



## FROM THE PRESIDENT

*Mark Orndorff*  
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So, I guess this time of year it's required to comment on the weather. I don't want to say too much about the weather where we are (I don't want to rub it in!), but it seems like it's been a pretty cold winter in PN with more snow than we've had in several years. I hope everyone is doing well and ready for the nice, warm spring weather on the near horizon!

This is our annual golf edition, so all golfers of every ability (or lack ability but want to have fun), can read through the options and pick one that fits your preferences. If you're undecided, I would encourage you to try out one of the golf groups. We were not golfers when we moved to Penn National. Even though we enjoyed the community, starting to play golf changed our lives with so many new friends and opened doors to lots of other activities. If you are at all uncomfortable joining in one of the groups, take the advice recently shared from our Vice President that no one really cares how well you play - we're all just out there to enjoy time with friends.

We're early planning for the annual Members Meeting scheduled for May 12th at the Mont Alto Fire Station. Patti Nitterhouse has agreed to be our guest speaker with an update on future community plans. I'm sure this will be a very interesting talk. We will also have our annual election of officers. There are several openings on the PNCA board, so let me or Beth Pryor know if you are interested in getting involved. We will have a slate of officer candidates for the next

newsletter with the formal election on May 12th. Our meetings are open to everyone (members and non-members), so please invite any neighbors who are not currently in PNCA who might be interested in finding out more about the organization.

The PNCA activities coordinators are all busy firming up plans for 2025 with lots of great options for everyone. You'll find lots of information later in this newsletter as well as on the PNCA website calendar. I'm always amazed and grateful for the work of the volunteers to provide so many opportunities for all of us to get together and enjoy our favorite activities. Special thanks to Pam Curro for pulling all of this together!

We're enjoying another winter at Jekyll Island (aka Penn National South) with many friends from the community. It's always a special treat to have neighbors visit and seems to be a bit addictive as the Jekyll Island group continues to grow with more deciding to stay for a long-term visit. Please let us know if you're passing through and want to link up. The weather, golf, cycling and beaches are all wonderful!

We look forward to returning to another beautiful Penn National Spring.

Mark Orndorff  
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## FROM THE PUBLICATIONS DIRECTOR

Our newsletter in March has been our "Golf Edition." In this newsletter I have included details about the organized groups, league kick-off schedules and important dates for key tournaments that are popular with many residents either as participants or followers. Tee Up Fore the Cure "Dine & Donate" fundraiser will be April 4th at Longhorn Steakhouse at 980 Norland Ave., Chambersburg. The required voucher is provided on page 21. Your support will be appreciated!

Additionally, March 17th is St. Patrick's Day, a holiday that honors the patron saint of Ireland. Did you know, the largest celebrations of St. Patrick's Day take place in the United States!

The Spring Equinox also happens in March, arriving on March 20th, it marks the transition from winter to longer and warmer days that encourage outdoor activities and more ways to connect with community.

March is also Women's History Month, a time to highlight the achievements of women across various fields such as science, politics, arts, and business. The 2025 theme is "Moving Forward Together! Women Educating & Inspiring Generations."

President Jimmy Carter honored the contributions of women with the following quote:

"From the first settlers who came to our shores, from the first American Indian families who befriended them, men and women have worked together to build this nation. Too often the women were unsung and sometimes their contributions went unnoticed. But the achievements, leadership, courage, strength and love of the women who built America was as vital as that of the men whose names we know so well."

—President Jimmy Carter

This month offers an opportunity to acknowledge and appreciate influential women. Consider incorporating discussions about significant women into book clubs, researching influential women, or expressing gratitude to women who have been mentors or supporters.

The 11/30 Franklin County Visitors Center is featuring Women's History Month with "I Am..We Are Valiant," where visitors can learn about some of the first women of Franklin County.

I hope you enjoy this edition and start planning your spring and summer activities accordingly.

Eileen Grady  
eileengf@msn.com

## 3RD ANNUAL CHOCOLATE & WINE TASTING

The 3rd Annual Chocolate and Wine Tasting was held Monday, February 17th, at the Mont Alto Fire Hall, with 65 in attendance. The night started with a glass of bubbly and hors d'oeuvres, followed by milk chocolate, dark chocolate and white chocolate morsels, supplied by the Candy Kitchen in Waynesboro and paired with (3) wines presented by sommelier, Cecily Barber, of Fine and Wine Spirits on Wayne Avenue in Chambersburg. Lastly, a sweet red dessert wine was served with a chocolate Texas Sheet Cake, prepared by Donna Matuch. Five raffle baskets, filled with champagne, flutes, chocolates, wine, wine glasses, spa items, Chocolate Baileys, etc. were raffled off.

Thank you to all the volunteers and Cecily Barber and Donna Matuch.

