



THE COURIER

THE PALMERTON CONCOURSE CLUB

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I love Palmerton. I am a transplant to the area, but am thrilled to call Palmerton home.

Early in my marriage, Tony and I watched a PBS show touring Route 6 in upstate Pennsylvania. Our lives were crazy...but we managed to find a week to replicate the trip across the state. Somewhere in the middle, we stopped for a day or two in Wellsboro. I fell in love. Besides its picturesque scenery, the town was filled with a community spirit that is difficult to manufacture. Each storefront had a tribute to a local high school football player. It was Homecoming weekend, and the town was abuzz about the upcoming events. I remember commenting to Tony that this is where I want to live.

So our plan began. We were living in Bucks County, which is also quite beautiful, but was growing rapidly and on our street, a horse farm and local nursery had both been sold for housing developments. It was time to move. Wellsboro was too far to commute for our business, so we found a home just off the turnpike entrance on Beltzville Lake. At this point, I began spending time in Palmerton. I joined some clubs, I met some great people. Fifteen years later, the Leighton house no longer fit our needs, the story is typical – too much upkeep, too many steps and time to downsize. As we had sold our business a few years previously, Tony asked me if it was Wellsboro time. I had always envisioned my retirement in Wellsboro. It was the plan.

Life intervened. Tony's health was not great, and I had made a lot of friends here. Starting over again did not sound like a great option. I realized quickly that I had found in Palmerton everything that attracted me to Wellsboro. A community. Almost everyone here is involved in some shape or form. Palmerton is a gem. So with the help of many people, I lucked into a rancher on Columbia. Best move I made.

You should all be proud, it is people like you, involved in a club like the Concourse Club, that fashion the community feel that is so alive in Palmerton. This community has been a godsend to me on many levels the past couple years. I want to take a moment to thank all of you. I feel at home.

We have some really exciting events planned and look forward to the upcoming club year. Our Programs committee has been hard at work this summer to bring the club a variety of interesting and entertaining programs. Some highlights include a Concourse member talent show (don't worry, I am not going to sing!), a presentation on flapper fashion history, and a legal Q & A with our own Holly Heintzelman. We hope you will join us each month at St. John's and at our other activities throughout the year. Currently planning is ongoing for the Art Show in September, the Bean Soup fundraiser, and Boscov Days. This year will also include a Friday night Holiday House Tour on November 30th! This event is always a lot of fun. If you are interested in assisting to coordinate any of these activities, please contact the committee chair or send an email to concourseclub@gmail.com and we will get you involved!

In addition to these activities, I would love for the club to do another community service project. If anyone has any ideas that they think should be brought before the club, please feel free to contact me at any time. You can email me at cacc@ptd.net or call me at 610-393-4625. This is my cell phone, so texting works as well.

I am honored to serve as the Concourse Club President. This organization is filled with so many talented and giving individuals. I know I have big shoes to fill in all those who have served before me, and look forward to the challenge and hope that together, we can keep that community spirit alive and well here in our hometown.

Sincerely,

Carol

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE REPORT

Thank you for another very successful year of fundraising! Again, we were able to support many local community non-profit organizations. The many thank you letters we receive demonstrate how much our fundraising efforts are appreciated. We had a very successful Art Show, Friends Helping Friends (Boscov's Day), bake sale at Christmas in the Park and Spring Basket Spectacular. These events are only successful because of the dedicated support of all of you. We thank everyone for helping! We have a number of events to look forward to over the upcoming club year.

This is the year for the **Bean Soup Sale** and it will be co-chaired again by Cindy Gasper and Amy Lalik. More details will be coming soon.

The **Art Show** at the Sacred Heart Church Hall in conjunction with the Palmerton Community Festival is on Saturday and Sunday, September 8 and 9, with set-up on Friday, September 7. Pat Kern and Kristine George are co-chairs of the event. Each member will receive raffle tickets that will be included in the mailing with the Courier Newsletter and new booklet. Please support the event by stopping by to view the art and take chances on the raffle.

The **Boscov Days - "Friends Helping Friends"** event is on Tuesday, October 16. Joan Turko has graciously agreed to chair the event again this year. You'll hear more soon about the availability of tickets. Remember 100% of each \$5.00 ticket sold goes to our club!

Christmas in the Park is Saturday, December 1st and we'll be having our **Bake Sale** again. Mary Smida will chair so expect a call from her asking you to bake. And this is the year for the **Christmas House Tours**, which will happen on the evening of November 30. You'll hear more later about that.

The **Basket Spectacular** will be held on Saturday, April 6, 2019. Please start planning now for your theme basket. Seasonal sales are a good time to gather goodies for a basket. Remember baskets should be valued at least \$35 and you can do a basket on your own or join up with a friend or friends. We'll start sign-up at our January meeting. We're looking forward to another spectacularly successful event.

We look forward to working with everyone this upcoming club year!

