

From the VIA President

Joyce A. Hanson

Congratulations to Sandy Homel, Designer House Chair, Sara Moyer, Gala Chair, and Shirley Myers and Lillian O'Connor, Gala Vice Chairs, for another fabulous celebration! Almost 500 guests enjoyed a fun-filled evening in spite of the rain. The Chatterband was great and the food was delicious. The 2019 Designer House is off to a great start! Peppermint Farm, the 44th Bucks County Designer House & Gardens, opened to the public on April 28 and continues daily through May 26. If you have not yet signed up to volunteer, it is not too late! Please visit the website at BucksCountyDesignerHouse.org. Help is still needed as Guides, selling Raffle Tickets, working in the Café and helping with Designer Sales. Come have fun while helping to ensure the success of the VIA's largest annual fundraiser so we can advance our mission of enhancing the health and welfare of the community.

The May 7 Membership Meeting and Hospital Appreciation Lunch was held in Conference Room J. Dr. Scott Levy led a panel of oncology physicians who highlighted each of the specialty services they provide.



Pictured from left to right, Dr. Scott Levy,, Dr. Mitchell Alden, Dr. Donna Angotti, Dr. Jason Aynardi, Dr. Steven Flashner, Dr. Sonal Mayekar, and Dr. Brian Lally

We will be hosting our second evening meeting, *An Evening in the Garden*, on May 21 from 6 to 8 pm at the Designer House. We invite all VIA members to attend, but especially those members who are unable to attend our daytime meetings. Enjoy wine and lite snacks while networking with other VIA members and hearing a brief update on what the VIA has been doing and is planning for the future. Information about our numerous committees will also be available. In addition, there will be a short presentation on our past Designer Houses. Be sure to invite your friends to attend who may have an interest in learning more about the VIA. There is no cost to attend, but please register for this meeting by going to the Designer House website (buckscountyledesignerhouse.org) so that we will have enough food and beverages.

The VIA will once again be marching in the annual Memorial Day Parade on May 27. If you plan to march, be sure to let Barbara Ann Price know at bpdoylestown@gmail.com. If you would like to attend but cannot walk, let Barbara Ann know that as well. The Pine Run bus will be following the walkers in the parade.

Be sure to make your reservation for our Annual June Luncheon and Membership Meeting on Tuesday, June 4, at the Doylestown Country Club beginning at noon. You will not want to miss seeing the impressive high school scholarship recipients, as well as this year's Community Recognition Award recipient. The cost is \$35; reservations are due by May 23. Additional information is available further into this newsletter.

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VIA Treasurer’s Report

Ruth Carlson

	Mar 31, '19	Feb 28, '19
Current Assets	\$96,012	\$101,023.23
Long Term Assets	\$363,982	\$338,191.39
Total Assets	\$459,995	\$439,214.62
Income YTD	\$66,270	\$13,088.76
Expenses YTD	\$51,084	\$6,465.80
Change In Net Assets	\$15,185	\$6,622.96

Letters to the VIA



CBR POLICE FOUNDATION

On behalf of the Board Members of the Central Bucks Regional Police Foundation, Inc., thank you for your generous grant award of \$2,770.00 toward our priority goal of supporting the Police K9 Unit.

The funds from this award will be used toward the cost of supplies for K9 Baron as he attends narcotics and patrol training. We are anxious for Baron to "hit the streets" and fight the war on drugs through search and seizure of opioids that continue to plague our community.

The Central Bucks Regional Police Foundation is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization making your donation 100% tax deductible. 100% of donations go to funding the Central Bucks Regional Police Department. Please use EIN number 813150095 to claim your tax deduction.

We are grateful for your generous support. You can be confident your generosity is directly benefiting our community in a positive way!

Ron Strouse

Central Bucks Regional Police Foundation

Thanks to your generosity, the 2019 Gourmet Getaway raised over \$23,000 for scholarships to local women who are making a commitment to creating a better life for themselves and their families! Each of the women who have received scholarship funding through the Central Bucks Chamber of Commerce Women in Business have overcome substantial challenges to create a brighter future, and the financial support combined with the affirmation that people in their community believe in them is truly transformational.



We are so very grateful for the support that you show the Bucks County community and all those who work and live here.

We welcome any feedback that you might have, and encourage you to email us at the email addresses found below our signatures.

Thank you for helping to make this year's event such a huge success. We look forward to celebrating with you again in the years to come.