Submitted by Beth Pryor



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## PNHA NEW MEMBERS

STREET	NAMES
Quail Circle	Mark & Dawn Hooper
Fairway Drive East	Geneva Gellman
Ninth View	Louis & Deborah Rappole

## MARCH EVENTS

March 4th	1st Tuesday Pick up
March 11th	PN Men's Luncheon- Chambersburg VFW
March 18th	Visit the National Civil War Museum
March 18th	Golf Goddesses kick-off meeting
March 7th	9 Hole Ladies Preseason Golf Meeting
March 27th	9 Hole Men's Preseason Golf Meeting
March 26th	PNMGL Preseason Kickoff Meeting

## UPCOMING EVENTS

April 2nd	1st Tuesday Pick up
April 2nd	PN Ladies 18 Hole Kickoff meeting
April 4th	Tee Up Fore the Cure fundraiser at Longhorn
April 5th	ASGG Golf start
April 9th	PN Men's Luncheon
April 11th	Mixed League 1st Scramble
April 21nd	Monday Lady's Kickoff Meeting

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## LADIES 18 HOLE GOLF LEAGUE KICKOFF MEETING

The Penn National Ladies Golf Association (PNLGA) welcomes all women to join the league for the 2025 season. We play a variety of Individual, two person and four person games, as well as several tournament events. Our season runs from April to October.

While our love of golf and playing by the rules is important, we also enjoy socializing and fostering friendships! So, if you've ever considered being part of a golf league and have a Handicap Index of 38 or lower, this is a great opportunity!

The kickoff meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 2nd at 9am. Location: Penn National Inn on the lower level.

Any questions, please contact Denise Ditch at 240-285-2011 or [deniseditch57@gmail.com](mailto:deniseditch57@gmail.com).

*Submitted by Denise Ditch*

## 2025 MIXED LEAGUE

The Penn National Mixed League is designed to bring neighbors together in a social setting for a friendly round of golf followed by a get-together to discuss the round, meet with neighbors, and enjoy happy hour. This is a mixed league and not necessarily a couple's league - open to everyone! League play starts in early April and is played every other Friday into the fall. This year, Mixed League will start on April 11th with a 4-person scramble. Membership in the Mixed League is very simple - there is no membership fee and no commitment; you just need to belong to a USGA handicap system. Please note that for the first event on April 11th, everyone is welcome - you do not need a handicap.

You sign up for our email list and you'll be added to the signup spread sheet, and you will get notifications of the tee times and games for each event. We have team games each week designed

for friendly competition between golfers of all skill levels, generally playing off the tee of your choice using handicaps to level the competitions. Teams will be randomly selected with a mix of men and women on each team. Although there's no cost to join the league, each player pays \$3 a round. The pot is split among the winning teams at the end of the round. We gather on the terrace after the round to reward team winners and enjoy camaraderie and happy hour together.

This year, we plan to have several 9 holes events in the evening on non-mixed league weeks. Dates to be announced.

If you wish to sign up, please contact Mark or Susan Orndorff (email information below).

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[suz.orndorff@gmail.com](mailto:suz.orndorff@gmail.com)

*Submitted by Susan & Mark Orndorff*



## LADIES 9 HOLE GOLF LEAGUE

Kick-off meeting: March 17th / 10 AM - 12 PM  
 Penn National Inn Conference Center, Building 7

The Season Runs April 8th - October 7th, 2025

- DAY/START TIME: Tuesdays / 7:55 AM
- SHOTGUN HANDICAP: 53 - established by May 30th games.
- INDIVIDUAL, TEAM, AND REGULAR DUES : \$75 (\$45 for GHIN and \$30 for league)

Make checks payable to: PN 9-Hole Ladies League.

Dues are payable at the kick-off meeting, or drop off at Lee Ann Campbell, 6865 Old Course Road

As a reminder this league is open to members and non-members

Golf fees for non-member w/cart are \$33, Member w/cart are \$11.

For more information contact:

Angie Bailey  
[bailey14570@gmail.com](mailto:bailey14570@gmail.com)  
 or  
 Lori Fink  
[lorifink501@gmail.com](mailto:lorifink501@gmail.com)

*Submitted by Angie Bailey*





## 2025 PNMGL/PNGA MEN'S GOLF

The PNMGL/PNGA is a Men's 18 hole Golf Association for any PN Member, Resident or Neighbor.

We play golf here at Penn National, on Mondays, Wednesdays, alternating Fridays, plus 12 Travel Golf days to local golf clubs. A PN Membership is not required to join. You can pay as you play if you like. Our only requirement is having a GHIN Handicap which is a \$45 fee (paid to PN)

The Fee for the PNGA league golf is \$10 but is strictly for Fridays & Travel Golf only. The PNMGL fee is \$30 and includes the Monday, Wednesday, alternating Friday as well as the 12 Travel Golf days. Each day we play is a different tournament, no standings are kept, so you can play 7 times or 70 times a year if you like. Each day we use a different game to make it a little more fun and different experience. We pay \$3

for prizes on Monday and Wednesday, and \$5 on Friday, plus Travel with additional prizes.

