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Merry Christmas everyone

NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Hope you all had a good time at the November Meeting. It was wonderful to see so many of you there.

I hope we don't get any snow on our meeting day and all of you can attend the January 19th meeting. This meeting is not only a celebration of our Founders Day but Marjorie Orlandini's son Rob and his wife Katrina will be catering our lunch in honor of Marjorie's request. They will need an accurate count of attendees so **PLEASE** contact me no later than **January 6th** so I can give Katrina a total. We have also brought back our Make-it/Take-it's. I will have the doors open at 8:30 and classes can begin any time after that. We can also do some after the meeting.

I also want to thank everyone who has brought me glass jars. Rescue animals are a passion for me and it warms my heart that so many of you bring me jars so I can paint them and fill them with treats. Animal friends really appreciate them and look forward to receiving them. I'm hoping for 200 next year. Adoptions have been a little slow the past couple of months and there are so many dogs and cats waiting for their forever home so if you're looking for your best friend who will love you through everything life gives you, give them a call and adopt. Thanks again.

Thank you.
Rosemary

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear chapter members,

Another holiday party is in the bag and fun was had by all who attended the November party. I want to wish each and every one of you a Happy New Year and abundant health. I also want to invite all of you to our January Founder's Day meeting. We talked about a few of us teaching some Make it/Take its! Let me know if you will be attending and if you want to teach or just paint. Bring a guest! Pick up one of the members if they don't drive anymore. I'd love to see all of you and to start out the new year with friends. Merry Christmas!

Laura Angelo
2024 President

BASKET LUNCHEON

Chairman – Dolores Khalouf

Editor's 2¢ worth: Our Annual Basket Luncheon is April 6, 2025

The basket luncheon will again be held at the Sunset Room at Fairview. Our theme this year is Easter Parade. If you took a hat and eggs to paint for centerpieces, please try to return them no later than the March Meeting, January if possible.

It's not too early to be thinking about doing a basket for next year's Luncheon. If you can do a basket, please see MaryAnn Yurus at the January Meeting.

Winter is coming and if you're snowed in and need something to do, go through your stack of painted pieces and see what you could donate to the Luncheon for door prizes or Raffle items. We all know we have them and if you're like me there are many collecting dust. I've also found pieces I forgot about years ago,

This is our only fundraiser. We don't make a profit on the meals so the profits from our baskets and raffles is where we get the finances to purchase supplies for our Wounded Warrior walker bags, boxes donated to the Neonatal units and are used to subsidize our educational classes.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

Chairman – William Habers

A sympathy card was sent to Marjorie Orlandini's family and a donation was sent to the Bridgeville Historical Society. If there is anybody you think needs a card for any reason, feel free to let me know and I will get one out.

DECORATIVE PAINTING MONTH

Chairman – Rhonda Gillespie

No Report.

HOSPITALITY

***** IMPORTANT *****

*One of Marjorie's last request was to do a lunch for our Chapter. Marjorie's son Rob and his wife Kartina have offered to provide our January Meeting lunch. We need to know how much to order so you **MUST** contact me if you are coming. **PLEASE** contact me no later than January 6^h if you will be attending. You can contact me at habersr1@aol.com or 412-741-5158*

Thanks - Rosemary

Editor's 2¢ worth: We need a volunteer for this position. If you are interested even if you can only do one month, please contact Laura.

MEMBERSHIP

Chairman – Rhonda Gillespie

Editor's 2¢ worth: We had 31 Members pay their dues at the November Meeting. If you haven't paid yours yet see Rhonda at the January meeting to pay your 2025 dues. Dues are still \$25 per year

A 2024 Membership Book will be at the registration table, please look at your info and confirm it is correct. Finalized Membership Books will be passed out at the March Meeting as usual. - Thanks.

2025 ELECTED BOARD

President – Laura Angelo
1st VP (Program Chair) – **Monica Schallenberger**
2nd VP (Membership) – Rhonda Gillespie
Corresponding Secretary – Bill Habers
Treasurer – Rosemary Habers
Publicity – Mary Ann Yurus
Newsletter – Rosemary Habers
Ways / Means – **Bill Habers***

2025 APPOINTED BOARD

Historian – Dolores Khalouf
Hospitality – **Unfilled**
Parliamentarian – Rosann Wagner
Decorative Painting – Rhonda Gillespie
Service – **Jeanne Delbusso**

Bold = changed Chairman

PROGRAM

2024 Chairman – Rosann Wagner

Editor's 2¢ worth: No Report for December.

