th

Next Board – Jan 7th at 6:00 pm

January Club Meeting – Jan 7th at 7:00 pm