We have 3 Golf/Luncheons and 2 or 3 special tournaments during the season as well.

The only rule we have is to have fun & fellowship with other golfers in the Community.

We start the year with our kickoff meeting on Wednesday, March 26th, at 9am in the Penn National Clubhouse this year. We serve coffee, juice and have doughnuts for all who attend. Returning members please use the signup spreadsheet to let us know you're coming to the kickoff meeting.

For new and existing member, a membership form is attached to this newsletter. Signup forms will go out to existing members shortly.

Any general questions, contact Jim Litzke at: jameslitzke6283@gmail.com or 215-570-0740, or Malcolm McNett (Membership/Treasurer) at: mdmccnett@gmail.com.

Submitted by Jim Litzke

## 2025 MEN'S IX HOLE GOLF GROUP

What is this group all about? We are a bunch of guys who play golf just for the fun of it, not money. We have multiple days to choose from, ranging from Sundays through Fridays, some days mornings, others will be in the early afternoon, all options with only 9 holes.

You do not have to have a Penn National membership in order to play. You can pay as you play, if you choose.

You will sign up to play using a Google Spreadsheet, which is extremely easy to use. After we play, you have the option to join us at the Clubhouse for a drink, if you wish. One thing we do is have fun, sharing and building friendships. We will be having a preseason meeting on Thursday, March 27th at 9:00 a.m. at the PN clubhouse.

If you'd like to know more, contact Tom Cahill at thomas.michael.cahill@gmail.com.

Submitted by Tom Cahill

## MONDAY LADIES GROUP 2025

Monday is Fun Day! If you're looking to have fun with non-competitive golf with friends, then we are the group for you.



No cost to join, no weekly dues, and no by-laws. All skill levels are welcome, as long your handicap is 40 or less. Join now or anytime during the season (April to October).

Weekly tee times start around 8:15, and we try to play both courses. We will begin Monday, April 21st. Our season includes a mix of individual 18-hole golf and some fun games, which you can play or not. (Did I mention fun!!!) We look forward to meeting new players, reconnecting with prior ones, and playing good golf!

If you are interested in joining our group or have any questions, contact Margaret Ackerman by text 717-360-0070 or [mmackerman72@gmail.com](mailto:mmackerman72@gmail.com)

Submitted by Margaret Ackerman

## 2025 GOLF GODDESSES LEAGUE

The 2025 Golf Goddesses is a non-competitive social group with emphasis placed on having fun while improving your game. No prior golf experience is required. Beginning April 7 through October, we play 9 holes on Monday afternoons at approximately 2:45p.m. If you are interested in joining the league, please attend our meeting on Tuesday, March 18, at 10 a.m. in the Founders Grille.

If you cannot attend the meeting and would like to join the league, or if you have questions, please email Nancy Burrridge, [ntburrridge@gmail.com](mailto:ntburrridge@gmail.com), or Saundy Fielhauer, [saundyf@hotmail.com](mailto:saundyf@hotmail.com)

Submitted by Saundy Fielhauer

### ASGG GOLF FOR 2025

The ASGG, formerly the Alternate Saturday Golf Group, and now tentatively and humbly named the "All-Stars Golf Group" plays every Saturday from April through October.

This informal group will generally alternate between Iron Forge and Founders, and will play every Saturday starting (usually) at about 11am. This group is great for anyone who has a membership that includes golf after 11 on weekends.

The first event will be on April 5th. Team games will vary and each player will need to ante up \$3 whenever they play to cover prize money. The prize money will typically be either winner-take-all or 1st and 2nd places, depending on how many players sign up.

The ASGG is open to any golfer with a valid handicap and there are no membership fees.

Interested players should email either Drew McCarriar ([drew.mcc.pnga@gmail.com](mailto:drew.mcc.pnga@gmail.com)) or Jim Larimer ([james.larimer@comcast.net](mailto:james.larimer@comcast.net)) to have their names added to the online sign-up sheet and to receive the link for access to the sign-up sheet.

*Submitted by Drew McCarriar*

### PENN NATIONAL TRAVEL GOLF GROUPS

Penn National also has two groups of men who travel to other golf courses around the area once a month for a variety of play.

Both groups use a Google Spreadsheet for sign up, please sign up if you wish to play for any given month. A handicap is needed to play with either group. If you are interested in joining a group and would like to have more information, please contact Tom Cahill at [thomas.michael.cahill@gmail.com](mailto:thomas.michael.cahill@gmail.com).