2025 Chairman Elect – Monica Schallenberger

They're Back!!!! Our fun Make-it/Take-its are back at the January 19th Meeting. Doors open at 8:30 and projects begin at 9:00. Make-it/Take it's are quick, low-cost projects. Each teacher is responsible to collect the money for their own projects and don't usually carry a lot of change so please bring some \$1.00 to help them with change.

March 16 Fruit of the Vine – Lynn Banting



Fruit of the Vine, 6 hours 11x14, Intermediate, \$22, Round brushes, liner, 1/2" flat

PROGRAM(Cont'd)

2025 Chairman Elect – Monica Schallenger

Editor's 2¢ worth:

May 18 - Gail Bodkin (Watercolor)



More details later

RECORDING SECRETARY

Cindie Martincic
Golden Triangle Decorative Painters

November Chapter Meeting 17th, 2024

Meeting was called to order by Laura Angelo at 11:20. There were no changes to the minutes to from the last meeting.

Elections were held as the following President: Laura Angelo

1st Vice President (Programs) Monica Schallenberger

2nd Vice President (Membership) Rhonda Gillespie

Recording Secretary Cindie Martincic

Treasurer Rosemary Habers

Ways & Means Bill Habers

Publicity Mary Ann Yurus

Newsletter Rosemary Habers

Corresponding Secretary Bill Habers

Historian Delores Khalouf

Service Bill Habers

Hospitality VACANT

Roseanne Wagner has been in contact with Lynn Banting and she has agreed to teach in March. A watercolor painting was selected and the time and cost of the class will be in the newsletter along with a picture of the project that was selected.

Gail Bodkin has agreed to teach a watercolor class at our May meeting also.

At the January meeting it was suggested that we do Make It - Take It projects or to bring something that you would like to paint.

No one has been painting Service Projects and the backpacks that have been painted will be taken to Children's Hospital.

It was with great sadness that we learned of the passing of one of our founding members Margie Orlandini, she will be missed. She was a great teach and also a great baker. We will all miss her. If anyone would like to view some of her work it is being displayed at the Bridgeville Public Library. Her family is kindly catering our January Founders Day meeting. Hopefully we will all be attendance.

Our Basket Luncheon is coming up soon, hopefully everyone took a hat and favors to be painted and returned to Delores Khalouf. The date is April 6th at the Fairview Sunset Room in South Fayette, same as the previous years. I hope we are all thinking of contributing a basket to our luncheon. This is what makes it such a success. Also we hope many of you can contribute a painted item for our door prizes. Tickets will be available at the January meeting.

The fall retreat is still a little ways off but we are busy making arrangements for our next one, we will update everyone as we get more information.

Town & Country displayed the project for their Spring Retreat, which is May 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th. You can get further information from their website.

The meeting was adjourned at around 12:15.

RETREAT

Editor's 2¢ worth Our 2025 Retreat does not have an official date yet. October was completely booked at Crestfield and they are trying to get us scheduled for the last week in September. As soon as we get confirmation, we will let you know. Here was some of our Halloween fun:



RETREAT (Con't)
Chairman – The Board



RETREAT (Con't)
Chairman – The Board



RETREAT (Con't)
Chairman – The Board



SERVICE
Chairman – William Habers

Editor's 2¢ worth: 9 boxes of biscuits and 180 jars filled with biscuits along with a container of marrow bone treats, a container of soft chews biscuits, and 6 cans of cat food was delivered to the Animal Friends on Camp Horne Road.



SERVICE (Cont'd)
Chairman – William Habers



SERVICE (Cont'd)
Chairman – William Habers



In addition to the treat jars, thanks to Karen Pagasky, we got the 50 or so Children's Backpacks filled with coloring books, scratch pads, pencils crayons and more as well as assorted stuffed toys delivered to Children's Hospital.

