



The Connection *Past • Present • Future* *Mid-Summer 2026 Newsletter*

The next general membership meetings will be held at **Spring Hollow Golf Club** from September through December.

(NOTE NEW VENUE AND TEMPORARY TRANSITION)

Reflections: “My friends have made the story of my life. In a thousand ways they have turned my limitations into beautiful privileges.” ~ Helen Keller

Current membership: 89 members and 7 Honorary members

Maryann's Monthly Memo (M&M)

I hope you are all having a restful, sun-filled summer! As we step into my first year as President, my vision for our 2026–2028 administration centers on “**Treasuring Our Connections.**” Your executive board has been happily working behind the scenes this summer to prepare an incredible club year ahead that honors our proud roots while ensuring every single member feels deeply seen, heard, and valued. We are using these quiet summer months to finalize our paperwork for official nonprofit status and polish our club emblem to celebrate the launch of our upcoming "Crown Jewel" era! To celebrate the incredible people who make our club special, we are launching two new appreciation initiatives beginning this fall:

- **Honorary Member Spotlights:** We will distinctly feature one of our 7 honorary members each month to celebrate their lifelong dedication to our legacy.
- **Connection Spotlights:** We will highlight 9 regular club members every month, beginning with our executive board, committee chairs, and interest group chairs.

PLEASE COMPLETE YOUR SURVEY: Please remember to complete your "**Hidden Treasures**" Survey. This survey was sent directly to your email and is also posted on our club website. Your input is vital in helping us to highlight your unique gifts and ensure every voice is valued. Go to <https://forms.gle/V43SbrwxLMFvrZay6>

UPCOMING PROGRAMS & REVEALS

THE OFFICIAL EMBLEM: The Executive Board has officially adopted our new club emblem! Every elegant visual detail captures our 112-year history—including our core dedication to literacy, our local landscapes, and our deep respect for veterans. When our official emblem is unveiled, we will share the meaning and symbolism behind each of its carefully chosen elements.

FALL VENUE EVALUATION: Our move to Spring Hollow Golf Club serves as a trial period to evaluate their facilities and service firsthand. We will gather your feedback before December to determine whether we will remain at Spring Hollow or transition back to the Copperfield Inn at Lakeside.

DIGITAL MEDIA & SECURITY UPGRADE

WEBSITE UPGRADES: We have been actively updating our website content to showcase our fresh, modernized look. A massive thank you to **Louise Plush** for her tireless work on this project.

FACEBOOK RE-LAUNCH & SECURITY: Our Facebook page will be completely shut down for approximately one month leading up to our first meeting. Louise is fully archiving the page, so **no history or content will be lost**. This brief take-down allows us to implement crucial new security settings to prevent any malicious "poison-pen" attacks against our membership. Moving forward, the administrator must manually approve every single post.

NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

FUNDRAISERS:

- **Dine-to-Donate** event will be held at Outback Steakhouse in Royersford on Tuesday, July 21, 2026. You can download the required flyer from our website.
- **The Fashion Show** will be held on Saturday, October 17, 2026, at Chadwicks. The theme is **"Hollywood Glitz and Glamour"**. Next week, we will launch a live **Facebook promo video** to help sell our final 30 tickets. Please keep an eye on our Facebook page and share the promo with your friends and family to help us expand our community reach. We have already sold 80 of our 110 available tickets. If you haven't secured your seat yet, please purchase your ticket soon before they're gone! Finally, please bring your gift card donations to our September 17 meeting to help us build our \$500 gift card tree, along with any bottles you signed up to provide for our wine-and-spirits basket.
- **Our Holiday Bazaar** will be held on Saturday, November 21, 2026, in the gymnasium at Sacred Heart Church.

ADDITIONAL REPORTS

FINANCE COMMITTEE will meet on Wednesday, July 22 at Spring Hollow Golf Club from 1 to 4 pm.

“THIS IS RAM COUNTRY” PROJECT: The Ram has officially arrived! It is now being beautifully painted with a meaningful mural and will be permanently installed this year.

ONGOING COLLECTIONS: We are continuing to collect plastic and paper shopping bags over the summer. Also, Vera Grill will be collecting Redner’s receipts for the Spring-Ford Middle School fundraiser at all remaining meetings this year. Please look for an email blast late next month regarding your annual membership dues and registration deadlines for the September luncheon.

INTEREST GROUPS

WALKING GROUP

Weather permitting, the walking club meets on Thursday mornings at 10:00 am. Contact Evelyn Dudonis if you wish to participate.

AMERICA 250 READING GROUP

The America 250 Book Club meets on the fourth Monday of each month at 6:00 PM at the Royersford Free Library. Together, we explore the fascinating, often untold stories of “hidden heroes” and remarkable women who have helped shape the United States from 1776 to the present day. Watch for summer updates about our upcoming book selections and events. To participate, please contact Maryann Gross or Lorraine Pickell.