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We had a wonderful time at our annual Basket Lunch.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Hope you all had a wonderful Easter. Try not to eat all the chocolate at once. (I know that's hard} 🤔

Thank all of you who came to the March Meeting and painted door prizes for our basket luncheon. Some also painted walker bags for Veterans. This is such a worthwhile project I hope everyone participates in the project.

Our May meeting will have National Teacher David Bailey teaching 2 watercolor projects. Further information can be found under Program.

Your 2026 Membership Book is available at the registration desk.

Hope those of you who attended the April Basket Luncheon had a great time. I know my family and I sure did. We always have such fun.

Thank you.
Rosemary

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

You know what? Let's eliminate the President address. I like your whole lead in to the newsletter and this is your baby anyway. Enjoy Laura

Editor's 2¢ worth: Thanks for the compliment, Laura.

I'll Need something to fill this space in future newsletters so give me ideas:

I found this in a magazine.

This is something that happened in an assisted living center. The people who lived there had small apartments but they all ate at a central cafeteria. One morning one of the residents didn't show up for breakfast so my wife went upstairs and knocked on his door to see if everything was OK. She could hear him through the door and he said that he was running late and would be down shortly, so she went back to the dining area.

An hour later he still hadn't arrived, so she went back up towards his room but found him on the stairs. He was coming down the stairs but was having a hard time. He had a death grip on the hand rail and seemed to be having trouble getting his legs to work right. She told him she was going to call an ambulance but he told her no, he wasn't in any pain and just wanted to have his breakfast. So, she helped him the rest of the way down the stairs and he had his breakfast. When he tried to return to his room, he was completely unable to get up even the first step so she called an ambulance for him.

A couple of hours later she called the hospital to see how he was doing. The receptionist there said he was fine, he just had both of his legs in one side of his boxer shorts,

Hope this doesn't sound familiar to you 😊

BASKET LUNCHEON

Chairman – Karen Pagasky
Sharon Livingood

Editor's 2¢ worth: Our 2026 Basket Luncheon was on April 12, 2026. The theme was "Tea Time".

This year Karen and Sharon had some wonderful items available for the raffles and everyone got a door prize. It's not too early to think about next years Luncheon so while you're doing your spring cleaning if there is a painted piece you no longer want, please set it aside for the 2027 Luncheon. We'll announce who to bring it to later. It's also not too early to think about doing a basket either. If you know your basket theme now you can paint or pick up items for it when you're out shopping and before you know it Voila you're done with no stress. If you have an idea for a theme for the Luncheon let a board member know.

We had Beautiful table decorations.



BASKET LUNCHEON (Cont'd)

Chairman – Karen Pagasky

Sharon Livingood

Great door prizes



And Raffles



CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

Chairman – Laura Angelo

No Report

DECORATIVE PAINTING MONTH

Chairman – Rhonda Gillespie

No Report.

HOSPITALITY

Chairman –

Editor's 2¢ worth:

No one has volunteered to be Hospitality Chairman so we have put a sign-up sheet for people to volunteer to handle hospitality duties at the table last meeting, where you can volunteer to take over the duties of hospitality for one or more meetings. Even if there are already someone signed up for that month, they can always use more help so please sign up anyway. More help always makes the job easier, Responsibilities would be to put on the tablecloths, get the coffee pots from storage and make the coffee, put out plates and utensils arrange the pot luck foods brought and clean up and put away the coffee pots. It sounds like a lot of work but with multiple people working it goes easily and quickly. Thank you.

MEMBERSHIP

Chairman – Rhonda Gillespie

Editor's 2¢ worth: If you did not pick up your Membership Books at the March meeting they will be available at the May Meeting.

PROGRAM

Chairman – Sharon Livingood

May 16-17 David Bailey

Saturday May 16 - Highlander Cow



Sunday May 17 - Daisy Barn



The estimated price for these classes is \$60 each. The doors will open at 9:00 A.M. and class starts at 10 A.M. Lunch will be served.

PROGRAM (Cont'd)
Chairman – Sharon Livingood

Editor's 2¢ worth: Our July 19th Meeting is a "Welcome to GTDP" meeting. We will be advertising for new people who want to learn decorative painting to come to our meeting and learn to paint. We will be having multiple teachers showing the beginners the fundamentals of decorative painting so tell your friends all about it. Small surfaces and paints will be supplied free to guests and hot dogs and picnic foods will be provided.

At the September 27th meeting, Laura Angelo will be teaching an acrylic class.

If you would like to teach a class or have a teacher you would like to have come to our Chapter, let Sharon know and together you can work out a day.

RECORDING SECRETARY
Rosann Wagner
Golden Triangle Decorative Painters
Business Meeting
March 15, 2026

President Laura Angelo called the meeting to order at 1:03 P.M. and welcomed the members.

1st VP-Programs--Sharon Livingood—There was discussion on David Bailey's classes May 16-17. Check the newsletter for updates on the classes. It was decided that the fee for the classes would be \$65/ day. Rosemary will send out an e-mail for members to vote on the projects they prefer.

2nd Vice President--Rhonda Gillispie—Rhonda counted 21 people present and passed out the membership booklet.

