

The Concourse Club of Palmerton



THE COURIER

THE PALMERTON CONCOURSE CLUB

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Two weeks ago, Morgan and I visited Maine - a bucket list item for me, for Morgan, a Christmas gift. On our first day, Sunday, we had a morning reservation to go to the summit of Cadillac Mountain. What spectacular views! After, we continued touring Acadia. Parking was difficult, if not impossible, at many of the stops. So many people. After spending the last year in various forms of isolation, it was an adjustment to be amongst the crowds. Quickly it became apparent that families were enjoying each other, and people were happy to be engaged. There was life in people's faces, and this was a sight that I sorely missed.

I have noticed this change around Palmerton as well. The community is anxious to regain some normalcy and get back to their pre-COVID life. Our Club is not any different. At Advisory Board, we have been planning this next year, and have a busy fall coming your way. Before our year even starts, we have plenty of volunteer activities available. This is a Bean Soup Sale year, and there will be an August opportunity to assist with the filling of the soup bags. In September we have the Art Show and the Ride Booth, both happening Festival weekend. Simultaneously running these endeavors requires many volunteers, and you really stepped up to the plate in 2019 and hope this year will be no different. We have also made the decision to move the Basket Spectacular to October 9th and in an effort to have time for the organizational process, we will kick off the club year with a September meeting! The Boscov Friends helping Friends Day fundraiser is going back to the original format, where \$5.00 tickets are sold, and the club gets to keep all \$5.00. This is an easy and very profitable fundraiser for us. Additionally, we will have the Holiday House Tour and the Christmas in the Park Bake sale. There is a lot to look forward to!

The Programs Committee has worked hard to put together an interesting and inspiring line-up of programs for our monthly gatherings. Highlights include a road trip to Radical Wine in Lehighton, a nutritionist to help us start the New Year on the right foot, and a Cinco de Mayo themed Anniversary Dinner to end the year! This is also a year where we elect and install new Officers. If you would like to become more involved, please contact a member of the Nominating Committee to be considered for an open position or any of the Department chair people to sign up for a committee. Every committee is welcoming new members!

In spite of the challenges, we all faced this past year, I would like to thank you for your patience and flexibility. We remain committed to our mission of service and are very excited to get back into this extraordinary community. We hope to see our members return to our in-person meetings and rebound from this very difficult year. I remain open to all of your suggestions and comments. Please feel free to contact me by phone (610.393.4625) or by email at cacc@ptd.net. Enjoy the remainder of your summer, maybe take in one or more of our Summer Concerts and if not before, I will see you in September!

Sincerely,

Carol

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE REPORT

Happy Summer Everyone! Boy, time together with family and friends has taken on a new meaning this summer. All the pictures and stories of gatherings, weddings and parties just really warms my heart. As Carol mentioned, we have been busy planning for the Basket Spectacular, now scheduled for October 9th! This is the perfect opportunity to think of baskets to match the season—Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas.. and all the gift ideas!

As the club's largest fundraiser, we are excited to try a new season, to get back in the swing of things, and to see everyone again soon. I'm thrilled to share that all the wonderful things you've come to expect with this event will be back again—the kitchen (thanks Amy Buck!) and bake sale (thanks Mary Smida!) and raffle of course. It's not too soon to sign up for kitchen items and with it being early Fall, we'll be expecting to see those amazing soup recipes this year! You can get a head start on basket donations, donations for items to the kitchen or bake sale or to volunteer via email at marcil@unitedwayglv.org or by calling or texting my mobile at 484-626-2116. Otherwise, look for several sign up opportunities and communication to come out later this summer. Until then, wishing you sunny days and lots of fun!

Marci Lesko

Chair, Ways and Means Committee

Concourse Club Programs for 2021-2022

Thursday, September 2, 2021

“Tunes with the Hat Lady”

Eileen Meiser

St John's Towamensing Lutheran Church 7:00 PM

Thursday, October 7, 2021

“Plant Exchange”

Bring your “extra” plants to trade.

St John's Towamensing Lutheran Church 7:00 PM

PS: Bring your baskets for the Basket Extravaganza!

Thursday, November 4, 2021

“Road Trip”

Wine trip with tastings and refreshments.

Radical Wine. 511 Mahoning Drive East, Lehighton 6:00 PM

Wednesday, December 1, 2022

“Potluck Christmas Dinner” and

“Voice Students from the PAHS Chorus and Drama Club”

Bring your favorite dish or dessert.

St John's Towamensing Lutheran Church 6:00 PM

Programs for 2021-2022, Continued

Thursday January 6, 2022

"Be Good to You"

Christine Mayernik, Nutritionist

St John's Towamensing Lutheran Church 7:00 PM

Thursday, February 3, 2022

"Crazy Mason Jar Lady" (craft)

Bring your Mason jar to be filled.

St John's Towamensing Lutheran Church 7:00 PM

Thursday, March 3, 2022

"Guiding Star Presentation"

St John's Towamensing Lutheran Church 7:00 PM

Thursday, April 7, 2022

**"Value, Benefits & Utility of
Native plants in the Landscape"**

Brandon Everett, Horticulturist at

The Edge of the Wood Plant Nursery, Orefield

St John's Towamensing Lutheran Church 7:00 PM

Thursday, May 5, 2022

"Anniversary Dinner celebrating Cinco de Mayo"

Blue Mountain Resort. 5:30 PM Cocktails, 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 2021-2022

September

Co-Chairs:
Lisa Green
Cindy Heimbach

Valerie Heimbach
 Kelly Guttman
 Debra Miller
 Connie Holland

October

Co-Chairs:
Carol Papay
Kathy Czap

Joanne Harris
 Marlene Greenwood
 Carol Ziegenfuss
 Nancy Costenbader

November

Co-Chairs:
Susan Steigerwalt
Debbie Lutz

Romaine Biege
 Mary Ann Ashner
 Carol Costenbader
 Barbara Davis

December

Co-Chairs:
Barbara Hafer-Prout
Susan Prout

Kathy Fallow
 Jane Farkas
 Megan Kovacs
 Joan Przasnyski
 Inge Foster

January

Co-Chairs:
Susan Choy
Joanne King

Marshelle George
 Lucinda Lesko
 Meredith Koons
 Sharon Minnich

February

Co-Chairs:
Marie Hahn
Michele Tegan

Mary McGowan
 Michele O'Neill
 Susan Lovejoy
 Rosie Ritter

March

Co-Chairs:
Becky Steigerwalt
Kathy Elliston

Marianne Smelas
 Vinita Horinko
 Joann Kerscmar
 Caron Fenstermacher

April

Co-Chairs:
Jennie Rose Serfass
Diane Huber

Patricia Kern
 Kristine George
 Christine Eckhart
 Susan Greene

May

Chair:
Joan Turko

Mary Beth Beers
 Honey Cyr
 Jane Borbe
 Elizabeth Leshock

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 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!**