With gratitude,

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Of Special Note

VIA Member Receives Recognition - On April 24,



several members of the VIA and Doylestown Hospital management attended the Doylestown Rotary Club's Four-Way Test Award Breakfast at the Doylestown Country Club. Pat Yaroschuk, VIA member and Past President, was honored with the Healthcare Award for her over 43 years of

volunteering with the VIA and the hospital. She exemplifies this award, which goes to those who show "Service Above Self" in the healthcare field. We are very proud of you, Pat!

VIA Meetings and Special Events

As we enter into the last two months of our year, we ask committees to please begin planning dates for meetings and special events for the organization's 2019-2020 year. To facilitate members attending the meetings they need to attend, we encourage you to use consistent dates and times for committee meetings. These events will again be mailed with Member Directories in the fall and will be posted on the VIA website in the *For Members* section.

We kindly ask ALL members to refer to these calendars before contacting Laura Kruger. Laura's work is important and can best be completed if she has uninterrupted time to focus on it.

Thanks for your support and cooperation.



Bucks Knocks Out Hunger is a community-driven hunger fighting project that unites thousands of donors, advocates, and volunteers to fight hunger in Bucks County. It is a fundraiser for Bucks County’s food pantries, a chance to advocate for those who are hungry and food insecure, and an opportunity to pack meals as a volunteer. *Bucks Knocks Out Hunger* will pack 125,000 nutritious, shelf-stable meals with the help of over 600 volunteers on June 21 at Bucks County Community College.

Money raised will also provide over 32,000 lbs of locally grown produce and fresh dairy products like milk, butter, and cheese – items which are not often donated to pantries.

VIA members are encouraged to sign up to volunteer and support this worthwhile effort. Please remember to wear your VIA logo wear and VIA Pin.

To register please visit signupgenius.com/go/10c0b49a5aa28a7fb6-bucks4.



Doylestown Health System Report

Joan Parlee, Vice President Health Services

How fortunate we are to live in this beautiful part of the world during this glorious spring season! There have been many events to enjoy as well, including the Opening Weekend Gala for our 44th Designer House.

This month the Trustee Education at the Hospital Board Meeting was presented by Dr. Les Szekely on the importance of sleep. This topic seems very apropos considering the current pace of activities for

VIA members. The Sleep Center in the Pavilion has been averaging 155 sleep studies per month and is becoming a Center of Excellence for sleep disorders. There are 88 different sleep disorders of which sleep apnea is probably the best known. 5% of women and 10% of men suffer from this disorder. The impact of these disorders, treatments and the economic burden were reviewed. The cost of undiagnosed Obstructive Sleep Apnea is estimated at \$150B, including such things as workplace accidents, lost productivity, medicinal costs, etc. An outreach coordinator meets with primary care physicians and educates them on the services provided thereby supporting our initiative of population health management.

The Clinical Quality Report highlighted improved communication between the hospital and the community. Primary Care Physicians are assuming an enhanced role in population health.

Under Patient Safety, there was a discussion among Board members about C-section rates which tend to run high in this area. This is partly the result of the number of older mothers and the convenience factor for working mothers. There is a commitment to improving our statistics. The episiotomy rate at Doylestown Hospital is 5% matching the Leapfrog goal. The Parents Perception of our Pediatric program is excellent. There were 5 Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome babies in the first quarter of 2019 which means those mothers received VIA Baby Bags to help them transition home with their babies.

The Finance Committee report included three special presentations this month. The first was by Withum, which included a summary of IRS Form 990 for FY2018 as well as Schedule H, which shows Community Benefit went from 6.83% of Total Expense last year to 7.9% for FY2018. This is comparable to or higher than most non-university hospitals in the region. Doylestown Hospital is in full compliance with all applicable IRS rules and regulations.

The second was a free analysis by Ponder of Doylestown Health’s debt capacity. Ponder determined that DH has the capacity to issue \$46M of new debt and recommended issuing long-term fixed rate bonds and “lock in” a funding cost while

interest rates remain low. Management is not seeking approvals to issue additional debt at this time. The Finance Committee next discussed this possibility at length and looked at the next steps including assigning risk factors to the forecast and additional financial analysis. Management presented for approval a resolution “authorizing the reimbursement of a prior expenditure of funds from the proceeds of bonds (if approved) to be issued for the financing of certain capital projects”. The resolution only provides for the opportunity to finance current projects if the additional debt were to be acquired.

