THE COURIER

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2014 PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the 100th Anniversary of the Concourse Club! We are honored to count you as a member and are grateful for your willingness to serve the Palmerton area community.

As we cross the century mark in 2015, it is important to reflect on those who paved the way and the successes they achieved. There are many whose names and roles we may never know, yet their passion lives on in us today.

When the Concourse Club was formed in January 1915, America had 45 states and a proposal to give women the right to vote was rejected by the House of Representatives. (It would take another five years for the 19th Amendment to the Constitution to pass.) The first telephone call from New York to California was transmitted over the wire and Charlie Chaplin movies were all the rage. Babe Ruth hit his first career home run in 1915 and Germany's sinking of the Lusitania passenger ship contributed to America's entry into World War I. With the Great War underway, hemlines on ladies' dresses began to rise from full length to calf length in order to accommodate the changing roles of women in society and the need for more practicality in women's clothing. Palmerton was in its early stages, having been established in 1898 and officially incorporated in 1912.

What a difference 100 years makes! Yet, our mission to help others continues.

As we look forward to the upcoming club year, we hope that you'll join us at our meetings and activities. Over the summer, we've been working to create a variety of programs that will bring you out to our new meeting location in the social hall of St John's Towamensing Church, 2915 Fireline Rd, Palmerton. Additionally, we hope that you'll join us in our activities. Currently underway are plans for the Art Show, Bean Soup fundraiser, and Boscov's Days. Also, now forming is an 100th Anniversary committee to look at ideas on how to celebrate our landmark year. If you're interested in helping with one of these events or any other club activity, send an email to concourseclub@gmail.com or contact the committee chair as soon as possible.

On a personal note, I'm looking forward to my term as President. I'm in constant admiration of the quality of women that the Concourse Club attracts and am humbled to be at the helm for the next two years. We're going to do great things together.

Here's to the next century of Concourse Club!

Lisa

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE REPORT

We are looking forward to another successful year of raising funds for our club and to support our community. It will be a challenge to top last year's effort, but by working together and with everyone participating we know we can do just that!

First will be the **Art Show** at the Sacred Heart Church Hall in conjunction with the Palmerton Community Festival on Saturday and Sunday, September 6 and 7, with set up on Friday, September 5. Christine Eckhart and Diane Huber are this year's co-chairs. Tickets for the raffle are included in with The Courier. Please stop by to view the art and take chances on the raffle.

The **Bean Soup Sale** is co-chaired this year by Cindy Gasper and Amy Lalik. The "bags" are being filled. Now we need you to buy/sell them!

Next will be the **Boscov Days - "Friends Helping Friends"** event to be held on Tuesday, October 21. As Joan Turko always reminds us, this is 100% profit for the club. If each of us sold two $5.00 tickets we'd clear $1000! Tickets will be available soon. Call Joan Turko (610-826-2716) with any questions.

The **Basket Spectacular**, our major fundraiser, will be held on Saturday, April 11, 2015. Start planning your theme basket now to help assure we have a spectacular event.

We look forward to working with everyone!

Judy Borger and Marie Williams

Co-Chairs, Ways and Means Committee

Concourse Club Programs for 2014-2015

Thursday, October 2, 2014

Fashion Show

Come and see some of our Concourse Club members hit the runway! Our ladies will be modeling gorgeous fall fashions from Christopher and Banks, located on Cedar Crest Boulevard in Allentown. What a fashionable way to kick off our club year!

7:00 pm - St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Thursday, November 6, 2014

Bountiful Harvest

Autumn is in full swing and it's the perfect time for enjoying some wonderful food together. "Bountiful Harvest" is the theme for this year's potluck dinner and recipe exchange. Bring one of your favorite fall dishes to share along with some copies of the recipe. It will definitely be a tasty evening!

6:00 pm - St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Thursday, December 4, 2014

Christmas Dinner

Come and enjoy the spirit of Christmas as we celebrate with dinner and holiday music at Blue Shamrock Golf Club! A festive meal will be served followed by beautiful harp and flute music performed by Kathy Reder of Stroudsburg.

6:00 pm - Blue Shamrock Golf Club

Thursday, January 8, 2015

The decorations are down..... Now what??????

All of the holiday decor in our homes has been packed away until next December and maybe the house is looking a little bare. Not to worry! We will be getting plenty of ideas to help us out. Award winning interior designer Dolores Baker, of Decorating Den Interiors in Walnutport, will show us how to put some "sparkle" back into our homes.

7:00 pm - St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Thursday, February 5, 2015

Heart Healthy Cooking

Get your heart ready for some "good for you" food. Lyndsey Vaughn, a registered dietician with ShopRite in Brodheadsville, will demonstrate her techniques for heart healthy cooking.

7:00 pm - St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Programs for 2014-2015, Continued

Thursday, March 5, 2015

Easter Treats

Get your sweet tooth ready! It's going to be a very sweet month for the Concourse Club. Beverly Smith, of Bev's Cake and Candy in Fullerton, will be demonstrating how to make some delicious Easter confections and will also have some complimentary samples to take home.
Remember to bring your cookies for the nursing homes.
7:00 pm - St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Thursday, April 9, 2015

An Evening of Song

Folk music will be the highlight of our program for the evening. Tom Storm, of Jim Thorpe, will entertain us by performing a number of folk songs, many focusing on the local history of our Carbon County area.
7:00 pm - St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Thursday, May 7, 2015

100th Anniversary Dinner and Celebration

Join us in celebrating 100 years of Concourse Club history! More details to come.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICE CENTER

On behalf of Domestic Violence and myself I would like to express sincere appreciation to the members of Concourse Club for their loyal support. Our donations will continue to serve the abused and homeless women and their children of Carbon County.
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, 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 2014-2015

October

Co-Chairs:
Carol Papay
Lisa Green
Nancy Costenbader
Jean Fritzinger
Mary Ann Parsons
Barbara Snell
Kathy Hager
Joanne King
Carol Dickinson

November

Co-Chairs:
Cindy Heimbach
Joanne Harris
Valerie Heimbach
Marlene Greenwood
Gloria Gwiazdowski
Julie Evans
Honey Cyr
Nan Campton
Emily Bradbury
Mary Ann Ashner

December

Co-Chairs:
Susan Mullane
Roseann Heydt
Joanne Kercsmar
Dottie McGinnis
Terri Sheckler
Karen Kuhn

January

Co-Chairs:
Kit Hall
Susan Greene
Susan Steigerwalt
Vinita Horinko
Ann Behler
Barbara-Hafer Prout
Becky Christman
Mary Smida
Melissa Binder
Carol Curcio

February

Co-Chairs:
Marlyn Kissner
Amy Lalik
Kathy Czap
Lillian Jordan
Margaret Kuhet
Kathy Ahner
Peggy Shupp
Susan Olivia
Patricia Kern
Susan Debski

March

Co-Chairs:
Resa Hall
Cynthia Gasper
Kathy Elliston
Cass Chies
Fran Hallman
Lillian Strohl
Stacey Connell
Linda Adiletto
Kathy Fallow
Sherry Freund

April

Co-Chairs:
Brenda Wentz
Pat Seyford
Jane Farkas
Bonnie Correll
Gloria Ferko
Tricia Schaefer
Deanna Evans
Romaine Biege
Michelle O'Neill
Becky Steigerwalt

May

Chair:
Joan Turko
Mary Beth Beers
Anita Harry
Arleen Showak
Jeannine Siegmond
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 he Concourse Club time honored tradition and also using the silver set is a great way to be green!**