

The Concourse Club of Palmerton



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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Welcome to the Concourse Club's 109th year! Why is it that the older I get the faster time seems to go? It's hard to believe that more than a year has gone by since I was writing my first President's Letter. I am pleased to report that we had another productive year of fundraising and managed to have some fun along the way. That is thanks to each and every one of you. You give so graciously of your time, money and energy. I assure you it does not go unnoticed. It is a large reason for the success of this Club and we are so proud to say a number of our local non-profit organizations benefit from it.

While we only meet September to May, we are busy all year. The Program Committee has met to plan fun and interesting programs for you. Be sure to check the rest of this Courier to check out all the programs. One features an exciting venture of one of our members! We're starting with a fashion show featuring a few of our members as models. Another opportunity to shop. And speaking of shopping, Joan Turko already has the Bosvov's Friends Helping Friends Day tickets. It will be held on October 18. Remember all of the proceeds from the ticket sales stay with the Club. So please get your tickets from Joan! The Advisory Board has been meeting to get plans in place for the year. It's been a weather challenging year for the Concerts in the Park and I feel for Joann Kerksmar and her committee who need to make that call, but hopefully sunny Sundays are still to come. Lisa Snell Kern has things in place for the August 1st Movie in the Park and this year it's being combined with the National Night Out. So get those kids and grand kids out to enjoy a fun night. Kristi Thomas will be getting a sign-up notice out to volunteer for the Amusement Ride Ticket Sales Booth at the Palmerton Festival so please sign up for a shift. Remember, what we earn from this is what pays for the Movie in the Park! Carol Curcio, with her always new and creative thinking, is planning fun change-ups for the Art Show during the festival so please help her out when she calls. Our Basket Spectacular will be under the able leadership of Marci Lesko, Amy Buck, Meredith Koons and Barbara Hafer-Prout. We all know the work it takes to make this event a success and we always seem to make it a bit more successful each year. So get those creative juices flowing for basket-theme ideas and feel free to join up with a friend or two or three and make it fun. And please sign up for baking, soup making and helping out the day before or the day of the event. We finish out 2023 with our bake sale during Christmas in the Park, but there are more fun programs planned for 2024 including our annual Guiding Stars presentation that Teri Delich, Marshelle George and Sharon Minnich always manage to make fun for all. We always end with a fun dinner and I want to thank everyone who dressed the part for May's Roaring 20's themed dinner. It was such a fun night.

In case you haven't noticed, I've been encouraging everyone to get out there and volunteer for whatever cause or organization that interests you and your family. In addition to the many opportunities to volunteer I mentioned above, I want to get you thinking about another one. This is the year we elect new officers for the next two years. You'll be hearing about openings for officers, department chairs and committees soon. Please consider filling one of these positions. We have such a multitude of talented, capable members and I guarantee you this would be a fulfilling opportunity. Please reach out to me or any member of the Nominating Committee if you have any questions. Have a great rest of the summer and I will see you in September or hopefully a sunny, Sunday evening in the park.

Judy

Ways and Means Update—Summer 2023

Happy Summer everyone! I'm so excited to be leading my third Basket Spectacular this Fall and grateful for all the volunteers who are making it happen, again. If you're new to our club, let me tell you—this is our biggest fundraiser of the year and it's a lot of fun. We truly go above and beyond to make sure our baskets, delicious food and baked goods are "spectacular" in every way.

This year's event will once again be on October 7th at St. John's church on Fireline Road. Leading the charge on the kitchen is Amy Buck and on bake sale is Barbara Prout. It's not too early to sign up to make a pot of soup, some home made goodies, or to donate a basket or two.

Some tips to make it great--- think about a theme! Fall offers so many options--- Halloween, Thanksgiving, Football, Christmas and then ideas for different audiences--- kids, teens, men, pets! It might be a good idea to go in on a basket with 1-2 other people! It makes filling up the arrangement all that much easier and it's lots of fun, too. Look for opportunities to sign up to help out, to show up the day of the event and to just be part of this fabulous event. Any questions? Contact Marci Lesko at marcianneslesko@gmail.com or by phone at 484-626-2116.

