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Merry Christmas Everyone

NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Merry Christmas everyone. I hope your holiday will be wonderful and blessed. And have a Happy New Year.

Hope you enjoyed our annual Christmas party. The food was delicious and lots of it. Games were played and prizes were won. Thank those of you who provide them There was also a bring one get 1 gift exchange, Karen and Sharon did a wonderful job. Thank you so much, you two are so talented and giving.

Elections were held and we got some new members on the Board. They will officially take office January 1, 2026. If you have any suggestion or questions, feel free to approach any of us. It's your Chapter, let us know what you want and how you feel.

We will be painting walker bags at the January meeting. Laura will have some patterns and paint.

January is our Founders month. The Chapter will be supplying pizza and cake. (you can still bring additional desserts). We only have three founding members surviving, Gail Bodkin, Sandra Camarota and Pat Stepko. If you see any of them let them know how much you appreciate them.

Thank you.
Rosemary

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Merry Christmas to all! My wish for you is for you to have the happiest new year that is just around the corner! Another year has come and gone, and I hope you were able to attend the November meeting and Christmas party. Everything was special. From the decorations and door prizes to the catering and all the guests in attendance, every aspect was thoughtfully arranged. A huge shoutout of love and gratitude for all of you that contributed to that day.

Elections have come and gone, and I am looking forward to the new year with some of the new members that have stepped up and offered to keep promoting this love of painting! I hope to see all of you at the January meeting. We are going to need some help painting some tote bags for the veterans and we will be celebrating our Founder's Day meeting.

Happy New Year to all of you! Enjoy spending some time with family and friends. Laura

BASKET LUNCHEON

Chairman – Karen Pagasky and Sharon Livingood

Editor's 2¢ worth: Our 2026 Basket Luncheon will be on April 12, 2026. This year's theme will be "Tea Time".

Karen gave the centerpieces and favors out to be painted at the September Meeting. If you took one to paint, please get it to her at the January meeting. Also, Karen needs the favors at the January meeting so she can glue clothespin on the back so Please, Please, Please. Please get them to her at the January meeting. You might also start thinking of making a basket and any door or raffle prizes you can donate. Our Basket Luncheon is our only fund raiser and it helps to fund our Service projects.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

Chairman – William Habers

If there is anybody you think needs a card for any reason, feel free to let us know and we will get one out as soon as we can.

DECORATIVE PAINTING MONTH

Chairman – Rhonda Gillespie

No Report.

HOSPITALITY

Chairman – Rosemarie Geer

Editor's 2¢ worth: January is our Founders Day meeting. Pizza and a cake will be provided by the Chapter.(you can still bring additional desserts 🍞).

MEMBERSHIP

Chairman – Rhonda Gillespie

Editor's 2¢ worth: We will begin collecting dues for 2026 at the November meeting. Dues are still \$25.

PROGRAM

Chairman – Monica Schallenberger

A listing of upcoming classes will be announced at the January Meeting.

Editor's 2¢ worth: 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
Cindie Martincic
Golden Triangle Decorative Painters
Business Meeting
November 16, 2025

President Laura Angelo called the meeting to order at 1:22 p.m.

The minutes from the previous meeting , published in the newsletter were discussed and Bill Habers mentions some misspelling, then accepted as printed.

Laura thanked Sharon Livingood and Karen Pagasky for chairing the Christmas Party. She commented that everything was beautiful and it was nice to have good help.

1st Vice President— Monica Schallenberger , Absent. Laura said the 2026 dates have been secured and all meetings will be held the third Sunday of every other month beginning in January, the September meeting will be September 27 to accommodate those wishing to attend the Covered Bridge Festival. David Bailey will teach classes in May, projects to be determined later. Cost and payment were tabled until the new budget is passed. January will be a service project to benefit our veterans. Members are asked to bring patriotic patterns. An Open House is being discussed for July , more info to follow. Carrie Pizer discussed TCDP'S Open House and what worked for them.

