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TALK of the TOWN



A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT...

A few months after Brian and I moved to the neighborhood, while we were en route to the annual Columbus Day dinner, we had our first interaction with Cindy “Gams” Judd Hill.

At the sight of a small, elderly woman struggling to close the tailgate of her SUV (vanity tags: GAMS 7), we leapt into “helper mode.” I carried her bag. Brian escorted her from Cornell Road to her living room.

If you ever had the pleasure of meeting her, I’m sure you’re reading this with a knowing smile because we, clearly, had no idea what we had gotten ourselves into. The 25-foot walk took 10 minutes, and whatever she said during that slow trip made my normally unflappable husband blush. When we finally got to the dinner, our dining companions regaled us with tales of Gams.

Thornburg is home to a number of notable, talented people. Gams might top that list. She was a music teacher at Chartiers Valley. After being fired for failing to report a pregnancy, per district policy at the time, she successfully sued for reinstatement and, in the process, became the plaintiff in a landmark sex discrimination case that set the stage for protection of the rights of pregnant women in the workplace. She was a founding-member of the local chapter of the National Organization for Women, and protested in support of the Equal Rights Amendment. (An ERA sign hung in the back window of her house until it was sold earlier this year.)

A talented performer, her nickname was an homage to her legs and penchant for four-inch tap heels. In her 60’s she entered the senior pageant circuit and was crowned Ms. Pennsylvania Senior America and Ms. National Senior Citizen. She performed at various nursing homes throughout the area, often practicing in her front yard. To get to gigs, she drove a van emblazoned with the logo “Adult Entertainment.”

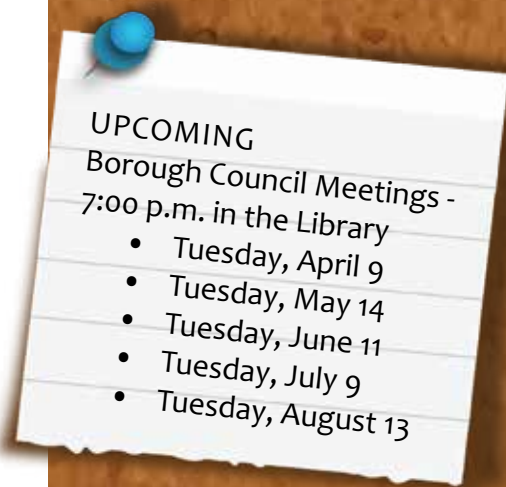
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A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT...

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Gams passed away on March 2nd, 2019, two days into National Women's History Month. It's a fitting distinction for someone who was a true pioneer for women at a time when such advocacy was a radical proposition. And I, for one, am happy to know that we had such a colorful, vibrant character leading the way.

Lauren Melfa Catanzarite
President, Thornburg Community Club (TCC)



TOWN TALK

NEIGHBORLY NOTES:

SYMPATHY

Greetings,
Congrats, &
Sympathies

ANN LUDWIG

The communities deepest sympathies to the friends and family of Ann Ludwig. Ann passed on January 28th at the age of 82. Ann and her husband (Joseph), lived at 1132 Princeton Road some time ago. She is certainly remembered by many neighbors as a "vital part" of the community.

CINDY JUDD HILL (AKA. GAMS)

It is very sad to share that our former neighbor Cindy Judd Hill (1132 Cornell Road), passed away at the age of 92. "GAMS" was such a warm, kind person and will be sorely missed. Our condolences go out to all of her family and friends.

GEORGE DAY

On Friday, March 15th our neighbor George Day (1113 Princeton Road) passed. George will certainly be missed by those who knew him. I personally will miss the way he gave me a good reason to look forward to the next holiday so that I could walk by his house and see what hat or decor his lion statue, in the front lawn, would be wearing. Prayers and thoughts go out to his family and friends.

CONGRATULATIONS

REED BORDEN DELUZIO

Congratulations are in order for Rita & Vince Deluzio on the arrival of a new granddaughter!

Reed Borden Deluzio was born on January, 26th. Parents are Christopher and Zoë who currently reside in New York City. She joins big sister Sloane, age 2.

FLORENCE "WREN" MAHONE

Our newest little neighbor, Florence "Wren" Mahone was born on Thursday March, 14th at 7:57 AM. Wren has joined her family at home at 1121 Cornell Road and everyone is doing great.

Weekly WHAT TO DO IN THORNBURG

TUESDAY

Yoga

When: 7:00 p.m.