Judy Borger and Carol Papay

Co-Chairs, Ways and Means Committee

Concourse Club Programs for 2018-2019

Thursday, October 4, 2018 Pot Luck & Recipe Swap

Do you have a favorite ethnic or family dish you want to share? Bring the dish as well as a few copies of the recipe and come ready to eat at Concourse Club's classic "Pot Luck".

Hostesses.....Susan Prout & Barbara Hafer-Prout - St. John's Evang. Lutheran Church....6:00 PM

Thursday, November 1, 2018 Fabulous Flappers from the Roaring 20's with Ellie Laubner - Open Meeting- Invite your friends!

Don't miss this engaging show featuring Ellie Laubner and pieces from her amazing Fabulous Flapper collection!

Join us for a roaring good time!

Hostesses...Susan Steigerwalt & Marianne Smelas - St. John's Evang. Lutheran Church....7:00 PM

Thursday, December 6, 2018 Sounds of the Season

Make time for some "Fa-la-la" with the Concourse Club as we enjoy the sounds of the holiday season surrounded by the beautiful decked-out setting of St. John's sanctuary.

Hostesses...Pamela Snyder & Meredith Koons - St. John's Evang. Lutheran Church....7:00 PM

Thursday, January 3, 2019 Talent Show Concourse Club Members

You know you've got it- now, it's time to flaunt it! We want to hear your jokes, songs, poems, instruments, & more! Sign up by December's meeting.

Hostesses.....Susan Choy & Becky Steigerwalt - St. John's Evang. Lutheran Church....7:00 PM

Programs for 2018-2019, Continued

Thursday, February 7, 2019 Answers to Your Legal Questions - Attorney Holly Heintzelman
Our very own Holly Heintzelman brings her legal savvy to the club to discuss your general legal questions. Submit your suggestion(s) for Holly by our January meeting.
Hostesses.....Sherry Freund & Diane Huber - St. John's Evang. Lutheran Church....7:00 PM

**Thursday, March 7, 2019 Fashion Show by Boscov's
Open Meeting- Invite your friends!**
Put your best fashion foot forward as we take a look at the latest spring/summer fashions. Want to take a turn on the runway? We're looking for 5 club members to volunteer as models.
Hostesses.....Susan Mullane & Lisa Green - St. John's Evang. Lutheran Church....7:00 PM

**Thursday, April 4, 2019 Garden Art: Making a Kokedama
With Jann Eline, Hickory Grove Greenhouses**
Learn about a style of Japanese bonsai called Kokedama. Jann will demonstrate how to make this interesting, living art form and one lucky winner will walk away with the evening's creation!
Hostesses.....Cindy Heimbach & Vinita Horinko - St. John's Evang. Lutheran Church....7:00 PM

**Thursday, May 2, 2019 Anniversary Dinner
With Parkland High School's Strolling Strings**
Celebrate the Concourse Club's 104th Anniversary at Blue Mountain Resort! The talented students of Parkland's Strolling Strings ensemble will provide the evening's entertainment.
Hostess.....Joan Turko - Blue Mountain Resort....Time To Be Announced

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 CONTINUE TO COLLECT USED CELL PHONES AND RELATED ACCESSORIES.

Hospitality Committees for 2018-2019

October

Co-Chairs:

Susan Prout
Barbara Hafer-Prout
 Marie Hahn
 Michelle Tegan
 Emily Bradbury
 Donna Horn
 Jane Farkas
 Carol Dickinson

November

Co-Chairs:

Susan Steigerwalt
Marianne Smelas
 Susan Greene
 Cindy Gasper
 Amy Lalik Buck
 Dianne Evans
 Carol Meixell
 Joann Keresmar

December

Co-Chairs:

Pam Snyder
Meredith Koons
 Laura Curcio
 Carol Ziegenfuss
 Debbie Miller
 Brenda Kraftician
 Nancy Costenbader
 Dottie McGinnis
 Mary McGowan
 Barb Missel

January

Co-Chairs:

Susan Choy
Becky Steigerwalt
 Marge Porambo
 Karen Whisel
 Ann Behler
 Christine Wentz
 Mary Ann Ashner
 Gwen Ebbert

February

Co-Chairs:

Sherry Freund
Diane Huber
 Kristine George
 Patricia Kern
 Julie Evans
 Jean Fritzingler
 Caron Fenstermacher
 Michele O'Neill

March

Co-Chairs:

Susan Mullane
Lisa Green
 Gloria Gwiazdowski
 Susan Olivia
 Kathy Fallow
 Paula Zelienka
 Paula Fritzingler
 Tricia Schaefer

April

Co-Chairs:

Cindy Heimbach
Vinita Horinko
 Melissa Moyer
 Marj Federanich
 Valerie Heimbach
 Joanne King
 Jan Bauer
 Mary Ann Parsons

May

Chair:

Joan Turko
 Mary Beth Beers
 Honey Cyr
 Jane Borbe
 Jeannine Siegmond

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 the Concourse Club time honored tradition and also using the silver set is a great way to be green!