*Submitted by Tom Cahill*

### 2025 BATTLE OF THE NEIGHBORHOODS

As we have done the last couple of years, there will be 2 Battle of the Neighborhood events again this year. The first event is on Tuesday, May 13th and will be a 4-person scramble between neighborhood teams. The summer Battle of the Neighborhoods will be held on Monday, July 28th and will be stroke play with handicap as we have done in the past. More details will follow.

The neighborhood representatives this year are as follows: Fairway South/Range – Kevin and Pam Mayhew; Fairway West – Jon and Pam Curro; Fairway East – Jim and Sara Hilmer; St Annes – Dave and Betty Cameron. More information regarding the spring BotN will be available later in March.

Please reach out to Mark at [orndorfm@gmail.com](mailto:orndorfm@gmail.com) or Susan at [suz.orndorff@gmail.com](mailto:suz.orndorff@gmail.com)

*Submitted by Susan & Mark Orndorff*

### SAVE THE DATES FOR 2025 PN GOLF TOURNAMENTS

Event	Dates	Course
Spring BotN	Tuesday, May13th	
Member-Guest	Tuesday–Wednesday June 24th and 25th	Both with some restrictions
Club Championship	Tuesday and Wednesday July 1st and 2nd	Both with some restrictions
Military Cup	Tuesday and Thursday July 8th and 10th	More details to follow
Tee up Fore the Cure	Thursday, July 24th	More details to follow
Summer BotN	Monday, July 28th	



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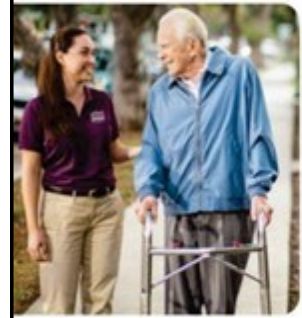
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## MEN'S LUNCHEON

<b>DATE</b>	Saint Patrick's Day Luncheon, Tuesday, March 11 <sup>th</sup>
<b>PLACE</b>	Chambersburg VFW Post 1599 747 South Fourth Street Chambersburg, PA 17201 (717) 264-9945
<b>TIME</b>	Cash Bar at 11:00 AM; Lunch Served 11:45 AM
<b>COST</b>	\$25.00
<b>MENU</b>	Salad, choice of <b>Corned Beef and Cabbage</b> or <b>Shepherd's Pie</b> . Dessert and coffee or tea included.
<b>SPEAKER</b>	Steve King, Penn National resident, discussing <i>The Cumberland Valley Railroad</i>

Please make your **reservation** by contacting one of the following committee members on or before Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>;

Bernie Goldberg 717-401-0084 bernie7009@gmail.com  
Bob Cronin 717-352-8539 rjcronin68@gmail.com

Cancellations should be received at least three days prior to the luncheon date, except for an emergency, otherwise we ask that you honor your payment.

The Next Luncheon will be Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at The Orchards Restaurant, Chambersburg, PA

### OPEN TO EVERYONE

Penn National will visit **The National Civil War Museum** in Harrisburg, PA on Tuesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>. It is one of the largest museums in the country dedicated solely to the American Civil War. The Museum seeks to tell the whole story of this troubled chapter in American history by discussing the causes of the war, the battles that took place during the conflict, and the legacy of the war that remains with us to this day. As usual we will travel via car pool and are planning to stop for lunch on the return trip at Fiddlers Restaurant at Mayapple Golf Course. The cost to tour the museum is a discounted \$11.00 per person paid in advance. Enroll at a Men's Luncheon and pay the advance fee of \$11.00 (please make checks payable to PNCA) or drop it at the box at Jon/Pam Curro, 6210 Oak Leaf Lane North.

*Submitted by Bernie Goldberg*

## 2025 PNCA LADIES' LUNCHEON DATES

The following dates and places have been reserved for the 2025 Ladies' Luncheons. Please mark your calendars! Details for the May luncheon will be provided in April and will also be listed in the PNCA Events Calendar on at [www.pnca.info](http://www.pnca.info).

- May 20, Tuesday - VFW in Chambersburg
- July 22, Tuesday - Dobbin House Tavern, Gettysburg
- September 25, Thursday - Hickory Bridge Farm, Orrtanna
- December 2, Tuesday - Carriage House Inn, Emmitsburg, MD

*Submitted by Bobbie Jones*





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## NEEDLEWORKERS GROUP

March is a transition month - should the month be Wintery, or is spring on the way? Our Needlework projects can also cause us to pause and consider what to work on next - family gift, Spring, start that patriotic themed piece, keep working on holiday items.

Regardless, you will find a like-minded needleworker at the bi-monthly gatherings. Meetings for March will be on the first and third Wednesdays of the month, March 5th and 19th at the Mont Alto Senior Center, behind the Fire House. We start arriving around 1:30 and leave by 3:30. So gather a project, supplies, a light if needed, and "March" on over (or drive) to the Needleworkers group.