Where: Thornburg Auditorium

- 6 week sessions (with a week off in between)
- \$50.00 – Due at First Class or \$10.00 per class - Cash or Checks made payable to: Ruth Rittenhouse.
- All skill levels are welcome.

Look for signs (in the communication boxes) and emails for more information and updates.

SUNDAY

Tai Chi

When: 12:00-1:00 p.m.

Where: Thornburg Auditorium

Classes are FREE of charge!
All adults are welcome.

Tai Chi is a slow and gentle form of exercise that helps people of all ages and skills build strength, flexibility and balance, while reducing stress and improving memory.

Celia and Mike have over 8 years of experience in Tai Chi, and continue to train under Sifu David Slaughter (www.sifuslaughterscma.com).

SUNDAY

Kickball

When: 3:00 p.m. (Kids Play)

4:00 p.m. (Adults)

Where: Thornburg Park Field

STARTING APRIL 28th - Kickball joins the roster of events. Come to play, cheer others on, or just enjoy the fresh air and sunshine.



2018-19 Club Directories

Just a reminder, The TCC directories have been delivered. If you haven't received yours please contact Suzy Golitko at 412.922.1125 or sgolitko@verizon.net

Your due cards for the 2018-19 club year is inside your directory envelope or inside the front cover. Dues are \$30. Complete the form with any changes to your listing along with your dues. Please make checks payable to Thornburg Community Club.

You can mail or drop off your dues to Tony Szmul at 222 Tech Road. If dropping off, there is a box marked TCC on the front porch.

Corrections to 2018-19 Directory:

Page 9: Crist - address correction
32 Heckel Road

Page 10: Dinert phone 412-708-8957

Page 13: Grasso, Mike & Mary Anne; phone 412-498-3143; maryanne.buvenus@gmail.com; mg0201@aol.com; children Hope

Page 20: Pecora, Gerald & Katie

Page 24: Thompson, Alan & Marsha, zvt123@earthlink.net, children Elise MacLaughlin



Community Club Dues are now

OVERDUE.

Remember dues go towards all events, general upkeep of Community wears (i.e. tables & chairs) for the Community Center, etc.
Please send your \$30 to Tony Szmul at 222 Tech Road.

Are you getting email blasts from the TCC about upcoming events and happenings?

If not, then send us an email at ThornburgNews@gmail.com. Let us know you would like to be added to the group.





13 Easter Egg Hunt

When: Saturday, April 13th at 1:00 p.m.

Where: Thornburg School Park

Let the little ones free at the park so they can collect all of those Easter Eggs!

Anyone interested in helping with this event:

April 11th, 7:00 p.m. Easter egg stuffing at the school

April 13th, 11:30 p.m. Easter egg hiding at the park

25 Adult Education - Mosaics Night

When: Thursday, April 25th at 7:00 p.m.

Where: Thornburg School Auditorium

Michelle Kirk, artist-extraordinaire will teach us the art of mosaics. Before we know it, Thornburg will be alight with sparkly glass slivers once we all become experts at the craft. We'll be making a garden stone or tile. Look for email blast to learn cost of event and how to sign up.

APR

26 Thornburg Memorial Day Parade and Picnic

When: Sunday, May 26th

Where: Thornburg Community Park

Events:

Parade- 2:00 p.m. (sharp)

Meet at 1:45 at Hamilton & Smith

All kids are welcome to decorate their bikes or wagons, and join in on the parade.

Park Activities- 2:45-4:45 p.m.

Jumping house, games, and ice cream!

Pot Luck Dinner Picnic- 5:00-6:30 p.m.

Music & Merry Making- 6:30-10:00 p.m.



MAY



Borough of Thornburg

COUNCIL NOTES: MARCH 2019

Dear Neighbors,

At the February 12th and March 12th Council meeting Council members continued to review and refine bid specifications for the Little School's roof restoration, that includes complete tile removal, adding new underlayment, and reusing all of the existing historic roof tiles.

As spring approaches, neighbors are out-of-doors, as are the raccoons, and other creatures-of-the-night, so please pay special attention to putting out and removing trash cans on trash day. As a reminder, our ordinances require that trash cans and recycling containers cannot be placed at curbside (including ALL streets) until Thursday evening, and must be removed by midnight on Friday. Except for this time, trash cans must be stored off of the street and "out of view." For further information, please visit the Thornburg website www.thornburg-pa.gov, and check out Garbage and Recycling Schedule and Information.

We also want to remind residents that food should not be left out to feed wild animals such as raccoon and deer as this creates both health and safety issues for all of us.