Concourse Club Programs for 2023-2024

Thursday, September 7, 2023

"FALL FASHION SHOW BY WEAR IT AGAIN" Tami Davenport, Owner

**Hostesses: Caron Fenstermacher and Janet Heck-Salek
St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church.....7:00 PM**

Thursday, October 5, 2023

"SMALL TOWN CHARM MEETS BIG ADVENTURE"

Marlyn Kissner, VP of Membership & Community Relations Of the Pocono Mountain Visitors Bureau

**Hostesses: Christine DeSousa and Lisa Green
St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church.....7:00 PM**

Thursday, November 2, 2023

"BO TKACH FOUNDATION: THE STORY" Presented by Kerri Jahelka, Board Member

**Hostesses: Diane Huber and JennieRose Serfass
St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church.....7:00 PM**

THIS WILL BE AN OPEN MEETING FOR ANYONE TO ATTEND

Thursday, December 7, 2023

"SEASONAL SOUNDS FROM THE PALMERTON HIGH SCHOOL CHORUS" Resa Hall, Director

**Hostesses: Teri Delich and Sharon Minnich
Inside St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church....7:00 PM
Refreshments served in the social hall after the program**

Programs for 2023-2024, Continued

Thursday, January 4, 2024

“QIGONG FOR WELLNESS” Kikki Peppard, Instructor

Hostesses: Kathy Fallow and Becky Steigerwalt

St. John’s Evangelical Lutheran Church.....7:00 PM

THIS WILL BE AN OPEN MEETING FOR ANYONE TO ATTEND

Thursday, February 1, 2024

“DO YOU KNOW YOUR BODY?” Michael L. Grimaldi, MD of LVHN

Hostesses: Susan Choy and Joanne King

St. John’s Evangelical Lutheran Church.....7:00 PM

Thursday, March 7, 2024

“ANNUAL GUIDING STAR PRESENTATION” Teri Delich

Hostesses: Gloria Gwiazdowski and Cindy Heimbach

St. John’s Evangelical Lutheran Church.....7:00 PM

Thursday, April 4, 2024

“HIGH TEA AT CIRCA 1898 AND IT’S HISTORY” Cindy Gasper, Co-owner

This is our annual “Road Trip”

Hostesses: Kathleen Detwiller and Deanna Evans

Circa 1898, 2186 Mahoning Drive West, Corner of Route 902 and Mill Road, Mahoning Valley

6:30 PM at the Restaurant

Thursday, May 2, 2024

“LET’S CELEBRATE SPRING WITH EMPHASIS ON MAY DAY” Our Annual Dinner

Hostess: Joan Turko

Blue Mountain Resort 5:30 PM Cash Bar, 6:15 PM Dinner

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.

Please send only new items.

WE WILL NO LONGER BE COLLECTING USED CELL PHONES OR RELATED ACCESSORIES.

Hospitality Committees for 2023-2024

September

Co-Chairs:

**Caron Fenstermacher
Janet Heck-Salek**

Gwen Ebbert
Barbara Herman
Connie Holland
Patti Kohan
Joyce Paulinho
Pam Snyder

October

Co-Chairs:

**Christine DeSousa
Lisa Green**

Kristen Bock
Lauren Bock
Debbie Miller
Gina Nichols
Carol Ziegenfuss

November

Co-Chairs:

**Diane Huber
JennieRose Serfass**

Madeline DePierro
Inga Foster
Sherry Freund
Joanne Harris
Cathy Mueller

December

Co-Chairs:

**Terri Delich
Sharon Minnich**

Stacey Connell
Marshelle George
Megan Kovacs
Marsha MaCalush
Barbara Mulhern
Amy Negley

January

Co-Chairs:

**Kathy Fallow
Becky Steigerwalt**

Cathy Czap
Kathy Elliston
Jodi Frankelli
Joanne Kercksmar
Stephanie McCarty

February

Co-Chairs:

**Susan Choy
Joanne King**

Marie Hahn
Missy Hall
Carol Wentz Meining
Lisa Steigerwalt
Nancy Thompson

March

Co-Chairs:

**Gloria Gwiazdowski
Cindy Heimbach**

Carol Cosstenbader
Jane Farkas
Diane Fenstermacher
Debbie Lutz
Susan Steigerwalt

April

Co-Chairs:

**Kathleen Detwiller
Deanna Evans**

Becky Christman
Laura Curcio
Christine Eckhart
Kayla Herman
Lynn Shupp

May

Chair:

Joan Turko

Honey Cyr
Vinita Horinko
Marge Porambo

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 Joan Turko, 222 Columbia Ave., 610-826-2716. All 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 using the silver set is a great way to be green!

DUES PAYABLE BY JANUARY 1, 2024, TO KRISTY THOMAS