

Annual Hall of Fame Luncheon & Awards Celebration



LEBANON COUNTY
Commission for Women

HONORING OUTSTANDING WOMEN
OF LEBANON COUNTY



March 22, 2017

Welcome

Leigh Hitz Miller

Chair — Lebanon County Commission for Women



On behalf of the Lebanon County Commission for Women, I'm delighted to welcome you to our Hall of Fame awards ceremony. This is our eighth annual event devoted to honoring women whose dedication and contributions make the Lebanon Valley a better place to reside, work and prosper. Today we'll induct thirteen hidden heroes who have clearly impacted countless lives around them. Each has worked tirelessly and their stories will inspire and encourage you.

We celebrate not only as a community but as a nation commemorating Women's History Month. This year's national theme is Honoring Trailblazing Women in Labor and Business — Writing Women Back into History. Many of today's inductees have defied norms and succeeded in creating and leading organizations that paved the way for generations of women to follow. All will write their story into Lebanon County history by participating in our event.

Each year the proceeds of our Hall of Fame ceremony are invested back into our community to further support local women. Recently, the Commission for Women has collaborated with Girls on the Run, Junior Achievement of Central Pennsylvania and the Lebanon County H.O.P.E.S. Emergency Shelter and Resource Center. These projects positively impact the lives of many young ladies and future leaders thus inspiring the youth of our county. I'd like to specially acknowledge the assiduous efforts of our Hall of Fame committee, led by Bev Heishman and Becky Witherite, who work year round to make sure every facet of today's event is ideal.

Thank you for joining in today's celebration. Your participation solidifies your support to help recognize and assist women to enhance their status in our community. Thank you for your help in honoring those who have done and continue to do their part. I challenge you to stay engaged and help us shape the future of women in the Lebanon Valley. Together we will continue to write women into the rich history of our county.

Luncheon Agenda



LEBANON COUNTY
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10:45 am Registration
11:30 am Lunch Served

12:00 pm Welcome — Leigh Hitz Miller, Commission Chair
Introduction of inductees — Alicia Richards
Closing Remarks — Loreen Burkett & Becky Witherite

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About the Hall of Fame Award

The Handcrafted Pin

By Yasmin Brown



Our inductees will receive a Hall of Fame pin. It is an original work of art created by local artist, and past HOF award recipient, Yasmin Brown. Each pin is an original handcrafted, one of a kind creation that is as unique as the individual receiving it.

The pin base is made of multicolored dichroic glass. This type of media provides different ways to create a unique play of colors on each pin. The uniqueness of the base symbolizes the uniqueness of the award recipient.

The feminine image on the pin represents three characteristics of the recipients. The base of the image is the shape of a diamond which represents the solid foundation of the recipient. The raised arms represent the innate strength of the recipient. The heart shape of the reaching arms represents the recipient's warmth and caring.

About the Women's Commission

The Lebanon County Commission for Women was established in 2003, by the Lebanon County Commissioners. The Commission serves as a conduit to the County Commissioners on issues of concern to women in Lebanon County. The mission of the Commission is to promote awareness, be a catalyst for change and facilitate action in matters pertaining to women and their families.

Guidelines for Nomination

Women who live and/or work in the Lebanon Valley, or have played an integral part in the development and/or implementation of project(s) that have benefited the Lebanon Valley or have worked as Hidden Heroes touching lives in a positive way.

Nominations can be made year-round. Visit lebcounty.org/womens_commission for a nomination form and submit your form to: womenscommission@lebcnty.org



Mistress of Ceremonies

Alicia Richards

abc27
@arichardsabc27

Alicia Richards co-anchors abc27's 6:00 & 11:00 p.m. newscasts. She holds a degree in journalism from Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas.

Among the things she likes to do, is traveling. For abc27, she traveled to Kosovo to report on the Pennsylvania National Guard's peace-keeping efforts. She accompanied heart specialists from Penn State Hershey Medical Center on a life-saving medical mission to Ecuador. With her family, she has gone on safari in Africa and has been to Egypt, Russia, Argentina and throughout Europe.

Alicia has become well known for her efforts on behalf of breast cancer awareness. Her Buddy Check 27 series won two Pennsylvania Association of Broadcaster awards and she and her mother Karen are featured in public service announcements promoting the importance of early detection. In addition, Alicia was awarded a first place Associated Press award for "Lori's Story," a moving ten-part series on a local woman's determined battle against breast cancer.

