



AHCL NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2026

The next meeting of the Abington Heights Civic League, Inc. will be held on Monday, September 14th at 7:00 pm. We usually meet on the first Monday of the month; however, Monday, September 7th is Labor Day.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

July 17 - Summer Leadership Conference

August 31 - Board Meeting 6:30 pm

September 14 - General Membership Meeting (2nd Monday of the month due to Labor Day)

Arts and Culture: **A chairperson is needed**

Book Club II: This book club will be reading *The Mighty Red* and *Theo of Golden* over the summer.

Environment: Eileen Milunic and Leah Rudolph spent time on plastic pick-ups and deliveries which will continue through the summer. Our club has reached the 2nd quarter goal with 259 pounds of plastic. NexTrex informed us that we are eligible to be in their lottery for prizes. The 3rd quarter (July, August, September) began July 1st.

An email was sent to the 2026/2027 Environment Committee informing them of the work to be done in our Pollinator Garden. The garden was weeded and weed-whacked, plus fresh mulch was put down. Any interested member is welcome to help with the maintenance. Just let Eileen know if you do any work in the garden and how much time you spend. (elmtree1216@epix.net) Thank you!

State Hospital Project: **A new chairperson is being requested.** In the meantime, Mary Ellen Durkin sent birthday cards to Fred with a July birthday and Jonathan with an August birthday.

Abington Angels are working on this year's MarketPlace. So far, there are 18 booths with 13 vendors.

Facebook: Jenn Bachan-Breiten posted the following – ASAP, Thank You post for AHCLDA, the summer dance academy, adult summer classes, and NEPA Gives. Abington Heights Athletics was posted, and the Girls Softball team went to States. Big Boy Train news was posted as well as Happy Pride. Marketplace updated vendor list and the Forever Young Fishing Derby were also listed.

Jenn is starting up **Instagram** for the club. We used to have access, but we don't know who oversaw it. It was someone with a yahoo email address. Any ideas? Please get in touch with Jenn at 973-704-5776.

ASAP needs a chairperson.

Website: Mary Ellen Durkin added pictures of the June Banquet and the Fishing Derby. Take a look!

Dance: Erin Osterhout sends a special thanks to Ashley Goff and Jess Smith for the wonderful competition team banquet that was held in May that was accidentally omitted from the May report. This wonderful annual event has become a tradition and team bonding event that everyone has grown to love and appreciate so much. This year's theme, Royal Ball, was a very special celebration. Sadly, a resignation was received from acro teacher, Desiree Stone. She is leaving to spend more time with family and focus on her full-time career. We are grateful for her time and talent and wish her all the best. The job has been posted online. Competition team tryouts are July 13th at 6:00 pm and the goal is to have any final applicants work with the students then to finalize placement as in past hiring procedures. Adult classes have begun. The general classes are Tuesday and Thursday at 7:00 pm and tap Wednesdays at 6:00 pm. Please share and participate, if possible, to help support teachers during the off-season. Camps are also off to a great start; however, as vacations come into play enrollment will dip so please share and promote. Dance was able to get the Venmo started. Season registrations have been flowing in and schedules are to be set up shortly.

The annual **Fishing Derby** was held on June 27, 2026 at Hillside Park. Eight AHCL members either donated their time by running the Refreshment Table or by donating breakfast and snack items to sell.

Please note the history of this event which may not be known to many members. In 2010, the derby was started by Linda Young, former AHCL member and club president from 1981-1983 and 2004-2006. It was established to honor her late husband, Lawrence "Bud" Young.

Fundraising: Many members may be wondering how the "NEPA Gives" turned out. Ronda Schiavone reports that 20 members paid their club dues totaling \$800 and the Stretch Pool Donation was \$539.83. The total received was \$1339.83.

Bylaws: Per Sue O'Day, the Bylaws and Standing Rules committee meeting will be scheduled for some time in late July/early August. More information to come for that committee!

Federation News: The Summer Leadership Conference will be held July 17-18, 2026 at the DoubleTree Hotel in Lancaster, PA. Cost is \$175 for registration.

Yearbook: Sue O'Day requests that **any changes of telephone numbers or addresses be reported to her**. That way, the information will be up-to-date and will save any confusion when trying to contact other members.



Birthday wishes for the summer months were wished in the June Newsletter.

If there are any club updates during the summer, you'll be notified by email. However, there are no July or August Newsletters.



God bless America!



Enjoy your summer!