Please consider this invitation to come and experience the next Council meeting on Tuesday, April 9th, at 7 PM. Council meets in the Thornburg School Library. Join in the pledge allegiance to the flag, hear the Mayor read the monthly Police Report and watch as motions are made, seconded, and voted (most often unanimously).

Mark Perrott,
On behalf of Borough Council

Note: Borough Council Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Thornburg School Auditorium. Your attendance and participation are welcomed and encouraged.

The Thornburg Memorial Library is located in the Municipal Building, 600 Hamilton Road. The library is open daily between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., corresponding with the hours of the Crafton Children's Corner. To check out books, please fill out the library card inside the book and place in the box on the desk in the library. This is an "honor system" check out and return procedure, so please be sure to only keep the book for a reasonable period of time of three weeks. If you are donating books, leave them in a marked bag or box under the desk in the Thornburg Library. If you would like to have them picked up at your home, please contact me at the email address below. Any questions, please call Janice Coppola 937 8733 or email judythecat@verizon.net.

Thornburg Military Banner Program

Our military banners will be going up again for Memorial Day.

If you would like to order a banner, please go to our website to download an application and return to Rita Deluzio ASAP.

<http://troopbanners.com/Thornburg>

Thornburg Pottery Sale

Interested in a piece of Thornburg pottery? There are only a two pieces remaining in our inventory. An order will go out in May to replenish our stock.

The two pieces are quart jars - one cobalt blue and one hunter green. These pieces make a wonder addition to dining room centerpieces or kitchen decor.

To purchase contact Suzy Golitko, sgolitko@verizon.net or 412.922.1125.



Annual Thornburg Chili Cook-Off

Another great Chili Cook-off is in the books. Seven contestants put their ladles on the line for the ultimate prize in culinary competition. From ground beef to chunky beef, from spicy to sweet to savory, there was a chili for everyone.

We had a great turnout to assist our designated judges in scoring the delicious offerings. Ultimately, Kris Szmul received the highest score from the judges, locking in the gold medal. Celia Bauer (not pictured) received silver after receiving the second highest score.

For the second cook-off in a row, Anne Dimond's chili was voted by the crowd as the fan favorite. Janice Coppola and Zac Kamnikar tied for second among the crowd voting and organizers were forced to turn to the judge's scoring cards to settle the tie.

In the end, Janice Coppola nudged out Zac Kamnikar for the coveted second place among the crowd. Ben Irwin even made a guest appearance and looked comfortable donning the Honorary Chili Hat (reserved for dignitaries) while handing out the medals to our winners.

Thanks again for all who participated. We hope to see even more of you next year!



Save the Date

The date for the Upper Thornburg 2019 Block Party is set for:

- Saturday, September 28th
- Time: TBA

BLOCK

PARTY

Watch for flyers and emails with more details.

HELP WANTED

Neighbor looking for a responsible individual to shovel snow and other odd jobs. Interested please email thornburgnews@gmail.com

LaPrima Coffee fund-raiser features locally roasted coffee available in many delicious blends.

The price per pound is \$12.00. You may place your order through Gina Caliguire;

EMAIL: ajcgmc@gmail.com

PHONE: 412.651.0209

MAIL: 1121 Harvard Road

Please specify blend preference:

- LaPrima House
- French Roast
- Columbian
- Ethiopian
- Paulies
- Whole bean or Ground
- Decaf or Regular



*Monthly delivery can be set up by request.

Chris Fennimore comes to Thornburg

Thornburg welcomed a local icon Chris Fennimore on Friday, March 15th to sample some recipes, made by community members, from his newest cookbook *Simple Pleasures*.

Several community members made recipes for all in attendance to taste. Our mouths watered with Mushrooms Marsala, Homemade Pesto sauce, Lentil Soup, Coconut Flan, and Firehouse Coffee Cake, just to name a few. *Simple Pleasures* truly is a book to simplify home cooking. Bringing back the joy of cooking and taking out the fuss and frills.

After our bellies were filled, Chris spoke about his experiences with WQED (like when his daughter met Mr. Rogers), his family and of course cooking. He urged all in the auditorium to start keeping family recipes and making a “family” cookbook, so that all of your family favorites won’t ever be lost or forgotten.

It was truly a wonderful evening spent with friends and food. Thanks is needed to Kelly Chiodi for organizing this event.



Thornburg Community Club Meetings

Sunday, April 28th
7:00 p.m. in the Library

ALL ARE WELCOME
Extra Help Appreciated

All TCC meetings will be held on the 3rd Sunday of every month. Mark your calendars today!!!