Alicia takes great pride in her extensive involvement with the Central Pennsylvania community. In addition to regular speaking engagements, she serves on the Essence of Humanity Board.

Today, we honor women who make a difference in our community. Often, these women go unrecognized, and when recognized, soon forgotten. Each of these individuals contributes to the history in Lebanon County.

Since our inception, we have been both researching and recording women's history, then posting it to our web page listed in this program. We now record short interviews with each of the honorees, thereby preserving their place in history.

Women Promoting Agriculture

Linda Krall

[actively working to preserve and promote agriculture]

Nominator: Del Voight



Agriculture is the most healthful, most useful and most noble employment of man. — George Washington

Linda Krall has been a farmer most of her life. She maintains many aspects of her own farm, including planting, but still finds time to support and promote the agricultural industry. Her farm is a focal point for other growers to emulate to increase production through the use of similar techniques. She frequently opens her farm for tours and educational meetings. Linda has often come to the aid of fellow agriculturalists in times of drought, hail and floods.

Linda's influence extends into many aspects of the farm community. She has been a member of the Farm Women's group since 1984, and is currently President of that group. She has also served as County President of the Lebanon County Farm Women. Linda has been a leader in Cedar Crest Young Farmers program since 1985, and is their current Secretary. She serves as Public Relations chair of the PA Young Farmers, and has served on the board of that organization.

Linda has been involved with the Lebanon County Extension in numerous capacities, one of the most significant of which was beginning the Lebanon Farm and Home Safety Day. She has additionally contributed to the Extension by opening her farm to research trials and On Farm testing of products. She has served on the Cedar Crest Ag Advisory Council for over 15 years, working to ensure proper training of future farmers.

Linda makes additional contributions to agriculture through her service on the Lebanon Area Fair Board of Directors, winning both county and state awards in the PA 5 Acre Corn Contest for 20 years, and winning the State competition for high yield corn in the National Corn Contest. Linda's farming techniques were disseminated nationally to assist in improving farmers' yields. Linda has used the "most noble employment of man" to generously give knowledge and assistance to the agriculture community.



Women Contributing to the Arts

Beryl Hoffman

[promoting the expression of the performing arts,
visual arts, and literary arts]

Nominator: Karen Miller

**The aim of art is to represent not the outward appearance of things,
but their inward significance. – Aristotle**

Beryl Hoffman has a talent for bringing out the inward significance of artwork and for ensuring that other artists are able to do the same. For over 25 years, Beryl has been active in the General Federation of Women's Club (GFWC) at many levels. She served three terms as President of the Myerstown Women's Junior Club, where she is currently chair of the Arts and Education Committee, and was President of the Lebanon County GFWC. She has been the District Director of the Arts for the Southeast District and been the Art Division Chairman of both the Pennsylvania Federation and the county GFWC. As chair, Beryl worked with local schools to find, encourage and help young artists show their work and pursue their passion. She has often gone out of her way to ensure these students had the means to showcase their talent. As a result, many young artists won awards at the local, district and state levels.

Beryl herself has won several awards in the Craft Division, and has had her art displayed at the GFWC headquarters in Washington, D.C. She has been honored as Outstanding Chairperson for the Arts for the Southeast Division of the GWFC, spanning nine counties.

Beryl served as the Arts Chairperson for the Youth for Christ "Bids for Kids" Auction for many years. In this position, she solicited artists for contributions and worked to display the artwork in its best light. Her own talent for decorating has been showcased on seven Holiday Home Tours and on two Garden Tours as fundraising events for local charities. Beryl has a passion for art, and is an avid art collector who supports local artists. The local community has benefited from her dedication, and from the showcased talent of many art students through the years.

