



THE COURIER

THE PALMERTON CONCOURSE CLUB

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2015 PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's an exciting time to be a member of Concourse Club as we continue with our Centennial celebration in 2015! The new club year promises to bring back some of your favorites and entice you with new programs and ideas.

Many thanks are extended to all of you for making our 100th Anniversary Dinner into a sensational event. I'd like to especially thank Joan Turko and her committee who were behind the scenes making sure that it was an extraordinary occasion. We heard from many of you that you enjoyed our new celebration of members with 50+ years of service and that you're proudly sporting your new Concourse Club pin as you attend community events.

Speaking of community events, I'd like to personally thank you for your support of my President's project, the inaugural Movie in the Park. Over 400 people were in attendance to see "The Wizard of Oz" come to life on a giant, inflatable screen. The excitement throughout the town was palpable and the club, despite its 100 years, was introduced to some community members for the first time. We expect to show a movie in the park next summer due to popular demand! Perhaps this was the groundbreaking of another Palmerton tradition...only time will tell.

Looking forward, our committees have been hard at work behind the scenes to ensure a great upcoming club year! Please take a moment to read the Ways and Means report to learn about our events and review the list of programs included in this Courier. As a history fan, I'd like to highlight our November program with Jeanette Eichenwald, "Remembering the Holocaust." Ms. Eichenwald received rave reviews from her presentation to the Palmerton Historical Society and we've elected to give her an encore presentation that you won't want to miss. This meeting is one of our two open meetings where you are encouraged to invite others. Please bring a friend (or two!).

Together, we're kicking off the next 100 years of Concourse Club. As our collect reminds us, "We have a choice to live fully and to find joy in every day." Let's make it a great year!

Lisa

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE REPORT

We are gearing up for another successful year of fundraising for our club and to enable us to continue to support many local community non-profit organizations. By working together and with many members participating we had a very successful Basket Spectacular, overcoming the concern that a new location might affect participation. Thank you to everyone for helping! We have a series of events to look forward to over the next year.

The Art Show at the Sacred Heart Church Hall in conjunction with the Palmerton Community Festival is first up on Saturday and Sunday, September 12 and 13, with set-up on Friday, September 11. Christine Eckhart and Diane Huber are co-chairing the event again this year. Each member will receive raffle tickets. Please support the event by stopping by to view the art and take chances on the raffle.

Next will be the Boscov Days - "Friends Helping Friends" event on Tuesday, October 20th. Joan Turko has graciously agreed to chair the event again. Tickets will be available soon. Remember 100% of each \$5.00 ticket sold goes to our club!

This is the year for the Christmas House Tour which will be held Saturday, December 5, the same day as Christmas in the Park (we'll do another bake sale). Sue Choy will have more information for us about the House Tour at our first meeting.

The Basket Spectacular will be held on Saturday, April 9. Please start planning now for your theme basket. We're looking forward to another spectacular event.

We look forward to working with everyone!

Judy Borger and Marie Williams
Co-Chairs, Ways and Means Committee

Concourse Club Programs for 2015-2016

Thursday, October 1, 2015

Tailgating

We are ready to "kick off" the new club year by sharing some delicious food together. "Tailgating" is the theme for this year's pot luck dinner and recipe exchange. Bring one of your favorite tailgating dishes to share along with some copies of the recipe. This evening is sure to be a "touchdown".

Hostesses - Sue Steigerwalt, Carol Costenbader
6:00 P.M. - St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Thursday, November 5, 2015 - Open Meeting

Remembering the Holocaust

We will be taking a look back at a tragic time in history that should never be forgotten. Jeanette Eichenwald, of Allentown, will be with us to personally share her family's stories of the heartaches and hardships of the Holocaust era.

Hostesses - Gloria Gwiazdowski, Ann Behler
7:00 P.M. - St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Thursday, December 3, 2015

An Evening of Music

Christmas is right around the corner and the Allen High School Chorale will be entertaining us with some festive music. It promises to be a delightful evening that will be sure to get us in the spirit of the season.

Hostesses - Carol Papay, Cindy Heimbach
7:00 P.M. - St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Thursday, January 7, 2016 - Open Meeting

Learning About Yoga

Get your mind and your body ready to learn something new. Yoga instructor Julie Jarrah, of New Tripoli, will be demonstrating and teaching us some of the basics of Yoga. What a refreshing way to start the new year.

Hostesses - Romaine Biege, Carol Dickinson
7:00 P.M. - St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Thursday, February 4, 2016

Valentine Sweet Treats

Love is in the air. Just in time for Valentine's Day, Denise Martinez, bakery manager of Weis in Schnecksville, will be sharing with us some delicious treats for Valentine's Day. Its going to be a sweet, sweet night.

