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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Hope you all had fun at our annual Christmas Party. It was our first Bingo party and everyone seemed to be having fun. The food was delicious, Susan did a wonderful job organizing it all and thank you to those of you who made deserts, And, weren't those little Gnome favors Bill gave everyone so cute. While I enjoyed the games, the best part of the day for me was seeing Mandy Steele again. I've missed her at our meetings.

Our yearly Elections are over and your new Board is ready to begin its duties January 1st.

Rosann has next year's teacher line-up all firmed up.. Full details will be presented at the January Meeting and in the February Newsletter.

Our annual Basket Luncheon will be held April 21, 2024 again at the Sunset Room at Fairview. Our theme for this year is Butterflies and Daisies. Start gathering item you can donate for door prizes too. Further information on The Basket Luncheon will be announced at the January Meeting.



Winter will soon be here

Thank you.

Rosemary Habers - 2023 Newsletter Editor

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Happy Holidays to everyone,

Do you believe we are at the end of another year. First, I want to thank everyone for your participation in all our events this last year. Our Basket Luncheon was a success as was our first retreat in our new venue. We have had a productive year. It was a privilege serving as your president. I know that Laura will be awesome as she has been in the past. We are lucky to have all the talented and giving members in this organization. I am looking forward to the upcoming year. I know there are so many wonderful classes and events coming up.

My wish is that you all have a warm and wonderful Christmas and a bright and loving New Year.

See you all next year,
Cindie

BASKET LUNCHEON

Chairman – Karen Pagasky

Editor's 2¢ worth: The basket luncheon will again be held at the Sunset Room at Fairview on April 21, 2024. This year's theme is "Butterflies & Daises". If you were given a centerpiece to paint please bring the finished piece and favors to the January Meeting or at the absolute latest the March Meeting.

Also if you can do a basket, please let Mary Ann Yurus know.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

Chairman – William Habers

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

Chairman – Susan Jaap

Editor's 2¢ worth: Our January Meeting is our Founders Day Celebration. .Pizza is planned and a cake. If you want to bring in treats for munching with our morning coffee, feel free to do so

MEMBERSHIP

Chairman – Rhonda Gillespie

Editor's 2¢ worth: Most Members paid their dues at the November Meeting. If you haven't paid yours yet, please see Rhonda at the January Meeting. Dues are still \$25.

PROGRAM

Chairman – Laura Angelo

Editor's 2¢ worth: Program does not have a class scheduled.

RECORDING SECRETARY

Golden Triangle Decorative Painters
Business Meeting
November 17, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 12:41 by 1st Vice president Laura Angelo in the absence of President Cindie Martincic.

Laura asked for any changes or additions to the newsletter and Bill Habers mentioned several misspelled names.

Program -Laura Angelo—No report . Rosann Wagner mentioned the following classes for the coming year. January—Service projects, March –Ellen Belisle—Patriotic Acrylic Sign, May—Two day oil seminar with Monica Schallenberger—Osprey, June –Mark Polomchak—Three day Watercolor Seminar, July—open, September—Rosemary Haber—Feather painting, November—Christmas Party.

Membership—Rhonda Gillespie—Dues are now due for the 2024 year. They are \$25. Rhonda reported we had 29 people present.

Newsletter—Rosemary Habers. December 1 is the newsletter deadline.

Historian Dolores Khalouf— Dolores purchased a beautiful digital picture frame and is starting to upload all of our pictures.

Service –Bill Habers—January is Service Month. Bill has several projects planned. Rhonda will take the memory boxes to St. Clair Hospital with baby blankets Ciara Sloneker is making.

Corresponding Secretary—Bill Habers—Bill mentioned several members who had been sent cards and asked if anyone was aware of a member needing a card.

Basket Luncheon—Dolores Khalouf—Theme for this year is Butterflies and Daisys. Date is April 21, 2024. Door prizes and centerpieces were passed out.

Retreat—scheduled for October 24,25,26,27,2024. Town and Country's Retreat is April 26, 27, 28, 29, 2024.