Women Advocating Athletics

Mary Gardner

[involved in amateur or professional athletics, coaching or administration]

Nominator: Erin Ulrich



The water is your friend...you don't have to fight with water, just share the same spirit as the water and it will help you move. — Alexander Popov

Mary Gardner has spent her career showing others that water is their friend. As the head coach of both the men's and women's swim teams at Lebanon Valley College, she is the most successful coach in Lebanon Valley College swimming history. A female coaching a men's sport is very rare, but Mary has done it well for the past 20 years, constructing a squad based on team pride and exceptional determination. With just 20 swimmers in her first coaching season, Mary qualified two swimmers in six events at the Middle Atlantic Conference (MAC) Championships. A year later, with a growing team, eight swimmers qualified in 13 events. By 2002-2003, LVC had at least one swimmer qualify in all 26 MAC events for the first time ever. In 2015-2016, 6 swimmers earned either First or Second Team All-MAC honors under Mary's coaching.

Mary began her swim instructional career in high school helping swimmers with disabilities and has continued on a 45 year career, to date, of swimming instruction. She has instructed swimmers at the Annville-Cleona Community Pool, Cedar Crest and Lebanon High Schools, Palmyra Rec, and Indiantown Gap. She has partnered with the American Red Cross on lifeguarding and water safety instruction. Mary hosts the Special Olympics Swim Team and is involved in the yearly invitational. She encourages community and student participation in serving the special needs population through swimming.

Mary was honored by the Annville Rotary in 2009 for outstanding community involvement, for teaching hundreds of local youth to swim, and was inducted into the Lebanon Valley Sports Hall of Fame in 2011. Mary has the unique ability to recognize an individual's gifts and encourages them to confidently develop that potential. She is a passionate role model and advocate for swimming not only as a sport but as a life skill.



Women Contributing to the Community

Lillian Morales

[contributing to the quality of life in the Lebanon Valley
by supporting the social growth of the community]

Nominator: Margie Groy

Never worry about numbers. Help one person at a time, and always start with the person nearest you. — Mother Teresa

Lillian Morales has helped to improve many lives, starting with those nearest to her and done so unselfishly. Lillian is always willing to lend a helping hand wherever she sees a need. She is happy to share her time and her talents – and she has many – to assist others. Lillian is not likely to say no to a request for a meal, a sympathetic ear, or translation services. Her real talent, however, lies in teaching people in need how to help themselves, and she does so with kindness and compassion.

Through her work at Lebanon County Community Action Partnership, Lillian is the classroom teacher for the Work Ready program. All of her students are from very low income households and have many barriers. Lillian assists her students to overcome those barriers and to develop some of the skills, such as time management and teamwork, which will help them to be successful in the workforce.

Lillian volunteers at numerous local service agencies, but she does more than show up at an appointed time and perform certain tasks. She seeks to involve the students in her class, who must all perform community service every week, in volunteer opportunities, because Lillian understands deeply the rewards to the individual who does the volunteering.

Lillian serves many non-profits in our community. These include SpangCrest, the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program, Support Connections of Lebanon County, Retired Senior Volunteer Program, Lebanon County Christian Ministries, and the Salvation Army where she is the Chair of the Human Services Committee of the Advisory Board.

When she is not volunteering at an agency, Lillian is happy to reach out to anyone who might need a meal, a pep talk, or help with a plan. She gives of herself each day, knowing the secret to a fulfilling life is serving others. Our community is incredibly fortunate to have Lillian in its service.

Women Contributing to the Community

Priscilla Wolf

[contributing to the quality of life in the Lebanon Valley by supporting the social growth of the community]

Nominator: Susanne Kilmoyer



**Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.
— Margaret Mead**

Priscilla (“Bish”) Wolf has been involved in changing the world, specifically Lebanon County, in varied ways and for a long time. A founding member of the Board of Directors for Halcyon Activity Center in the 1960’s, Bish was Board President from 1976-1980 and still serves on the Board today. Halcyon Center provides rehabilitation and socialization programs for people with mental disabilities. In order to raise funds for Halcyon, Bish has worked at the Hersheypark Volunteer Program, where she has spent many years and personally raised thousands of dollars.

Bish has also spent 20 years volunteering at Cedar Haven. She works there six mornings each week. As a trained feeder, she spends most of her time feeding residents, as well as making beds and putting away laundry.

An accomplished musician, Bish serves on the Lebanon Community Concert Board. She plays the flute in the Lebanon Community Concert Band and performs summer concerts with the Ephrata Community Band. Bish received the WGAL-TV Jefferson Award for community service in 2005 and has been recognized as a Soroptimist International Honoree “Women Helping Women”.

