



AHCL NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2022

The next general meeting of The Abington Heights Civic League, Inc. **will be our annual June Banquet. It will be held on Tuesday, June 7th at the Abington Senior Community Center at 6:00 pm.** Mission BBQ will be catering the event for us. Please contact Susan Griffiths with any questions at 570-764-4573.

President's Notes: Gretchen sent an update on new presidents to GFWC. She participated in the Memorial Day Parade and is preparing a notebook and information to transfer to new co-presidents, Sue O'Day and Bernadette Menendez. Gretchen will be sending all committee chairs and board members a small form to fill out on helpful hints concerning time spent in their positions to share with new leadership. She sends a big "Thank you Thank you Thank you" to her Board.

1st Vice President: Jan reminds us that the June Banquet is also the time for installation of our new officers. She helped with the Flower Sale for the dance recital and reminds us that **chairs of all committees need to get their reports into her so she can wind up the 2021-2022 club year.** At the last board meeting, Jan presented Gretchen with a gift from the board.



Dance: Cheryl reports that the recital went well with returning to Abington Height High School. With Covid disruptions during the previous two years, this was a new environment for all four teachers and about half of the dancers. Funds over recital expenses enabled us to give the following donations:

Abington Community Library \$1,000.00

Camp Create \$500.00

Gathering Place \$200.00

Super Summer Slam Camp \$200.00

Air Conditioner for large dance room \$500.00

Dancer's scholarship \$750.00

Refinish dance floor \$1,200.00 (going to Money Market until the floor is refinished)

The number of Summer Dance Camps has doubled this year and they are all filling up nicely. Registration has gone out for next year's classes. The cost is \$20.00 registration and \$150.00 for classes.

Dance is starting a Recycle/Reuse program for gently used shoes and clothing. A bin has been placed on the back porch for dropping of items. Items will be available to be taken at the open house in August.

The transferring of co-chairs (Cheryl O'Hora/Erin Osterhout) to chair (Erin Osterhout) has started.



ASAP: The First Responders BBQ on May 15th at Creekside Grove went very well with 99 in attendance. We had very good feedback on the location, Mission BBQ, and Mannings Ice Cream Truck.

The corn hole tournaments were well received. The Abington Police and Chinchilla Fire Company had a nice competition going. Chinchilla Fire Company won 3 tournaments, Waverly Police achieved 1, and Clarks Summit Police earned 2. Each winner got \$250.00 for their department and \$25.00 gift cards for the players.

There were enough funds in the account to give \$225.00 to each Department that attended. They were as follows: Scott Dive Team, Chinchilla Fire Company, Clarks Summit Fire Company, Dalton Fire Company, South Abington Police, Clarks Summit Police, and Waverly Police.

Greenfield Fire Company received \$500.00 as an honorarium noting Creekside Grove. It was a thank you to Creekside Grove for hosting the event free of charge.

The Committee met and assessed the event and wrote thank you notes to our sponsors.



Memorial Day Parade: Kelli reports that there were ten volunteers for the parade. Eight of them were members.

Book Club I will meet on June 13th at Liana's home at 1:00 pm. It will be a Garden Party!

Book Club II: Sue O'Day let us know that this book group collected and gave \$140 to the Abington Community Library.

Leadership: Cheryl's thought for this time period in the club is this: As we start a new year and changes in leadership positions, I would encourage all those stepping down to reach out to new chairs and encourage and mentor them during the year.

By-Laws: An email was sent to the Bylaws committee with some recommended changes to the Bylaws and Standing Rules.

Federation News: Sue O'Day will be attending the GFWC International Convention in New Orleans, LA from June 23-29, 2022.

GFWC PA President's Project-Vision Impairment Awareness: Brianna and Ceilia thank members for participating for two full years. This was a great success in gathering eye glasses and contacts!

Membership: The Board voted in one new member, Kelly Christiansen. Her information should be available soon.

Newsletter: Eileen sends a reminder that there are no newsletters in July or August. If there is any club information that needs to be sent during that time, you will receive an email. **Website** updates have been made for the Summer Dance Camps. Changes will be made to the incoming officers and chairmen over the summer.



Donation Award (End of the year give-away): This is an update from Jan:

As announced at the April meeting, the Donation Awards Committee's plan to award a next round of donations is now in progress. It is hoped that everyone will participate to ensure that our donations go to the most deserving local organizations. This is your opportunity to have a say, so be sure to make your say count.

If you are an Advocate, please send out the applications for your organizations soon. Please fill in your contact info before sending these out.

Briefly the plan is as follows:

May-August: Donation Award application forms are available (attached and on the website) to send to qualified local organizations so that they may begin the process of applying for donations.

May: Funds gathered above operating and maintenance costs from the Dance Recital will be donated to children's programs and from ASAP to First Responders. (These are indicated in yellow and orange at the bottom of the recipient organizations list attached.)

June: The Eureka Foundation Board will meet and decide on the amount of their grant. It is expected that this will be \$10,000.

August 14: This is the deadline for receiving applications for the 2022 year.

August 15: The Donation Awards Committee will review all applications received and check that qualifications are met.

August 29: The Committee will review the list of applicants with the Board, then send out the list to members for their review and comment.

September 5: The September Banquet will include a Give-Away session to decide how the Eureka Grant should be divided among the list of qualified applicants. A vote will be taken of all members in good standing present at the banquet.

How can you participate?

- Review the attached list of former recipients. If you are named as an Advocate, Jan is assuming that you will continue as such unless you notify her to take you off the list. If you are not named as an Advocate and there is no Advocate named for an organization that you think is deserving, let Jan know to put you on the list. Let Jan know of any additional organizations that should be added to the list.
- Advocates should email or take copies of the cover letter and application form to their designated organization(s). Please follow up with them to make sure the paperwork is submitted before the August 14 deadline.
- If you or a member of your immediate family has a position of responsibility at any of the potential recipient organizations, such as being on the Board of Directors or an officer, please fill out a Member Disclosure Form and return it to Jan.
- At the end of August, review the list of proposed recipients when it is distributed and decide which you think are most deserving.

- Attend the September Banquet and put in your two cents worth to the debate and vote on where the money should go. If you cannot attend the Banquet, email your comments to Jan beforehand so that they can be included in the discussion. Please note that only those present can vote.

Please email any questions or suggestions to Jan Klusza at Jan@LJKlusza.net .

Updated form and cover letter are attached to this email.

House & Hospitality: Betsy sent Thinking of You cards to Amy Florey, Gretchen Eagen Mackie, and Pat Holden. A Get-Well card was sent to Bernadette Menendez. We hope all of these club members are on the road to recovery!!

Forever Young Fishing Derby: A sign-up sheet will be passed around at the banquet for volunteer help and donations of baked goods/candy for the fishing derby being held on June 18, 2022 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Dates to Remember:

June Banquet-Officer Installation: Tuesday, June 7th

Forever Young Fishing Derby: Saturday, June 18th



Happy Birthday to Susan Burke 8/4, Susan Griffiths 6/25, Josephine Petry 6/24, Laurie Quinn 6/11, Jennifer Seechock 7/21, Liana Smith 8/9, Nora Stracham 6/27, and all of our summer birthday celebrants!!



God Bless America