The third item was information that Doylestown Hospital has recently engaged Claro, a consulting firm, which identified a gap in our documentation process. This issue has been brought to the Board’s attention in the past. There is a need to more comprehensively document clinically relevant data of a patient’s total clinical profile for improved patient care and billing. This process is moving forward.

There was a generally positive direction noted for financial performance.

The Medical Executive Credentialing Committee asked for Board approval for membership/privilege status for four physicians; one in Psychiatry, one in Pediatrics and two in the Cardiovascular Service. There were also four Advanced Practice Providers approved; one Nurse Practitioner in the Heart Center, two Physician Assistants, one in Cardiothoracic Vascular Surgery and one in Doylestown Health Primary Care with the Grabowski practice; and one Nurse Anesthetist with Doylestown Anesthesia Associates.

Let’s all celebrate Doylestown Hospital achieving the ranking of 150th best hospital in the nation by Newsweek!

VIA Events and Activities

VIA Membership Meetings

June General Membership Meeting

June 4/Noon/Doylestown Country Club

The annual June Luncheon will take place at the Doylestown Country Club. We plan to celebrate our past year achievements and award the winners of several VIA scholarships along with the winner of the Community Recognition Award.

A buffet lunch will be served and is \$35 pp; cash bar. You may pay by cash to Laura Kruger in the VIA Office, by check payable to “VIA” and indicate “June Luncheon” in the memo line to either Laura Kruger in the VIA Office or mailed to VIA Office, 595 West State Street, Doylestown, PA 18901, or pay online at VIA-Doylestown.org - look for the June luncheon in the event list on the home page (there will be an additional fee for online payments).

Please RSVP by Friday, May 23 to lkruger@dh.org or 215-345-2347. No reservations will be accepted after this date.

VIA Evening in the Gardens

May 21 / 6 – 8 pm / Peppermint Farm

Please join us and bring a friend as well as new members or members who are unable to attend our day meetings for an enjoyable Evening in the Garden at Peppermint Farm. This evening will include light refreshments, a tour of the gardens, and a history of the 44 years of Designer Houses presented by LaFaun Reed Kahn. We look forward to seeing you at this exciting event.

THERE WILL BE NO PARKING AT THE DESIGNER HOUSE!

Please carpool and park at Hilltown Baptist Church, 26 Upper Church Road, Chalfont, PA 18914 (corner of Upper Stump & Upper Church Road near Tabora Farm and Orchard). Shuttles will start at 5:30 pm and run until 8:30 pm.

Memorial Day Parade

May 27 / 8am-Noon / Meet outside Pavilion II at Doylestown Hospital by 8 am

Join fellow VIA members as we honor veterans in Doylestown’s Annual Memorial Day Parade. The whole family is invited! Please wear red, white and blue or your VIA logo wear.

Following the parade, a picnic will be held at the American Legion for those interested.

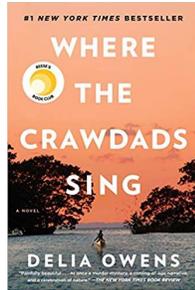
Parade participants may walk or ride. If you want to ride in one of the convertibles, you must sign up with Barbara Ann Price. There will also be a bus, sporting the VIA banner, and the Pine Run Van. If you plan to participate and have any decorations, please bring them with you.

RSVP Barbara Ann Price bpdoylestown@gmail.com or 215-345-0815.

Book Club

June 3 / 10:30 am / Forest Ridge Clubhouse

The VIA book club will meet in the Forest Ridge Clubhouse at 300 Beech Blvd., Warrington, PA 18976. *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens will be discussed. The story is set in the 1950s and revolves around a young woman named Kya Clark, who is from extremely rural North Carolina. Known by others as the Marsh Girl, she lives alone in nature—but the draw of other people, and specifically love brings her into contact with the greater world. This novel has a mystery at its core, but it can be read on a variety of levels [Amazon.com].



Committee Updates

Community Response & Recognition

Marilyn Mele

Members of the Community Response & Recognition Committee attended the grand opening of The Lodge at Lenape Valley Foundation on April 10. The Committee made a \$10,000 grant to sponsor a bedroom in this state-of-the-art facility located in Bristol. The Lodge will provide short-term care for



opioid abuse survivors and aid in the process of recovery.