With her array of talents used to help those in less fortunate situations and her long history of community service in many and varied endeavors, Bish is an inspiration to us all to strive to do just a little bit more for others. Bish’s outstanding dedication to our community is proof that we can each change the world.



Women Providing Leadership in Education

Maryann Guldin

[promoting innovation and inspiring personal growth]

Nominator: Elaine Ludwig

Educating the mind without the heart is no education at all. — Aristotle

Maryann Guldin has demonstrated the skill of teaching the minds as well as touching the hearts of her students at Northern Lebanon High School for almost 40 years. As department chair and teacher in Family and Consumer Sciences, Maryann has instilled a love of learning to innumerable youth. Maryann has developed high school programs that involve the students at the school level while at the same time growing their awareness of the greater community. She instituted the Restaurant and Sidewalk Café, a student run restaurant in the school, and started the “Green Bean” Coffee Shop to provide heart-healthy food choices for staff and students while simultaneously cultivating work and entrepreneurial skills. Maryann created the Senior Citizen Prom, which gives both students and senior citizens opportunity to engage together. She began the Child Development Playgroup, a student run program for toddlers, giving students the opportunity to learn childcare skills. This program provided a real world learning environment for 20 years.

Maryann has been a College in the High School instructor, and is the school’s National Honor Society advisor. Maryann was named the Pennsylvania Association of Family and Consumer Sciences Teacher of the Year in 2014, and in 2015 was an American Association of Family and Consumer Science National Teacher of the Year Merit Finalist. She has been selected five times by her students to receive the LVCC Excellence in Education Award for her outstanding mentorship.

Maryann contributes her musical gifts to the community, putting in many hours each week as the Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church musician where she plays piano, organ and trumpet. She and her family are Blue Band trumpeters who march with the alumni band at Penn State University. As a past board member, Maryann also contributed her educational knowledge to the Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church Pre-school Board of Directors. She understands that education involves both the mind and the heart.



Women Promoting Healthy Lifestyles

Phyllis Weiant & Amanda Musser

[educating, conducting research, promoting fitness]

Nominators: Hon. Thomas Capello and Fallon Binner

Health is a crown that the healthy wear, but only the sick can see it.
— Imam Shafi'ee

Mother and daughter Phyllis Weiant and Amanda Musser are two women who, together, bring cancer awareness and assistance to sick individuals so that they may regain their crown of health. As a 30 year old woman, Amanda received a diagnosis of breast cancer. She underwent surgery, radiation and chemotherapy but had complications, twice suffering pulmonary embolisms which required her to terminate chemotherapy treatment.

At the time of her diagnosis, Amanda had a family, including a very young daughter, and was working towards her MSW degree. Despite receiving radiation therapy, Amanda continued in school and finished her degree. After her ordeal, however, Amanda transferred the focus of her career from the psychiatric hospital where she had previously worked to oncology. Amanda worked as a licensed social worker at the WellSpan Sechler Family Cancer Center, offering support services for oncology patients, facilitating cancer support groups, connecting patients with community resources, and serving as psychosocial coordinator for the Cancer Committee. She has recently moved on to become the survivorship social worker for the Pediatric Oncology Program at Penn State Milton Hershey Children's Hospital. In that role, she helps cancer patients to move forward emotionally from their cancer diagnosis and to understand the late term side effects of their cancer treatments, such as PTSD, depression, fear, fertility issues and educational issues, to name just a few.

Amanda has used her personal experience with cancer as a stepping stone to reach out to the community. She served as a Voices of Hope member for the American Cancer Society from 2013-2015, providing speaker/media representation for the East Central Division of the American Cancer Society. She has served on the Pennsylvania



Phyllis Weiant



Amanda Musser

Breast Cancer Coalition Grant Review Committee, assisting in allocations of grant money to promote breast cancer research. She also volunteers for the Pink Complete Program at the YMCA, a lifestyle program for breast cancer survivors.

While Amanda was experiencing the challenges of her cancer diagnosis, her mother, Phyllis, saw firsthand the financial burdens placed upon Amanda. As a result, Phyllis wanted to help others with the same burdens, and founded the Pink for a Purpose dance three years ago. The Pink for a Purpose dance provides funds to one recipient yearly, always a local individual coping with breast cancer. All of the proceeds earned from the event are then donated to the chosen individual each year. The most recent event raised over \$15,000 for the current recipient, to help offset medical bills and other expenses incurred by the recipient as a result of her cancer diagnosis.

