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We celebrated the founding of our Chapter at the January Meeting.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR

BURRRRRRRRRRRR sure has been cold lately. I hope all of you stayed home and warm. We had about 10 inches of snow in our area but several people I talked to have had it up to 20.

Thanks to all of you who came to the January Meeting and painted walker bags. 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 will be available at the registration desk. If you have any changes, please contact me by March 1. Thanks.

Hope you are all looking forward to the April Basket Luncheon. We always have such fun. This year Karen and Sharon will have some wonderful items available for the raffles. If you already have your tickets, PLEASE make your payment to Laura at the next meeting or if you will not be able to attend, please send Laura your check. There is so much to do, having to collect money at the Luncheon can be overwhelming for Laura.

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:

My forgetter's getting better
But my rememberer is broke
to you that may seem funny
but, to me, that is no joke
For when I'm "here" I'm wondering
If I really should be "there"
And, when I try to think it through,
I haven't got a prayer!
Oft times I walk into a room,
Say "what am I here for?"
I wrack my brain, but all in vain
A zero is my score.
At times I put something away
Where it is safe, but Gee!
The person it is safest from
Is, generally, me!
When shopping I may see someone,
Say "Hi" and have a chat,
Then, when the person walks away
I ask myself, "who's that?"
Yes, my forgetter's getting better
While my rememberer is broke,
And it's driving me plumb crazy
And that isn't any joke.
author, I forgot my name

BASKET LUNCHEON

Chairman – Karen Pagasky
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, and didn't bring it to the January Meeting please get it to her along with the favors at the March meeting so she can glue clothespin on the back so Please, Please, Please. Please bring them to her at the March meeting. There will be some surfaces, patterns, and paint at the March meeting for you to paint door prizes. We would love to have one for every attendee.

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 – Laura Angelo

No Report.

DECORATIVE PAINTING MONTH

Chairman – Rhonda Gillespie

No Report.

HOSPITALITY

Chairman – Open

Editor's 2¢ worth: For the March meeting Karen Pagasky and Sharon Livingood will be handling Hospitality. They will be bringing kielbasa, sauerkraut and perogies, Additional sides would be appreciated so bring your favorite side (you can still bring desserts 🍩).

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 is already someone who 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: We will begin collecting dues for 2026 at the November meeting. Dues are still \$25.

PROGRAM

Chairman – Sharon Livingood

March15	Stephanie Perne	Acrylic Painting
July19	Open House Project	Acrylic Painting
September 27	Laura Angelo	Acrylic Painting

Editor's 2¢ worth: The exact painting class projects to be taught for the above were not available at press time. If a class for the March 15 meeting is determine in time, we hope to have information emailed to everyone.

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.

PROGRAM (Cont'd)
Chairman – Sharon Livingood

May 16-17 David Bailey

Highlander Cow



3 Bears



The estimated price for these classes is \$60 each. The Board still needs to get information on any possible additional expenses so a final price will be given at the March meeting.

RECORDING SECRETARY
Roseann Wagner
Golden Triangle Decorative Painters
Business Meeting
January 18, 2026

President–Laura Angelo

Laura called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m.

She thanks all for attending the meeting. The budget was presented for their review before a vote was taken.

1st Vice president–Sharon Livingood

The following schedule was presented for the year.

March–Stephanie Perne will teach an acrylic class. Surfaces will be available to paint for the Basket Luncheon.

May–David Bailey will teach a two-day watercolor seminar. More information will follow.

July–An Open House will be held to attract new members.

September–Laura Angelo will teach an acrylic class. Note there is a change to the date for September Meeting , the meeting will be held on September 27, 2026.

November–Christmas Party. Karen Pagasky passed out flyers to promote our chapter.

2nd Vice President–Rhonda Gillespie

Rhonda introduced a new member, Grace McCord. We had 18 people present. She reminded members to make sure their information was correct in the booklet. The new booklet will be available at the March meeting.

Recording Secretary–Rosann Wagner

No Report

Treasurer–Rosemary Habers

Rosemary presented the report. It will be put on file pending the audit.

Ways and Means–Carrie Pizer

Carrie presented 10 items for the Ways and Means raffle raising \$73.

The 50/50 paid out \$27.

Publicity–Mary Ann Yurus

No Report

Newsletter Editor–Rosemary Habers

The deadline for the Newsletter is February 6th.

Corresponding Secretary–Laura Angelo

Cards will be sent to Mary Ann Yurus, Ellen Belise, and Sandra Camarota.

Historian– Dolores Khalouf

No report. The digital frame is always available for viewing.

Hospitality–

Sign-up sheets were available for each meeting.

Service–Jeanne Delbusso

Tote bags were distributed and painted for the Veterans and the Women’s Shelter. Rhonda has some memory boxes to give to the Women’s Shelter.

Basket Luncheon—Karen Pagasky and Sharon Livingood

The Basket Luncheon is April 12, 2026 at the Fairview Firehall, Sunset Room, in Bridgeville. Doors open at noon. If members are not taking the March class, surfaces will be available to paint for door prizes.

Fall Retreat—Carrie Pizer and Laura Angelo

The theme is “GTDP County Fair”. Carrie has many exciting ideas for the retreat. More information will follow. She is asking for gingham, old blue jeans, and flannel material.

Old business:

Bill Habers made a motion to accept the budget for 2026 and Cindie Martincic second. Members voted to accept the budget, motion carried.

New business:

None

Susan Japp made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Cindie Martincic seconded, meeting was adjourned at 2:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Rosann Wagner, Recording Secretary

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 We painted walker bags at the last meeting. Thank you. If you took some home to paint please bring them back to the next meeting.



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

*Turtles Donated by Wendy Cornman
Won by: Dolores Khalouf*

*Bunny/carrot Donated by: Carrie Pizer
Won by: Jeanne Delbusso*

*Hop into Spring Donated by: Carrie Pizer
Won by Rosann Wagner*

*Diets are Hard Donated by:
Won by Carrie Pizer*

*Stinking Cute Donated by:
Won by Jeanne Delbusso*

*Hop Donated by: Carrie Pizer
Won by Dolores Khalouf*

*Love is in the Air Donated by: Carrie Pizer
Won by Karen Pagasky*

*Sherry Nelson Butterflies Donated by: Carrie Pizer
Won by Rosemarie Geer*

*Polomchak painting Donated by: Carrie Pizer
Won by Rosemarie Geer*

*Lynne Banting Arches Supplies Donated by: Wendy Cornman
Won by Laura Angelo*

*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

26 Dolores Khalouf
22 Lisa Deily

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

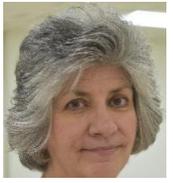
07 Paulette Caldwell
09 Pat Jenkins
13 Susan Jaap
23 Judy Shuba
30 Carol Neth

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

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May 16-17	David Bailey	Watercolor Painting Highlander Cow 3 Bears
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.