(L to R) Marianne Chabot (VIA Welfare Chair), Marilyn Mele (Community Response & Recognition Chair), Joyce Hanson (VIA

President) and Alan Hartl, past CEO of Lenape Valley Foundation.

Designer House

Sandy Homel

Our 44th Designer House, Peppermint Farm, announced its opening with much fanfare and celebration at the April 26 Gala held at Pearl S. Buck International. Attendees received a house tour

ticket that allows them to leisurely visit the property in Hilltown Township from April 28 through May 26.

Visitors will enjoy viewing 23 design spaces, three additional outbuildings and beautiful gardens. Peppermint Cafe provides a wonderful dining opportunity and the six boutiques offer an enjoyable shopping experience. Our schedule of lectures, forums and wellness presentations is posted on our website.

The 70-member Designer House Committee is supported by hundreds of volunteers who assist with making this event possible. The VIA is most grateful for the community support and the generous donations. Hats off to our Design Team, creative landscapers, boutique owners, sponsors, advertisers, area businesses and local organizations.

The Designer House is our largest fundraiser with proceeds benefiting ONE VISION: The Campaign For Doylestown Health and the mission of the VIA.

Finance

Kathleen Krick

Did you know that the VIA is exempt from paying Pennsylvania sales tax? If you plan to purchase items or services for the VIA, please contact your treasurer for information and the correct forms to save the sales tax on your purchase. You may contact Cathy Scanlon for Welfare Committee, Beverly Harvey for James-Lorah Memorial Home, Kathy Krick for Designer House, or Ruth Carlson for all other VIA Committees.

This is also the time of the year when members are asked to approve a budget for the next fiscal year. This is the first year that we are presenting for your approval a budget that covers all VIA committees. A copy of the proposed consolidated budget for FY2019-2020 may be found on page 13. It will also be emailed to all members for whom we have email addresses, along with a ballot, for your approval or disapproval of the proposed budget. The ballot may be sent to Laura Kruger by June 4 or may be brought to the June Membership Meeting.

Fundraising

Cory H. Schroeder

What have we talked about for years and not been able to afford? Air conditioning in the James-Lorah Auditorium! Thanks to a potential grant from Foundations Community Partnership, it just may be possible.

With the help and invaluable support of Jeanne Sandusky and Beverly Harvey, I recently submitted a Letter of Inquiry to FCP, the first step in applying for a grant of \$10,000. I am happy to say that the letter was approved and the three of us went to the FCP offices in Fountainville for a discussion on submitting the grant request....in the next 48 hours! For those of you not familiar with writing a grant, it takes hours of information gathering, writing and rewriting. And, because it is filed electronically, all the questions' answers must fit the number of characters allotted. Thankfully, my two cohorts provided me with all the details I needed and we made the deadline – of Good Friday at 11:59 PM!

Now we wait.

FCP is a nonprofit formed from the sale of Foundations Behavioral Health. They fund any number of things, including the Capital Grant we submitted (and the Strategic Planning Grant we received back in 2015), but their focus is on youth and families. When writing the grant, the anticipated outcomes focused on those youth and families that rent our Auditorium and the way we can expand the summer usage at a time when kids are most susceptible to at-risk behaviors. You may be surprised to know that many of our rentals, Sept-May, already come from dance, music, theatre and gymnastics groups for kids! Now we have a chance to expand to these and other groups for summer use at a time when the Auditorium normally sits quietly. Not only do we benefit financially, but we also expand our mission commitment to health and welfare in the community.

Grant requests will be reviewed by members of the FCP Board and organizations will be notified in June. Unfortunately, there are quite a few asking for capital improvement grants and only so much money. If we do not receive an award this time, there is always the October cycle when we can apply

again. I am hopeful we will be successful, if not this go-round then in the fall.

Please keep your fingers crossed.



AmazonSmile donates to the Village Improvement Association of Doylestown.

James-Lorah Memorial Home

Jeanne Sandusky

Old Wooden Beams

These beams were the foundation of the rear porch since 1844. When doing renovations, we saved them because we felt that someone would be interested



in these beams. One beam was used to create the bench in the Memorial Garden, however, no one seems interested in the remaining beams.

Starting next month, a Girl Scout earning her Gold Award will be working in this area and the beams must be gone by then. They will be hauled away if no one wants them.

If you want them or know someone who does, please contact Barbara Darr about a date that is convenient for her for the beams to be taken away. We do not need suggestions – we need action. Thanks.