Phyllis is the founder, organizer and donation coordinator for the dance, working year-long for each annual fundraiser. Since typically over 400 people attend the dance, the event shows the designated recipient that she is not suffering alone, and that she has the support of the entire community. To date, Phyllis has raised over \$50,000 to contribute to designated breast cancer patients.

Phyllis and Amanda are a powerful team, working in our community to combat breast cancer and to help many individuals regain their health. They are truly hidden heroes making a difference in each life they touch.

Women Promoting Justice

Dr. Marianne Goodfellow

[striving for equality and peace]

Nominator: Jenny Murphy Shifflet



**The moral arc of the universe is long, but it bends towards justice.
— Martin Luther King, Jr.**

Marianne Goodfellow, Ph.D. has long been an advocate for social justice and influential in ensuring the moral arc is bent towards justice. As a professor at Penn State University, Schuylkill Campus, and most recently the Lebanon Valley College Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice, Marianne has focused her courses on topics of social justice, gender issues and family studies. Marianne has highlighted inequalities through teaching, such as gender, race and wage inequality, occupational segregation, interpersonal violence and more.

Marianne worked with SARCC in developing an evaluation tool for a federal grant which supported the need for a coordinated law enforcement approach to domestic violence victims. As a result of her efforts, the grant was awarded for 16 years. Marianne is a Live the Green Dot trainer, a violence prevention program, was Chair of the Task Force to implement this program at LVC, and worked with students to change norms towards stalking, sexual and domestic violence. As part of that effort, she co-authored a grant to enable facilitator training on campus, including bystander training, and initiated a GD 5K event. In 2010, she was presented the LVC Vagina Warrior Award for her efforts to raise awareness about violence against women.

Marianne served on the board of Schuylkill Women in Crisis and served as an external evaluator for Schuylkill County Batterer's Intervention Services. In 2001, she was presented the Kathryn Towns Award for her efforts in this area.

As liaison for the local chapter of American Association of University Women (AAUW), Marianne not only reviewed books and recruited campus leaders, but arranged numerous speaking engagements for students and AAUW members. She was awarded the AAUW Teal Award in 2012 as recognition of her efforts. She has additionally authored publications demonstrating her commitment to social justice, such as *Women in Industry; Edith Abbott and the Woman Wage Earner; Transitional Housing: An Avenue for Accountability in Domestic Violence Services*. Her commitment has made justice a greater possibility for all.



Women Demonstrating Leadership

Susan Allwein

[forging new paths in business or community
while serving as a role model]

Nominator: Carol Christ

If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader. — John Quincy Adams

Susan Allwein, along with her husband, founded Allwein's Flooring Center in 1978 and Allwein's Cleaning Services a few years later. They joined the Carpet One co-op in 1990 and the store has since received awards both locally and nationally for merchandising and innovation. The business was built following Sue's career as a teacher at Cornwall Lebanon School District and the IU13.

In addition to the outstanding leadership Sue has shown in her business, she has been extremely active in the community. Sue served as the first female chairperson for the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, one of only five women who have held that position. She co-chaired a successful United Way campaign and continues to serve as a United Way Board member and current Chair of the Community Impact Committee. Sue was on the capital campaign committee for the Lebanon Rescue Mission, where she was instrumental in enabling the Mission to relocate and better serve the community.

Sue has served on the boards of P.R.O.B.E. and Developmental and Disability Services. She is currently a board member of Shining Light Ministries, Mid-Atlantic Floor Covering Association and CCA Global Partners, a national co-op providing businesses with a competitive edge while allowing them to maintain their identity. She served on the advisory board for Greystone/Susquehanna Bank. Sue is a previous volunteer teacher for Junior Achievement. She is an active member of the Lebanon Area Evangelical Free Church where she gives freely of her time.

Sue's leadership is present in her every endeavor. Her character, personal ideals, devotion to faith, family and business while exhibiting leadership in the community is a strong model for other women. Sue has inspired others to dream, learn, do and become more. She is a true leader.