Hostesses - Marj Federanich, Vinita Horinko
6:00 P.M. - St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Programs for 2015-2016, Continued

Thursday, March 3, 2016

Irish Pub Night

It's Irish Time. Come out to the Concourse Club's "Irish Pub" for an entertaining evening. Bagpiper, David Mascarri, of Allentown, will be delighting us with his unique Irish music.

Hostesses - Becky Steigerwalt, Jane Farkas
6:00 P.M. - St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Thursday, April 7, 2016

What's Happening on the Mountain

Sometimes we don't even know all that's going on in our own backyard. Representatives of Blue Mountain will be sharing with us details of all the exciting amenities that they offer. We will also hear about some of the new things that are planned for the future of Blue Mountain.

Hostesses - Kathy Czap, Mary Ann Ashner
6:00 P.M. - St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Thursday, May 5, 2016

101st Anniversary Dinner

Join us in celebrating 101 years of the Concourse Club. Entertaining us at this year's dinner will be the Lehigh Valley Chorus, a women's a cappella group. Location and more details to come.

Hostess - Joan Turko

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICE CENTER

The Domestic Violence Service Center greatly appreciates your support of the abused and homeless women and children of Carbon County who count on our support.

Thank you,

Marge Porambo

The following items are on their wish list:

socks, underwear (all sizes infant to adult), diapers (especially sizes 3&4), pull-up diapers, baby wipes, sippy cups, powdered formula, family size toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, conditioner, body wash, deodorant, tampons, sanitary pads, combs, hair brushes, blow dryers, laundry detergent, softener, dryer sheets, first-aid kits, ace bandages, ice packs, anti-bacterial ointment, wound care cream or spray, alarm clocks, umbrellas, crib sheets, twin bed sheets, pillow cases, pillows, coloring books, crayons, school supplies, construction paper, children's puzzles, dollar store toys, baby monitors, pre-paid phone cards, gift certificates to supermarkets, K-Mart, WalMart, Target.

WE WILL CONTINUE TO COLLECT USED CELL PHONES AND RELATED ACCESSORIES.

Hospitality Committees for 2015-2016

October

Co-Chairs:

***Sue Steigerwalt
Carol Costenbader
Lillian Strohl
Lillian Jordan
Melissa Binder
Karen Sosik
Kathy Elliston
Susan Greene
Margaret Kuhet
Sharon Zmyewski***

November

Co-Chairs:

***Gloria Gwiazdowski
Ann Behler
Kathleen Ahner
Shirley Blynn
Kathy Hager
Carol Curcio
Nancy Embrey
Jean Fritzinger
Lisa Green
Carol Ziegenfuss***

December

Co-Chairs:

***Carol Papay
Cindy Heimbach
Valerie Heimbach
Joanne Harris
Julie Evans
Joanne King
Marlene Greenwood
Gwen Ebbert
Inge Foster
Barb Missal***

January

Co-Chairs:

***Romaine Biege
Carol Dickinson
Terri Sheckler
Cynthia Gasper
Amy Lalik
MeganMarie Gasper
Sherry Freund
Patricia Kern
Kristina Weiner
Kathy Matson***

February

Co-Chairs:

***Marj Federanich
Vinita Horinko
Karen Kuhn
Joan Przasnyski
Linda Adiletto
Kathy Fallow
Diane Huber
Susan Mullane
Patti Kohan
Tara Willingham***

March

Co-Chairs:

***Becky Steigerwalt
Jane Farkas
Dottie McGinnis
Bonnie Correll
Deanne Evans
Catherine Farrell
Kit Hall
Resa Hall
Mary McGowan
Kayle Herman***

April

Co-Chairs:

***Kathy Czap
Mary Ann Ashner
Emily Bradbury
Honey Cyr
Barbara Hafer-
Prout
Jean Keck
Joanne Kercsmar
Carol Withers
Susan Debski
Ann Hayes***

May

Chair:

***Joan Turko
Mary Beth Beers
Anita Harry
Arleen Showak
Jeannine Siegmund
Jane Borbe***

Hospitality Obligations

1. Chairpersons will meet with their committees to plan a theme, food, etc. This meeting could be held at a club meeting prior to your assigned month.
2. Be present at your assigned month meeting night.
3. If unable to attend meeting, you must get a substitute. Advise chairperson of this fact.
4. Contribute goods or money to fulfill your obligation.
5. A member of the committee must obtain the silver set, tablecloths, and key to the church hall from Cindy Heimbach, 367 Princeton Ave., 610-826-3190. **All of the above should then be returned to her clean and dry, as soon as possible.**
6. **Silver Set:** Although it is not mandatory to use the silver set, please keep in mind as hostess, the set is part of the Concourse Club time honored tradition and also using the silver set is a great way to be green!