Just a reminder to everybody to bring back the following to the next meeting:

1. Painted backpacks taken home at the previous meeting.
2. Walker/tote bags taken home at the previous meetings.
3. A memory box taken home at prior meetings. If anybody has a medium to large box, you can donate them to be a memory box.
4. Shelter bags taken home at the previous meeting.
5. It's a new year, so don't forget glass jars with their lid on them for Rosemary. Labeled and unlabeled are acceptable. Also, any clean glass jar is acceptable for us. If we cannot use any, bring it and we will recycle it.

Editor's 2¢ worth: We are taking donations for items for these tote bags. We need socks and personal items like toothpaste and brushes, anything you can think of for those women in the Shelters.

TREASURER

Rosemary Habers

IMPORTANT: ALL checks written for classes, dues, the Basket Luncheon, Retreat or any Chapter activity **MUST** be written to GTDP not the Chairman of the activity or Teacher. Also, please keep all activities on separate checks. For example, if you want to pay for both a Chapter class and Basket Luncheon Tickets you need to write two separate checks. Each activity is deposited into separate accounts.

WAYS & MEANS

Chairman – Jeanne Delbusso

There was no Ways and Means raffles in November.

NOSTALGIA

In 1988 Marjorie Orlandini collected members favorite recipes and compiled a recipe book. The chapter charged \$6 for the book and sold every copy. Thanks to Gail Bodkin for copying some of the recipes so I could print a few in this and following Newsletters.

HAM BALLS

2 (4 ½ oz) cans deviled ham
3T chopped stuffed green onions
1 T prepared mustard
Tabasco sauce to taste
1 (3oz) package softened cream cheese
2 T milk

Combine cream cheese and milk and set aside. Combine rest of ingredients roll into a ball. Frost with cream cheese mixture. Chill. Remove from refrigerator 15 minutes before serving. Trim with parsley
Marjorie Orlandini

BLUEBERRY CRUNCH

1 package yellow cake mix
1 can (15oz) blueberry pie filling
1 t lemon juice
½ C nuts
½ C (1 stick) melted butter

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Spread pie filling on bottom of a 9-inch square pan. Sprinkle with lemon juice. Combine dry cake mix nuts and melted butter. Sprinkle over pie filling. Bake for 40 to 45 minutes.

Marjorie Orlandini

Reprinted from the Golden Platter a GTDP cookbook

SPECIAL NEWS



It is with the greatest of sorrow I must announce the passing of our Chapter's and my dear friend, Marjorie Orlandini. Margie was a very active member of our Chapter. Margie passed away on November 4, 2024.

Margie was part of the 1984 Program Committees that began the beginning of our current Programs. She taught classes at meetings, a beginner project on velvet in 1984, a watercolor in 1986, another painting on velveteen in oil in 1989 and Retreats in 1986, 1996 (Margie made a tape of the entertainment at the 1996 Retreat and sent it to National). Margie was Social Director in 1985, National Tole Week (Decorative Painting Month) Chairman in 1986, Ways and Means in 1987 and Retreat Chairman in 1990 and 1991 and Hospitality Chair in 2012 & 2013.

She began collecting recipes for a Chapter Cookbook, The Golden Platter and had it printed and sold at Chapter for \$6.00.

She also housed several National Teachers including Helen Roberts during her seminar, saving the chapter money.

Marjorie will be greatly missed but all her dedication will always be appreciated and remembered

BOARD RESPONSIBILITIES

President Leads the meeting and guarantees all Chairmen do their jobs, has paperwork audited at the end of the year and handles any questions/problems Chairmen may have.

1st VP (Program Chair) arranges everything related to classes such as booking Teachers including GTDP teachers and National Teachers and their requirements, arranging dates for classes, fee for classes, supplies needed etc.

2nd VP (Membership Chair) receives payment of dues, keeps a list of members and checks them in at meeting and produces the Membership Book.

Recording Secretary records the actions at each Chapter and Board Meetings, compiles a list of Motions adding all to all previous records.

Treasurer handles all moneys from 4 Bank accounts and 3 GTDP Accounts, submits a year-end report to National and files taxes at the end of the year.

Publicity Chairman finds newspapers or free flyer in the area that you know will publish GTDP's classes, Retreat or Basket Luncheon information.

Newsletter Editor publishes the Newsletter 6 times a year in the off months of the Meetings. They collect Information from each Chairman, publishes the minutes and any information of interest to members.