New Business— Mandy presented a silent auction for the membership to bid.
In January we will raffle off a Mark Polomchak painting donated by Laura Angelo.

Election of Officers—Rosann Wagner requested nominations from the floor for 2024 officers. None were presented. Mandy Steele made a motion to accept the slate of officers presented at the September meeting. Virg Simmons seconded the motion, and the membership voted unanimously to accept the motion.

Your 2024 officers are as follows:

President-Laura Angelo, 1st Vice President-Rosann Wagner, 2nd Vice President -Rhonda Gillespie, Secretary-Cindie Martincic, Treasurer—Rosemary Habers, Newsletter-Rosemary Habers, Hospitality-Susan Japp, Ways and Means –Jeanne Delbusso, Historian- Dolores Khalouf, Corresponding Secretary- Bill Habers. Various other positions are appointed by the President.

The meeting was adjourned and a beautiful Christmas party followed.
Respectfully submitted, Rosann Wagner, Secretary.

RETREAT

Editor's 2¢ worth: Our first Retreat since the Pandemic is over. I hope all of you who attended had a wonderful time. Those of you who couldn't attend this year I hope you can attend next year October 24 through 27, 2024

Just a reminder Town and Country's Retreat will be April 26th through the 28th, 2024. We are now able to satisfy our panting needs for Retreats every 6 months. Thought that worked out well.

SERVICE

Chairman – William Habers

Some painted backpacks came back at the November meeting for our 2023 service project. I will be filling up all painted bags and try to get them distributed. If anybody knows where we can take the bags, please tell me. Just a reminder to everybody to bring 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. 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 for you.

If anybody has any ideas what service project we can do for 2024, please pass the idea to me or any board member.

195 hand painted jars with biscuits, 4–8-pound boxes of biscuits a 10-pound box of biscuits a 35-pound bag of dog food and 3 cans of cat food was delivered to Animal Friends. They were so excited to receive this donation every year.

SERVICE (Cont'd)
Chairman – William Habers



TREASURER

Rosemary Habers

IMPORTANT: ALL checks written for classes, dues, the Basket Luncheon 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

Editor's 2¢ worth: There was a 50/50 Raffle at our Christmas Party.

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

13 Mandy Steele
16 Dominique Nashed
17 Donetta Brunette
19 Pat Stepko
25 Laura Angelo
27 Carol D'Abruzzo
28 Gerry Dille

APRIL

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

MAY

08 MaryAnn Yurus
31 Rosemarie Geer

JUNE

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

JULY

01 Marjorie Orlandini
10 Jennie Delbusso

AUGUST

02 Debbie Shillingburg
14 Linnea Ondick
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

2023 BOARD MEMBERS

	E-V	President:	Cindie Martincic	724-222-7449
	E-V	1 st VP/Program:	Laura Angelo	724-785-5592
	E-V	2 nd VP/Membership:	Rhonda Gillespie	724-941-0188
	E-V	Recording Secretary:	Rosann Wagner	724-745-4212
	E-V	Treasurer:	Rosemary Habers	412-741-5158
	E-V	Ways and Means:	Jeanne Delbusso	724-941-2415
	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:	Delores Khalouf	412-292-1254
	A-V	Hospitality:	Susan Japp	724-745-5873

	A-NV	Decorative Painting Month:	Rhonda Gillespie	724-941-0188
	A-NV	Nominating:		
	A-NV	Parliamentarian:	Mandy Steele	304-216-8683
	A-NV	Service:	Bill Habers	412-741-5158
	A-NV	Spring Basket Luncheon:	Karen Pagasky	724-947-5290

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

2023 Calendar of Events

January 21	Painting Service Projects	
March 17	Ellen Belisle	Patriotic Acrylic Sign,
April 21	Annual Basket Luncheon	
May 19	Monica Schallenberger	Osprey
June 21-23*	Mark Polomchak	Watercolor Seminar
July 21	Lynn Banting	
September 15	Rosemary Habers	Feather painting,
October 24 – 27	GTDP's Annual Retreat	
November 17	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

*Subject to change