Anniversary Quilt

The JLMH Collection Committee has been compiling the history of various items in the house. We would like to know more about this quilt. We do know a couple of the ladies who helped with this wonderful gift, but we would like to know more.



Then we can share the history with everyone.

Marketing

Allyson Gilmore

The marketing committee continues to work on the new website, and we need your help with the content review! Please take the time to look at the website and think about what we are missing and what type of messaging or content that could be added. We ask that every member take a look at the website to see what we can add to tell our story! Also, if any member has digital images of the VIA events, please send to Joy Levy or Allyson so that we can archive all the VIA pictures in one location. Our goal is to launch the new website by July 1st. As a part of the new website launch, the marketing committee is also working through purchasing email addresses for the VIA. For instance- president@via.org; this will create sustainability for the organization to keep one email box as the rotation of leadership occurs throughout the years to prevent anything from being lost. Additionally, these emails represent another level of professionalism in representing the VIA when communicating with the public and will eliminate the use of personal emails. Currently, we are analyzing the security options and will be choosing a platform soon.

Thank you to everyone that participated in purchasing spirit wear! The order has already arrived and almost all of you have picked up your items. Spirit wear is a great marketing tool to wear in the community and represent the VIA and say that you're proud to be a part of the organization. We will be offering another chance to order later in the year.

The VIA Banner that outlines our mission, vision and core values has been placed in the wound care lobby of Doylestown Hospital and the second pull up banner stands in the James-Lorah Memorial Home. These are just added visual aids to the community to tell our story and gain support from a membership and awareness standpoint.

To make sure all of our members and the community are aware of our events, we need you to keep us aware of all upcoming events. The Marketing Committee has been charged to create all VIA flyers, so we have a consistent look and message (plus it takes the effort off of your committee). We ask that

no information that is getting handed out to the community for the public eye be released until it has gone through the marketing committee. We will also post your event on the VIA website, send out information through social media, and send press releases to the media. Letting us know early in the process will help us create the best materials. After an event occurs, please send us your pictures and stories so we can tell the world about what the VIA is doing to fulfill our mission!

Please contact Allyson Gilmore at agilmore@dh.org about all VIA events.

Membership

LaFaun Reed Kahn

"The heart of a volunteer is never measured in size, but by the depth of the commitment to make a difference in the lives of others." Deann Hollis

Please join me in welcoming our newest VIA member:

Astrid Rau has been a resident of Bucks County for more than 40 years and currently resides in Perkasie. She has worked in the investment industry for 36+ years and has a strong accounting background and organizational skills. Astrid loves to bake and enjoys traveling and for the past four years has been involved in numerous fundraising activities at her son's school. She has expressed an interest in the following committees: Community Recognition & Response, Teen Scholarships, and Designer House. Welcome, Astrid!!!

If you have not done so yet, please remit your 2019-2020 membership dues along with your renewal application and help us celebrate our 125th year of service to our community.

If you hear of a member who is under the weather or could use some encouragement, please contact VIA President, Joyce Hanson.

Our next meeting will be on June 10, 2019, at 10 am at the hospital in Conference Room "C". As always, any VIA member is welcome to attend the membership committee meeting as a guest or potential member.

Welcome

Rau, Astrid

215-534-5194

Program Committee

Barbara Ann Price

Members of the Program Committee have developed an interesting and entertaining array of Programs for the 2019-2020 year.

Below you will find a draft list 2019-2020 VIA Programs. Please note the titles, as well as the content of the programs listed below, may change as we are in the process of confirming all of the speakers. Additional details will be included in monthly VIA newsletters.

2019-2020 VIA Monthly Programs - Draft

October 1

Celebrate the start of the VIA 's 125th Anniversary with A Panel Discussion highlighting the VIA's accomplishments over the last 125 years.

November 5

WWII Women Spies.

December 3

Three excellent musicians help us celebrate Christmas, Hanukkah and Kwanzaa.

January 7

A Presentation of the VIA Legacy Campaign

February 4

Heart month will focus on the cardiac care provided at Doylestown Hospital.

April 7

The Significance of the VIA in Doylestown along with state and local proclamations

May 5

Rothman Institute Program

June 2

Community Recognition and Educational Scholarships Awards
Installation of Officers

Each woman is responsible for the cost of her meal and gratuity. Future venues may include the Joseph Ambler Inn, The Inn at Barley Sheaf Farm, and the Black Bass Hotel.