2nd Vice President— Rhonda Gillespie , members dues for 2026 were collected.27 people were in attendance and we welcomed new member Stephanie Perni

The election of 2026 officers were held.

The following was presented to the membership for a vote:

President— Laura Angelo and Bill Habers who was nominated by Gail Bodkin (Monica Shallenberger has rescinded her nomination)

1st Vice President — (Program Chairman) Sharon Livingood

2n Vice President— (Membership) Rhonda Gillespie

Treasurer — Rosemary Habers

Ways and Means — Carrie Pizer

Newsletter Editor — Rosemary Habers

Recording Secretary — Rhonda Gillespie nominated Rosann Wagner

Publicity — Mary Ann Yurus

Corresponding Secretary — Bill Habers, Laura Angelo was nominated by herself.

Marjorie Morris was asked to count the ballots and your 2026 officers are as follows:

President— Laura Angelo

1st Vice President—Sharon Livingood

2nd Vice President—Rhonda Gillespie

Recording Secretary—Rosann Wagner

Treasurer—Rosemary Habers

Ways and Means—Carrie Pizer

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Newsletter Editor—Rosemary Habers

Corresponding Secretary—Laura Angelo

Recording Secretary — Cindi Martincic, no report

Treasurer — Rosemary Habers gave the treasurer's report and it will be put on file pending the audit.

Publicity — Mary Ann Yurus, no report.

Rhonda Gillespie made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:25 and second by Cindie Martincic.

Respectfully submitted, Rosann Wagner.

SERVICE

Chairman – Jeanne Delbuso

Editor's 2¢ worth: If you have a service project in mind, please let one of the Board Members know. Thanks.

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 AND MEANS

Chairman – William Habers

The wooden plate with fruit painted on that was painted and donated by Laura Angelo has been raffled off at the November meeting. The winning ticket was pulled at the Christmas Party/November Meeting and Donetta Brunett from West Virginia.

Due to the Christmas Party there were no meeting raffles. However, Ruby Dunlap won the 50/50 raffle.

If anybody has anything painted or not painted, please donate them to the Ways and Means for us to raffle off.

SPECIAL NEWS
2025 Christmas Party

We had a wonderful, fun Christmas Party



SPECIAL NEWS

Christmas Party (Cont'd)



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
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
28 Linda Wyke

JULY

01 Carrie Pizer
10 Jeanne Delbusso

AUGUST

26 Dolores Khalouf

SEPTEMBER

05 Barb Leffler
16 Rosemary Habers
22 Cindie Martincic
25 Sharon Livingood
28 Rosann Wagner

OCTOBER

12 Pat Dietrich
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 come see me at a meeting or email me with the month and day.

Thank you,
Rosemary

2025 BOARD MEMBERS

	E-V	President:	Laura Angelo	724-859-8206
	E-V	1 st VP/Program:	Monica Schallenberger	412-337-2063
	E-V	2 nd VP/Membership:	Rhonda Gillespie	412-889-5854
	E-V	Recording Secretary:	Cindie Martincic	724-222-7449
	E-V	Treasurer:	Rosemary Habers	412-741-5158
	E-V	Ways and Means:	William Habers	412-741-5158
	E-V	Publicity:	Mary Ann Yurus	724-745-8337
	E-V	Newsletter Editor:	Rosemary Habers	412-741-5158
	E-V	Corresponding Secretary:	William Habers	412-741-5158
	A-V	Historian:	Dolores Khalouf	412-292-1254

	A-V	Hospitality:	Rosemarie Geer	412-260-8364
	A-NV	Decorative Painting Month:	Rhonda Gillespie	412-889-5854
	A-NV	Nominating:		
	A-NV	Parliamentarian:	Rosann Wagner	412-745-4212
	A-NV	Service:	Jeanne Delbusso	724-215-9931
	A-NV	Spring Basket Luncheon:	Dolores Khalouf	412-292-1254

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

2026 Calendar of Events

January 18

Service Project

Painting

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.