Hope to see you!

*Submitted by Joyce Zsembery*

Karen Jones knit this lovely sweater to wear during these chilly weeks. However, that lovely lavender hue definitely has us thinking of Spring!



## PENN NEEDLES QUILTERS

Did you know, March 8th is National Quilting Day. It is also National Women's Month so let's remember our past a moment.

The first detailed accounts of quilting dates back to the 17th century in Colonial America out of necessity. Conestoga wagons and rough-hewn homes needed something to cover all those drafts to protect family from the elements. Women cleverly hand sewed any fabric of sorts to protect their family.

In the 18th century, women of means started Colonial Quilts with decorative stitches, it became a hobby. In the 1840's, with an expanding textile industry, American women began to express their creativity through quilting. Next came quilting bees to help tackle loneliness that pioneers, in rural areas, faced in isolated areas. It may have been a grand parlour or a cramped bedroom in a log home with a wooden frame, with 2-7 women working together producing quilts to fundraise for war efforts. These were the most expensive items made, and the money went toward buying supplies and 3 gunboats in WWI.

During the Civil War, family quilts were donated to soldiers and women began to create quilts 7 feet by 3 feet to fit military beds made from any fabric available. By the end of the war 250,000 quilts were made for soldiers.

From that era came Crazy Quilts, WWII & rationing including fabric, 1960's resurgence of quilting mostly still made by hand, 1970's newfound created guilds, 1980s new tools like rotary cutters & mats making quilting easier and more efficient. Today we have high-tech sewing machines that help create elaborate designs in hours instead of weeks.

Talk about girl power!

Our February 18th meeting was attended by 31 ladies. Co-Coordinator, Frances Badman led us through the reports of committees. We had 2 informative classes. Norma Huss demonstrated English Paper Piecing & Gloria Winkleman described techniques for 'Jacob's Ladder'. We then tied 4 bed sized quilts and more than 50 utility bags for the Mennonite Relief Center. Sit N Sew was well attended to work on our commitment of Reading Pillows.

March 10-13 we meet for Retreat at Norlo Community Center. Any member still interested in attending please contact Barb Berlett (bberlett@gmail.com).

Our Next meeting is April, 15, 2025 @ 9:30AM  
Cindy Paskanik (paskanik@yahoo.com)

The Only Scraps Under My Table Are FABRIC!

*Submitted by Cindy Paskanik*



# The Book Club


## MARCH BOOK CLUBS NEWS

Group Name/Leader	Book	Author	Meeting Info	Host
A Broader View: Vicky Billerbeck	<i>The Frozen River</i>	Ariel Lawton	March 6th	Peggy
A New Leaf: Cheryl Vorhauer	<i>James</i>	Perceval Everett	March 25th	Kim
Between the Lines: Becky Foor	<i>Three Days in June</i>	Anne Tyler	March 19th	Marilou Thomas
Easy Readers: Donna Steiner	<i>The Four Winds</i>	Kristen Hannah	March 11th	Donna
Literary Ladies: Terry Kenyon	<i>The Beach House</i>	Mary Alice Monroe	March 20th	TBD
Page 2 Page: Judy Young	<i>Remarkably Bright Creatures</i>	Shelby Van Pelt	March 19th at 1PM	Frances
Page Turners: Barb Brown	<i>The Secret Life of Sunflowers</i>	Marta Molnar	March 11th	TBD
S.T.A.R.: Sally Harper	<i>A Thousand Ships</i>	Natalie Haynes	March 19th	Cindy

### RECOMMENDED READS FROM OUR BOOK CLUBS

From Literary Ladies Book Club

- *Ordinary Grace* by William Kent Krueger is The story of a young boy growing up in the Midwest with a preacher father, mother and siblings. The family faces tragedy one summer with multiple deaths in their community. How the family deals with these tragedies with the blessing of ordinary grace is quite extraordinary.
- *The One Hundred Years of Lenni and Margot* by Marianne Cronin. Lenni, a teenager, and Margot, in her 80's, are both confined to a hospital for vastly different reasons. While there, they meet in art class and develop a mutual understanding of each other's plight. They decide to stage an art exhibit commemorating the 100 years of their added lives. Through their journey they both grow in unexpected ways and come to understand the journey life has taken them on thus far, as well as what life has in store for them. This is a heartwarming, tear-jerking, laugh-out-loud story of generational love and understanding!
- *Submitted by Terry Kenyon*



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The Penn National Harmony Singers welcomed four new members to our choir in February.

This is an ideal time to come out to one of our practices and meet our members. We are working on new music for our Summer Concert in June and preparing programs to be presented at

our local Assisted Living Communities.

We meet the first and third Tuesdays of the month from 3:30-5:00 at the New Guilford Brethren in Christ Church on Mont Alto Road. Our March practice dates are Tuesday the 4th and 18th.