To learn more or to reserve your seat, please contact Mary Bachman at 215-343-0547 or bachmantours@comcast.net.

Tea Time

Join us for a delightful experience on Wednesday, October 9, 2019, at 1:00 pm at The Village Teahouse, 1919 West Point Pike, West Point, PA 19486. Lunch is \$28 pp and includes quiche du jour, fresh scones & toppings, assorted tea sandwiches, assorted petite sweets, choice of tea (tax and gratuity included).

For reservations, contact Marilyn Jones at 215-822-1109 by October 2, 2019.

Strategic Planning

Barbara Ann Price

VIA Website - Each committee is asked to designate a committee contact person to work with Joy Levy and Allyson Gilmore to update and send any page changes for the VIA website. Our target date to get the new VIA website up and running is July 1.

VIA Forms - Please provide all forms to Allyson Gilmore so they can be updated with the new VIA logo and subsequently updated on the VIA website.

Logowear - Good news, if you ordered VIA logo wear it is now in the VIA office. You can stop by and pick it up at your convenience. Please consider wearing it at the Designer House as well as the Memorial Day Parade. Show your VIA spirit!

Finance - The Finance Committee is working with the hospital and Bee Bergvall & Co. to compile a common chart of accounts that follow accounting rules and tax reporting regulations. Our goal is to have the common chart of accounts implemented by July 1.

Veterans

Pat Shire

In February, the Veterans Committee received an unprecedented contribution from Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Beck in the amount of \$3,000. A matching gift from Mr. Beck's employer, the Macquarie Group, will bring the total to \$6,000.

Social Committee

Mary Bachman

Fine Dining - Ladies Night Out

The Social Committee plans to offer four **Fine Dining** events throughout the year for VIA members. The first event will be held on Thursday, June 27, 2019, at 6 pm at The William Penn Inn, Rt. 202 & Sumneytown Pike, Gwynedd, PA 19436.

We, the VIA Veterans Committee, give our utmost **THANK YOU** to Mr. and Mrs. Beck for their kindness and generosity. Their donation will certainly make the lives of our military and their families more comfortable.

After further review of current selected military charities and their contribution to the welfare of our military and their families, it was decided the additional revenue would be allocated among them.

The charities selected for the additional funding were the Family Readiness Group at the Horsham Air Guard in Willow Grove, The Steven A. Cohen Foundation at the University of Pennsylvania, Meghan's Foundation, and Alpha Bravo Canine.

Just a reminder that VIA members and their families are invited to the Family Day on June 2 at the air base in Willow Grove. You must fill out a vetting form and submit the requested information to Pat Shire to forward to the base by no later than May 17. Pat's email address is pashire@comcast.net. Let her know of your interest and she will send you the vetting form. If you are a member of the military or retired from the military, you only need to show your military ID at the gate.

The group is also in need of volunteers that day to help with the various activities.



(L to R) Maureen Marron, VIA; Leah Blain, director, Steven A. Cohen Clinic; and Pat Shire, VIA Veterans Committee Chair

Every year, the Veterans Committee of the Village Improvement Association of Doylestown (VIA) searches for military charities that support local military members or veterans, and their families.

One of this year's six recipients is the Steven A. Cohen Military Family Clinic at the University of Pennsylvania.

A recent report from the Veterans Administration showed that suicide rates for younger veterans increased by more than 10 percent and was 1.5 times greater than for Americans who never served in the military. Constant separations and stress also affect the families.

The Cohen Veterans Network, Inc., a nonprofit philanthropic organization, was created to serve veterans and their families by providing high-quality, accessible and integrated mental health care.

Locally, the Steven A. Cohen Military Family Clinic at the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania provides high-quality, personalized, integrated mental health care to veterans and the entire military family – at no cost.

The clinic also offers telehealth, which provides secure video conferences for patients not able to meet in person.

Visit pennmedicine.org/veterans or cohenveteransnetwork.org/about-us to learn more about the clinic.



Village Improvement Association members Pat Shire (second from right) and Edi-Nueza Eisenbraun (second from left) present gift cards and a food pantry donation check to 111th Attack Wing representatives (from Left) Sarah Blank, Jenny W. Pappas, and Harley Delp.

The VIA Veterans Committee presented supermarket and gas gift cards, along with an additional cash donation, to the Family Readiness Group (FRG)/Key Volunteers Group of the 111th Attack Wing at the Horsham Air Base in Horsham.