Women Fostering Advances in Science and Technology

Amy Shaffer-Duong

[through research, development and/or education]

Nominators: Jenifer Kuzo and Chelsea Weibly



The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn the more places you'll go. — Dr. Seuss

In the spirit of Dr. Seuss' words, Amy Shaffer-Duong has been the children's librarian at the Palmyra Public Library for over 20 years. "Miss Amy" runs Little Explorers Early Learning Classes, Summer Reading Programs, Waggin' Tales and STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) Programs, including the 123 STEAM classes for first through fourth graders and the STEAM 4 Girls classes designed for fifth through seventh grade girls. Unlike many story time programs, Miss Amy explores these STEAM topics with each of these groups, even the Little Explorers between 2 and 6 years old. Not only does Miss Amy conduct reading programs for children, she ensures the children have hands-on experience with the reading topics.

The 123 STEAM programs involve density experiments, chemical reactions, wind turbine production and robotics. In the STEAM 4 Girls classes, Miss Amy creates lessons and hands-on activities that have included roller coaster science, robotics, coding, electrical engineering and architectural engineering. Miss Amy brings in volunteers and professionals alike to demonstrate and work with the children. She has brought the Science of Sound Program, Science Tellers, Ryan the Bug Man, Forgotten Friends reptiles and many more to the library to help bring books to life.

As technology advances, so do Miss Amy's themes and topics. She continuously adds new twists and themes to her programs to keep the lessons current. As a result of the early foundation Miss Amy provides to children, their interest in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math is sparked and their capabilities expanded. Miss Amy's programs create a culture for children where risk is rewarded and curiosity and creativity are encouraged. Miss Amy develops children's interest and provides a solid foundation for their future development, helping them know more things and go more places.



Trailblazer

Nori Fisher

[pioneers of change through exceptional leadership]

Nominator: Kim Kreider Umble

Life's most persistent and urgent question is, "what are you doing for others?" – Martin Luther King, Jr.

Nori Fisher has answered that question positively time and again with action in both her profession and volunteer work. A 35 year employee of the Commonwealth, Nori began her career as an employment Interviewer and later supervisor with the Lebanon Area Job Service. In this position she helped innumerable Lebanon County residents utilize the available resources needed to transition from unemployment to family sustaining careers. Nori was on the ground floor of the movement of the Job Service to the modern PA Career Link model, a one-stop shop where all Pennsylvanians have access to job search assistance. Nori used her promotion to Site Administrator as a springboard into community service to promote knowledge and acceptance of the new way of doing things, definitely a change from just standard government brochures.

Nori immersed herself into the community as a faithful community volunteer. She has been a member of the Community Health Council, a member of Quality Child Care Development, a member of the Act 48 Review Committee for Lebanon School District, and a member of the Human Service Council. Nori has served on the strategic planning committee for the Lebanon County Career and Technology Center, been involved with P.R.O.B.E., the United Way Needs Assessment Task Force, and Big Brothers, Big Sisters mentoring program. Nori served on the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, belonged to Women in Business, Alert (A Lebanon Economic Resource Team) and the Lebanon County Commission for Women.

Nori is a graduate of Leadership Lebanon Valley, former Vice President of the American Business Women's Association, and participated in the Class of Management Development Institute. Nori was the 2011 Athena Award winner, awarded to those who have excelled in their profession, given back to their community, and helped advance the potential of other women.

Retirement in 2011 has given Nori even more opportunity to volunteer in the community. She has regularly given of her time to Lebanon Family Health Services, Junior Achievement and Communities that Care of the Community Health Council. As a life-long seamstress, she has used her skills to the Glass Slipper Project. Nori's vast professional and personal contributions to the community have been far reaching and profoundly effective.

Trailblazer

Jennie Horstick

[pioneers of change through exceptional leadership]

Nominator: Shirley Sternberger



**If you have a garden and a library, you have everything you need.
— Marcus Tullius Cicero**

These words ring especially true for Trailblazer, Jennie Horstick, who not only founded the Palmyra Garden Club in 1984 but helped to expand its mission to education in addition to gardening. An active member of the Hershey Horticulture Society, where she held various offices, Jennie saw a need for improvement in the appearance of the Palmyra Town Square and laid the groundwork for the Palmyra Garden Club. That Club has existed ever since, with a mission to stimulate interest, appreciation and knowledge of gardening, flower arranging, community beautification and conservation of native plants and trees.