Singing is therapeutic, especially during the cold winter months. We welcome new members!

For more information call or e-mail:  
shcurtis6907@gmail.com; 717-352-7719

*Sandy Curtis, PNHS Coordinator*

**HEARING LOSS SUPPORT GROUP  
RESUMING OUR MONTHLY MEETINGS**

Do you have hearing loss? Does someone close to you have hearing loss? According to the National Center for Health Statistics, 48 million American adults (20%) have some degree of hearing loss. Come share your experience, find support, resources, and learn coping strategies for people with hearing loss and their families.

We meet the first Thursday of each month 6:30

pm to 8:00 pm. Next meeting: Thursday, April 3rd, at the New Guilford Brethren in Christ Church, 1575 Mont Alto Rd, Chambersburg, PA 17202

People of all ages and all degrees of hearing loss are welcome.

Contact: Bill Best hearinglossfranco@gmail.com or 484-319-1196.

For resources about the Hearing Loss Association of America go to: [www.hearingloss.org](http://www.hearingloss.org).

*Submitted by Bill Best*

**WRITING IS FUN GROUP (W.I.F.)**

Check us out. W.I.F. stands for Writing Is Fun!!

Do you ever sit around looking for something interesting to do with some fun people? If the answer to this is yes, then W.I.F. is for you.

This group is open to both men and women. We started W.I.F. three years ago from scratch, and it has grown into one of the best, least known groups within the PN community.

Please come and check us out, we meet on the first Friday of every month at the nearby Penn State Mont Alto Library at 9:00 a.m.. Sometimes we go out for lunch afterwards.

If you are serious about meeting some fun people, check us out. You won't regret it.

We appreciate all interest; however, if you tend to be a negative person, this group would probably not be a good fit.

If interested contact Tom Cahill at [thomas.michael.cahill@gmail.com](mailto:thomas.michael.cahill@gmail.com).

Oh, by the way, we gather to write and share with each other our thoughts and feelings on topics agreed upon by the group.

*Submitted by Tom Cahill*

**MORE PNCA GROUPS—LOOKING TO CONNECT IN 2025?**

CHECK OUT THESE ADDITIONAL INFORMAL GROUPS IN PENN NATIONAL. Information also found at [www.pnca.info](http://www.pnca.info)

**COMPUTER INTEREST GROUP:** Meets monthly on the 2nd Friday of the month at 11:30 at Arturo's for those interested in computer hardware, software, and/or programming.

**WOODWORKERS GROUP:** Meets monthly at 11:30 am the first Friday of every month at Arturo's Pizza. Contact Bob Foor at [bobfoor@comcast.net](mailto:bobfoor@comcast.net) for info on either the Computer Interest or Woodworkers Groups

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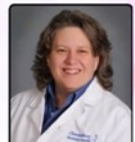
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**FIRST TUESDAY –FOOD PANTRY**

We filled another 4 vehicles for the February Food Pantry pickup. We appreciate all the donations.

Our next Food Pantry pickup will be Tuesday, March 4th. Please have your donations at the end of your driveway by 9am for drivers to pick up.

We appreciate your kindness! Maranatha is always looking for volunteers for sorting food and helping out. Volunteers need to show up around 8am Monday-Thursday at the pantry location, 195 West Loudon Street, Chambersburg

Thank you for all your donations.

*Submitted by Jon and Pam Curro*

**GREEN & WHITE REFLECTIVE HOUSE NUMBER SIGNS NOTICE**

The Mont Alto Fire Department strongly urges everyone to have a green & white reflective house number sign installed in front of your home, close to the road. House numbers on your house are not always visible at night from the road, and during an emergency, where seconds may matter, a reflective sign may mean the difference between life and death.

PNCA will purchase and install a sign for your home for \$25, which is about what it would cost

you to do it yourself (the signs, from the Mont Alto Fire Dept./Ambulance Squad, cost \$20), and it is a lot easier than doing it yourself! You can request a sign at this website page: <https://www.pnca.info/numsign.php>.

Please note Installation timing will be based on the ability to install depending on the condition of ground thaw.

*Submitted by Jon Curro*

**PENN NATIONAL COMMUNITY YARD SALE 2025**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS -- the Annual PN Community Yard Sale will be held Friday and Saturday, May 16 & 17, 2025, from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

More information will be forthcoming -- watch the E-News and Patti Peck's Weekly News for details. You may contact me if you have any questions.

Pat Vrabel  
607-661-6881  
pnyardsale@gmail.com

*Submitted by Pat Vrabel*



**SAVE THE DATE FOR A GARDENERS EVENT!**

We will be painting old silverware to use as garden markers at the Grove Library on April 1st from 3:30-5pm.