Phelps Nursery Gift Cards

Spring is here, so prepare for the blooms and get your lawn or garden plans mapped out.

Plan ahead and purchase gift cards through The Thornburg Community Club. You can purchase gift cards in \$25, \$50 or \$100 denominations to use for your purchases at Phelps Nursery, just 5 minutes from Thornburg on Route 60. The Community Club earns \$5 for every gift card sold.

Don't forget these gift cards make great gifts for your garden-loving family and friends.

To purchase your gift cards, please contact Suzy Golitko at 412.922.1125 or sgolitko@verizon.net

Thornburg Ladies Wine Club

The latest Thornburg Ladies Wine Club event was held on Saturday, March 8th. Kimberly Minyard was our gracious host this past month and featured wines from the Piedmont, Italy region. So enjoyable! Thank you again to Kimberly for the wonderful evening.

If you haven't yet been to a Wine Club event please consider joining. There is no long-term commitment. All you need to do enjoy some wine tasting along with paired foods with friends and neighbors. It is such a wonderful way to meet the ladies (of all ages and stages) in our community to build strong networks and lifelong friends.

The next Wine Club will be June 1st at (yours truly) Colleen Kamnikar's home - 513 Hamilton Road. The theme this month will be the New York Finger Lakes. If this theme, sparks your interest please RSVP by May 29th to colleenmkamnikar@gmail.com. You can also join the Wine Club group on Facebook to see all upcoming events and discussions. Dues are \$30/member bi-monthly. Dues cover 1 case of wine with 3-5 different varieties of wine and catering.



Thornburg Talent to Perform at Stage AE

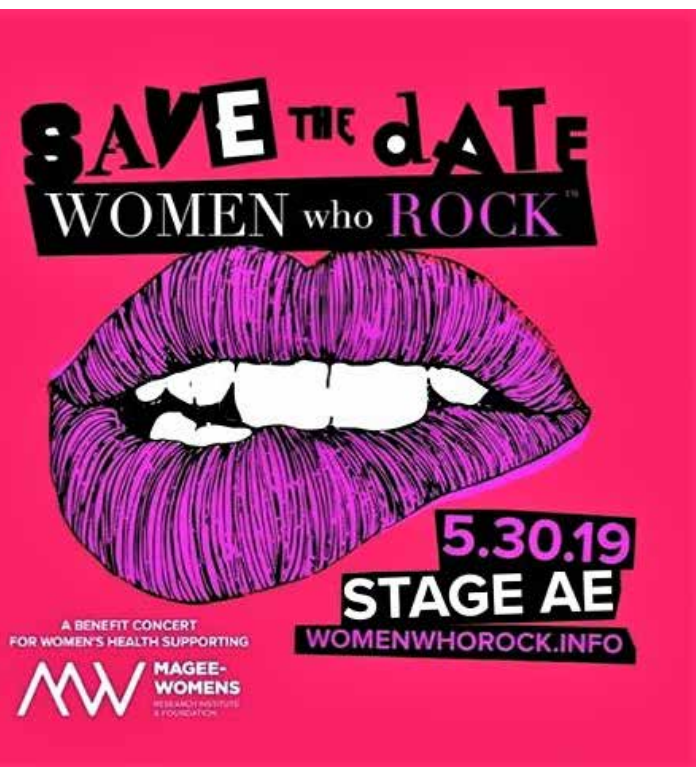
Ladies and Gentlemen, Melinda Colaizzi (of Tech Road) will be performing at the Women Who Rock fundraising concert at Stage AE this May!

The annual benefit concert, to be held on May 30th, features some of the best women's talent in the area to raise funds and awareness for women's health and empowering women in music. The night will be full

of live music, a ceremony honoring the 2019 "Women Who Rock" Award, 2019 Rising Start Contest winner performance, and Beauty Bar on site to get your glam on. Proceeds from this event benefit Magee-Womens Research Institute & Foundation.

Be sure to mark your calendars to show support for Melinda Colaizzi and the cause.

Please visit www.womenwhorockpgh.com for complete details and information.



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Do you have any ideas, suggestions, or articles? Please send them to colleenmkamnikar@gmail.com or ThornburgNews@gmail.com.

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The following are the due dates for article and news submissions for the 2018-2019 TOT issues.

- June 13th
- September 17th
- November 19th

Tiny Terrific Thornburg Heads Up!!!

The Crafton Food Back is in desperate need of clean, recycled grocery bags or green newspaper cover bags.

If you have any lying around, just toss them in the box on the porch of 220 Tech Road.