The Club began by planting a tree in the Palmyra town square as its Christmas tree and planned and maintained two community flower beds. The planting and beautification has expanded over the years to include the town square, the Palmyra Library, Interfaith Manor and Palmview. The Club has supported Eagle Scout projects, funded shrubbery at the Palmyra Area Middle and High Schools, Community Pool, the Borough parks and historic Bindnagle Lutheran Church. The Club initiated the Palmyra Town Square Project, redesigning and renovating the Borough square, ultimately receiving the Pennsylvania Horticulture Society Greening Award 2008.

The Club has collaborated with Northside Elementary School to create a garden area for students and offers two annual scholarships to high school seniors to continue education in horticulture, forestry or related fields. The Club donates books on horticulture and gardening to the Palmyra Public Library and holds an annual public flower show which provides an opportunity to learn about plants and flowers.

Jennie's passion has created an organization which now has over 70 members. She has led the Club to flourish over the past 31 years, offering beauty and pleasure, as well as an understanding of plants, trees, butterflies and insects. Jennie's inspiration has provided both happiness and knowledge to many people.



Past Hall of Fame Inductees

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Honoring Trailblazing Women in Labor and Business

National Women's History Project 2017

Writing Women Back Into History

The 2017 theme for National Women's History Month honors women who have successfully challenged the role of women in both business and the paid labor force. Women have always worked, but often their work has been undervalued and unpaid.

The 2017 Honorees represent many diverse backgrounds and each made her mark in a different field. Additionally, the Honorees' work and influence spans three centuries of America's history. These women all successfully challenged the social and legal structures that have kept women's labor underappreciated and underpaid.

Facing stark inequalities in the workplace (lower wages, poor working conditions, and limited opportunities), they fought to make the workplace a less hostile environment for women. They succeeded in expanding women's participation in commerce and their power in the paid labor force. As labor and business leaders and innovators they defied the social mores of their times by demonstrating women's ability to create organizations and establish their own businesses that paved the way for better working conditions and wages for themselves and other women.

They proved that women could succeed in every field.





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The goal of the Lebanon County Commission for Women is to promote awareness, be a catalyst for change, and facilitate action in concerns facing women and their families.

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2016 Projects

Girls on the Run

Women's Commission member Laurie Funk coached the first ever Girls on the Run team in Lebanon County city schools in 2016. The afterschool program consists of physical fitness as well as activities related to identity, self-esteem and connectivity. The Women's Commission supported this wonderful organization in 2016 with a \$1000 donation to local area GOTR programs. Commission members also donated much needed items like hats, gloves, sports bras, socks and snacks.



The commission also sponsored a celebration station for the Lebanon County teams at the GOTR 5K on November 12 at Millersville University.

Glass Slipper Project

This year we sold over 175 dresses and made \$1861.00. At the Glass Slipper Project "store," the Commission held an entry for two, free prom tickets to each Lebanon County High School. The prom ticket give-away totaled \$460.00, which was paid for by the funds raised from dress sales.





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2016 Updates

Education Committee

The focus of this year's National Women's History Month was "Working to Form a More Perfect Union: Honoring Women in Public Service and Government." The Education Committee planned three articles that were to be printed in the Lebanon Daily News during the month of March.

Three Lebanon County women in government were selected to be interviewed:

- Rose Marie Swanger, the area's first female city clerk, first female county commissioner and first female representative for the 102nd District (article published March 23).
- Betty Eiceman, Lebanon's first female mayor who served for 11 years (article published March 24).
- Mauree Gingrich, the first female representative of the 101st District (article published March 29).

Guest Speakers

In 2016, the Commission for Women welcomed the following speakers at our monthly meetings:

- Julie Baum, Lebanon Program Manager, Big Brothers, Big Sisters
- Bryan Smith, Executive Director, First Aid & Safety Patrol
- Christine Cooper, Ph. D., Military Sexual Trauma Coordinator

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“I’ve come to believe that each of us has a personal calling that’s as unique as a fingerprint – and that the best way to succeed is to discover what you love and then find a way to offer it to others in the form of service, working hard, and also allowing the energy of the universe to lead you.”

Oprah Winfrey



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