More info to follow

*Submitted by Sue Stempien*

**MUSIC NIGHT IS BACK! SAVE THE DATE!**



PNCA will be having another Music Night at the Trellis on Friday, June 6th from 5 PM to 9PM.

Ev Crider will be playing.

More details to follow in the coming weeks!

*Submitted by Pam Curro*

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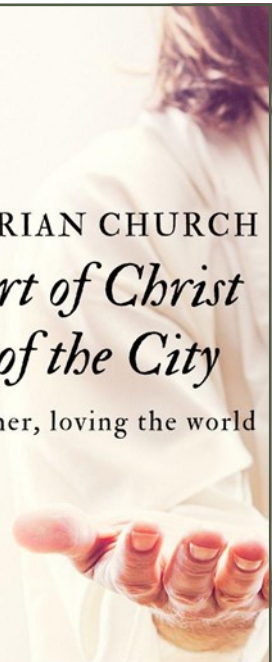
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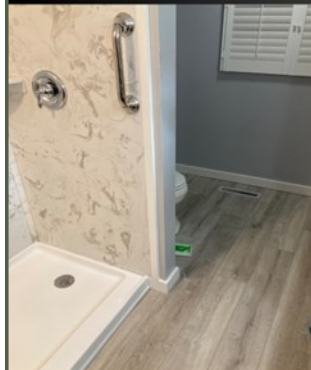
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# TRIVIA TIME

Submitted by Michael Donkin  
Test your knowledge of geography  
and the world around us!

Hope you enjoy!  
(Answers on pg. 18.)

- Which is the least populated US state?  
a) Montana  
b) Utah  
c) Rhode Island  
d) Wyoming
- Which country is home to Mount Everest?  
a) Bhutan  
b) China  
c) India  
d) Nepal
- How many countries make up the United Kingdom?  
a) 3  
b) 4  
c) 5  
d) 6
- Which of the Great Lakes does NOT share a border with Canada?  
a) Michigan  
b) Erie  
c) Huron  
d) Superior
- In which country would you find the cities of Wellington, Christchurch, and Dunedin?  
a) Australia  
b) New Zealand  
c) South Africa  
d) Canada
- Which of these South American countries does not touch the sea?  
a) Bolivia  
b) Uruguay  
c) Ecuador  
d) Colombia
- What U.S. state has the nickname "Land of 10,000 Lakes"?  
a) Florida  
b) Wisconsin  
c) Michigan  
d) Minnesota
- Which of these US states does NOT touch the Four Corners Monument?  
a) Nevada  
b) Utah  
c) New Mexico  
d) Colorado
- In which country is the city of Casablanca located?  
a) Algeria  
b) Portugal  
c) Spain  
d) Morocco
- Which planet's year is shorter than its day?  
a) Mercury  
b) Venus  
c) Mars  
d) Jupiter



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Topics will include the differences between cool and warm weather crops, basics of planning a garden, what and when to plant, rotation of crops, companion planting and more.

The library will offer light refreshments.

March 6th: 2:00 - 3:00 PM

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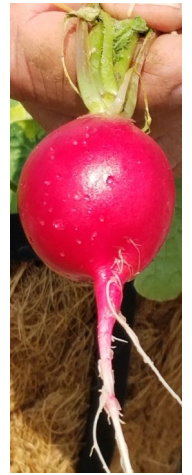
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*Submitted by Carol Kagan*



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## TRIVIA ANSWERS

1. d) Wyoming
2. d) Nepal
3. b) 4 - England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland
4. a) Michigan
5. b) New Zealand
6. a) Bolivia
7. d) Minnesota
8. a) Nevada
9. d) Morocco
10. b) Venus



## MARCH AND APRIL BUTTONWOOD NATURE CENTER EVENT

Visit [buttonwoodnaturecenter.org](http://buttonwoodnaturecenter.org) for full description, times, locations, costs and what to bring visit this URL

For additional information you may call 717-762-0373 or email to [info@buttonwoodnaturecenter.org](mailto:info@buttonwoodnaturecenter.org).