Treasurer--- Rosemary Habers--the Treasurer's Report was presented and will be put on file pending the audit.

Recording Secretary--Rosann Wagner—A motion by Rhonda Gillespie and second by Paulette Caldwell was passed to accept the minutes of the previous meeting as published in the newsletter .

Ways and Means--Carrie Pizer--Carrie reported the Ways and Means table brought in \$112 and the 50/50 brought in \$32.

Publicity--Mary Ann Yurus--Various publications were notified of our meetings and activities.

Newsletter---Rosemary Habers. Newsletter deadline is April 3, 2026.

Corresponding Secretary--Laura Angelo-- Cards have been sent to Barb Leffler and Ellen Belisle.

Historian--Dolores Khalouf--no report

Hospitality--Dolores Khalouf and Sharon Livingood will host the May Meeting.

Service--Jeanne Delbusso--Feedback on the walker bags and totes from the Veterans was positive and greatly appreciated.

Basket Luncheon--Karen Pagasky and Sharon Livingood—Ticket prices are \$20 for 26 tickets and we have approximately 24 baskets to raffle as well as several large raffle items. There was a discussion on prize presentation in order to make the distribution go faster.

Retreat--Laura Angelo and Carrie Pizer--Carrie explained the various activities for "Welcome to the GTDP County Fair: The retreat will be held October 22-26, 2026 at the Crestview Conference and Camping Center in Slippery Rock Pa.

Unfinished Business--Laura mentioned we will be having an Open House at our July meeting. Surfaces were presented as well as a pattern chosen for the event.

New Business--none

Bill Habers presented a motion to adjourn the meeting, Rosemary Habers second, meeting adjourned at 2:02 p.m.

Retreat

Chairman – Carrie Pizer
Laura Angelo

Editor's 2¢ worth Our 2026 Retreat has an official date October 22 through 25. Our Theme is "The GTDP County Fair." It will again be at Crestfield Conference Center. Additional information will be in future newsletters. Carrie is asking members for gingham, old blue jeans, and flannel material.

SERVICE

Chairman – Jeanne Delbuso

Editor's 2¢ worth Jeanne got back the walker bags and tote bags she handed out in January. They were all beautiful. She will have more at the May meeting. Walker bags are meant for our Veterans and the tote bags are for the woman's shelter. Both are such worthy causes if you can paint one know how much they mean to the recipients.

Thank you to those who painted.



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 – Carrie Pizer

50/50 Raffle

Won by Laura Angelo

BOARD RESPONSIBILITIES

President: Leads the meeting and ensures all Chairs 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: Manages all monies from 4 Bank accounts, submits a year-end report, files taxes at the end of the year.

Publicity Chair: Finds newspapers or free flyers 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 Chair, publishes the minutes and any information of interest to members.

Ways and Means Chair: 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: Oversees the purchase of supplies needed for our potluck 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 Chair: Finds places to display artwork in October.

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

Service Chair: 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 Chair: 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
25 Marjorie Morris

MARCH

17 Donetta Brunette
19 Pat Stepko
25 Laura Angelo

APRIL

11 Eileen Bogacz
11 Grace McCord
15 Carol Keller
23 Dot Hoffman
27 Debbie Miller

MAY

06 Connie McCord
08 Mary Ann Yurus
18 Stephany Perne
31 Rosemarie Geer

JUNE

08 Sandra Camarota
17 Rosemarie Lang
25 Rosalie Piccola
29 Wendy Cornman

JULY

01 Carrie Pizer
10 Jeanne Delbusso

AUGUST

22 Lisa Deily
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

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

DECEMBER

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

There are several new members whose Birthdays I don't have yet. If your name is not listed above, please see me at a meeting or email me with the month and day.

Thank you,
Rosemary

2026 BOARD MEMBERS

	E-V	President:	Laura Angelo	724-859-8206
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	E-V	Recording Secretary:	Rosann Wagner	412-745-4212
	E-V	Treasurer:	Rosemary Habers	412-741-5158
	E-V	Ways and Means:	Carrie Pizer	724-599-2063
	E-V	Publicity:	Mary Ann Yurus	724-745-8337
	E-V	Newsletter Editor:	Rosemary Habers	412-741-5158
	E-V	Corresponding Secretary:	Laura Angelo	724-859-8206
	A-V	Historian:	Dolores Khalouf	412-292-1254

	A-V	Hospitality:	Open	
	A-NV	Decorative Painting Month:	Rhonda Gillespie	412-889-5854
	A-NV	Nominating:	Open	
	A-NV	Parliamentarian:	Rosann Wagner	412-745-4212
	A-NV	Service:	Jeanne Delbusso	724-215-9931
 	A-NV	Spring Basket Luncheon:	Karen Pagasky Sharon Livingood	724-947-5290 724-398-8419
 		Retreat:	Carrie Pizer Laura Angelo	724-599-2063 724-859-8206

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

2026 Calendar of Events

May 16-17	David Bailey	Watercolor Painting Highlander Cow Daisy Barn
July 19	Open House, Trunk Sale	
September 27	Laura Angelo	Acrylic Painting
November 15	Elections, Christmas Party	

Meetings are being 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.