Ways and Means Chairman handles raffles every meeting soliciting items from the Membership for the table.

Corresponding Secretary sends cards to someone who is ill, in the hospital, lost a family member or thank you cards.

Historian keeps a record of actions at each meeting and any outside GTDP activities.

Hospitality handles the purchase of supplies needed for our pot luck luncheons such as utensils, plates, napkins, pop and table coverings; arranges catering for the January Meeting and Christmas Party and gives suggestions for what to bring the remaining Meetings.

Parliamentarian makes sure we follow Roberts Rules of Order.

Decorative Painting Month Chairman finds places to display art work in October.

Spring Basket Luncheon Chairman makes all arrangements for our Luncheon, choosing a date, meals, centerpieces, favors, door prizes and main raffle.

Service Chairman finds nonprofit groups or deserving organization that needs help other than monetary where we can use our painting skills for useful items to the individuals.

Nominating Chairman makes phone calls or speaks directly to people requesting people run for office.

BIRTHDAYS

JANUARY

01 Gail Bodkin
25 Ellen Belisle

FEBRUARY

04 Karen Pagasky
18 Mary Ann Dunbar
25 Marjorie Morris

MARCH

16 Dominique Nashed
17 Donetta Brunette
19 Pat Stepko
25 Laura Angelo

APRIL

03 Sharon Henson
11 Eileen Bogacz
15 Carol Keller
23 Dot Hoffman
27 Debbie Miller

MAY

08 Mary Ann Yurus
31 Rosemarie Geer

JUNE

08 Sandra Camarota
17 Rosemarie Lang
25 Rosalie Piccola
28 Linda Wyke

JULY

10 Jeanne Delbusso

AUGUST

02 Debbie Shillingburg
20 Val Vandenberghe
26 Dolores Khalouf

SEPTEMBER

05 Barb Leffler
16 Rosemary Habers
22 Cindie Martincic
25 Sharon Livingood
28 Rosann Wagner

OCTOBER

12 Pat Diettrich
26 Virg Simmons

NOVEMBER





02 Debra Valentino
09 Bill Habers
16 Monica Schallenberger
24 Ruby Dunlap
30 Rhonda Gillespie

DECEMBER

05 Amy Shelhamer
07 Paulette Caldwell
09 Pat Jenkins
13 Susan Jaap
23 Judy Shuba
30 Carol Neth

2024 BOARD MEMBERS

	E-V	President:	Laura Angelo	724-859-8206
	E-V	1 st VP/Program:	Rosann Wagner	412-889-5854
	E-V	2 nd VP/Membership:	Rhonda Gillespie	412-889-5854
	E-V	Recording Secretary:	Cindie Martincic	724-222-7449
	E-V	Treasurer:	Rosemary Habers	412-741-5158
	E-V	Ways and Means:	Jeanne Delbusso	724-215-9931
	E-V	Publicity:	Mary Ann Yurus	724-745-8337
	E-V	Newsletter Editor:	Rosemary Habers	412-741-5158
	E-V	Corresponding Secretary:	Bill Habers	412-741-5158
	A-V	Historian:	Dolores Khalouf	412-292-1254
	A-V	Hospitality:	Susan Japp	724-745-5873

	A-NV	Decorative Painting Month:	Rhonda Gillespie	412-889-5854
	A-NV	Nominating:		
	A-NV	Parliamentarian:	Rosann Wagner	412-889-5854
	A-NV	Service:	Bill Habers	412-741-5158
	A-NV	Spring Basket Luncheon:	Dolores Khalouf	412-292-1254

E – Elected **A** – Appointed **V** – Voting **NV** – Non-Voting

2025 Calendar of Events

January 19 Make-it/Take-its
March 16 Lynn Banting Watercolor
May 18 Gail Bodkin Watercolor
July 20 TBA
September 21 TBA
TBA GTDP's Annual Retreat
November 16 Christmas Party Elections

Meetings are held at the: I.O.O.F Hall
3684 Finleyville-Elrama Rd.
Finleyville, Pa. 15332

Unless stated otherwise painting classes start at 10:00a.m. Doors open one half hour before the class start time.

Visit the Chapters website at GTDP.org