- Saturday, March 1 • 10 am–2 pm: Telescope Clinic in partnership with Tri-State Astronomers (by appt.) is designed to help you learn how to maximize your use of a telescope.
- Thursday, March 6 • 7 pm—Spring Speaker Series: Feathers, Fur & Fins: Wildlife and Water Habitats Winging It Near Water is a free program that will showcase birds that are found near various water habitats in south central Pennsylvania
- Thursday, March 13 • 7 pm: Spring Speaker Series: Feathers, Fur & Fins: Wildlife and Water Habitats the Beavers at Gettysburg National Park. Free program presented by Chris Davis, park biologist.
- Thursday, March 20 • 7 pm: Spring Speaker Series: Feathers, Fur & Fins: Wildlife and Water Habitats Waterways of the PA South-Central Region—Fishing, Boating and More, presented by Sarah Bartel, Waterway Conservation Officer.
- Saturday, March 22 • 7 pm: Owl Prowl. Learn about nighttime birds of prey during an evening hike in the woods with a Buttonwood naturalist.
- Saturday, March 29 • 1:30 pm: Afternoon with an Owl. Enjoy an educational and fun visit with a live owl during this special program, featuring Strix, the Owl.
- Sunday, March 30, 2025 • 1–3 pm: Spring Appalachian Trail Family Hike-March. Part of a series of monthly trail hikes on the last Sunday of the month through April 2025.
- Thursday, April 3 • 7 pm: Memories & Stories of Happel’s Meadow. Area residents are invited to share memories and stories of life near Happel’s Meadow.
- Saturday, April 5 • 4 p.m. and 7 p.m.: Movie: “Hoot” at the Waynesboro Theatre, Free admission & popcorn for the first 50 kids age 12 and under at the 4PM show.
- Saturday, April 12 • 11 am–2 pm: Kite Fly. Free kite flying for all ages with expert flying help from our Kite Masters, Sam and George Adams. Bring your own kite.
- Saturday, April 26 • 11 am–4 pm: Earth Celebration Day & Festival of Art. Pine Hill Recreation Area, free admission. Celebrate spring with environmental exhibitors, live music environmental artists and artisans and student art show. Bring cash for the Recycle Fundraiser
- Saturday, April 26 • 9 am–3 pm: Recycle-Reuse Yard Sale. Pine Hill Recreation Area, Enjoy the thrill of the chase as you look for bargains or sell your discards at this annual event.
- Sunday, April 27, 2025 • 1–3 pm: Spring Appalachian Trail Family Hike–April. Part of a series of monthly trail hikes on the last Sunday of the month. Hike with us along a portion of the legendary Appalachian Trail!



## TEE UP FORE THE CURE FUNDRAISER

Are you tired of being in the kitchen? Please take advantage of this opportunity to go “Dining For Dollars” to benefit Tee Up Fore the Cure, Relay For Life, and the American Cancer Society. Tee Up Fore the Cure will receive 10% of all monies taken in on April 4th.

**When:** April 4, 2025 from 11 AM to 10 PM

**Where:** LONGHORN STEAKHOUSE, 980 Norland Ave, Chambersburg

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The Vouched is provided on page 21 of the newsletter. Print the voucher on page 21 or, you may get a voucher from any team member: Linda Reed lreedgolf3@gmail.com, Carolyn Lamson cjlamson225@gmail.com, Kim Engman kimalane@icloud.com, or Jessie Gribble jjgribble8@comcast.net.

Thank you in advance for your support!

*Submitted By: Jessie Gribble*

### WALK-RUN-JOG CLUB (WRJC)

#### MARCH, APRIL and MAY 2025

**Who:** Any Penn National resident who wants to walk, run, run/walk, or jog in the neighborhood with like-minded people, meet new friends, and support the Penn National Community

**What:** WRJC Clubbers can try different routes, distances and terrain each week at their own pace.  
Current route maps: <https://www.pnca.info/pdfs/WRJCmaps.pdf>

**Where:** Meet at the Clubhouse in March & April; Beginning in May, meet at the covered picnic tables next to the trellis  
**NEW:** Additional off-site locations for Saturday outings beginning in May

**When:** Monthly meet ups:     Second Sunday at 8:45 AM  
  Fourth Tuesday at 5:15 PM  
**NEW:** Third SATURDAY starting in May at 10:00 AM

MONTH	DAY	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	SAFETY REQUIREMENTS:
MARCH	Sunday	9 <sup>th</sup>	8:45 AM	Clubhouse	<b>**ALL ACTIVITIES ARE AT YOUR OWN RISK**</b>  Please be mindful of traffic laws, walking no more than 2 across, at the edge of the roadway/close to or on the grass, & in the opposite direction of traffic. Please do not litter.  By participating, all “clubbers” hold PNCA, any locations, and any & all volunteers harmless from any claims that may arise from these activities.
	Tuesday	25 <sup>th</sup>	5:15 PM	Clubhouse	
APRIL	Sunday	13 <sup>th</sup>	8:45 AM	Clubhouse	
	Tuesday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	5:15 PM	Clubhouse	
MAY	Sunday	11 <sup>th</sup>	8:45 AM	Trellis	
	<b>NEW:</b> <b>SATURDAY</b>	17 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 AM	Norlo Park (Pavilion 1)	
	Tuesday	27 <sup>th</sup>	5:15 PM	Trellis	

Bring whatever you may need to enjoy your exercise and be safe on your walk/run/jog such as wearing appropriate footwear, safety vests, warm gloves, hats, sun visors, sunscreen, etc. Don't forget your water bottles!

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