This is the seventh year the VIA has provided similar support to the base. This \$2,500 donation will provide much-needed assistance to all base military members and their families who are in need of short-term financial assistance in meeting their day-to-day expenses.



Founded by military wife and mom, Jennifer Green, and her USMC son, Kevin Daly, Alpha Bravo Canine provides trained service dogs to US military veterans suffering from post traumatic stress, traumatic brain injuries (TBI), and other combat-related disabilities.

Jennifer is both a KA Certified Professional Dog Trainer and Knowledge Assessed (CPDT-KA). She, Kevin, and their trainer teams and foster families train 8-week old puppies for 1 ½ - 2 years when they are matched with a recipient. It takes over \$30,000 to train a service dog, but all Alpha Bravo Canine placements are free to the veteran.

The Village Improvement Association of Doylestown (VIA), the women's organization that founded and still governs Doylestown Hospital, recently donated funds collected from the organization's members to help with that cause. To learn more visit alphabravocanine.org.

Welfare

Marianne Chabot

At the April 10 Welfare Committee meeting, members voted to take on the NAS Baby Bag Project with Linda Sullivan as point person assisted by Rosemary Burrage. They will coordinate with Kathy Donahue, Director of Mother-Child Services, and Joy Levy to pack bags as needed in the future.

March and April referrals came from FISH and Doylestown Health Case Managers for rent, utilities, prescription meds and help with funeral expenses.

Welfare Trusts with restricted use of funds are:

- Clymer - Food and clothing
- Gagner - Women and children
- Patterson - Food and clothing
- Chaffee - Medication, health, and transportation

Centennial and Tunnard Trusts are unrestricted.

Research into the history of the Welfare Committee confirmed that it is the oldest VIA committee. Formed in 1897 as the *Organized Committee on Charity*, its intent was "to investigate such cases as might be brought to its notice and to take measures for relief if cases proved deserving or if there was an immediate necessity". A motion to fund the committee from the VIA treasury with an amount not to exceed \$25 was seconded and carried. The first few cases reviewed and approved were to provide provisions to families of Doylestown soldiers serving in Company G of the National Guard during the Spanish-American War in 1898.

VIA Event Calendar

An up-to-date calendar is available on the VIA website in the “For Members” section of the site. The list of VIA Events is also available on the “For Members” page (via-doylestown.org/membership/for-members). Please be sure to check the website to note any meeting date, time, or location changes.

Event	Date	Day	Time	Location
VIA Membership Meeting/Hospital Appreciation Lunch	5/7/2019	Tue	11:30 AM	Doylestown Hospital CR J
Mother's Day	5/12/2019	Sun		
Wellness Wednesday at the Designer House	5/8/2019	Wed	11:00AM - 2:00 PM	Peppermint Farm
Meet the Design Team	5/9/2019	Tue	4:00-6:00 PM	Peppermint Farm
Walk with a Doc	5/15/2019	Wed	Noon	William E. Neis Park, Doylestown
The Sandwich Generation - Everyone's Keeper (Part of the Mental Health Series)	5/16/2019	Thu	4:30 - 5:30 PM	Doylestown Hospital, CR J
VIA Evening in the Garden	5/21/2019	Tue	6:00 - 8:00 PM	Peppermint Farm
Wellness Wednesday at the Designer House	5/22/2019	Wed	11:00AM - 2:00 PM	Peppermint Farm
Salute to the Troops Designer House	5/26/2019	Sun	Noon to 4:00 PM	Designer House
Designer House Closes	5/26/2019	Sun	4:00 PM	Peppermint Farm
Memorial Day Parade	5/27/2019	Mon	8:00 AM	TBA
Veterans Garden Planting	5/30/2019	Thu	11:00 AM	Pine Run Lakeview
VIA Membership Meeting/Annual Meeting	6/4/2019	Tue	12:00 PM	Doylestown Country Club

Location Legend: CBR - Chairman's Board Room (formerly Conference Room K), CR - Doylestown Hospital Conference Room, DH – Designer House, HWC=Health & Wellness Center
VIA Auditorium, JLMH=James-Lorah Memorial Home Dining Room, JLA=James-Lorah Auditorium, PR- Pine Run, VIA-VIA Office



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<p>Saturday, May 11, 2019 FLOWER BASKETS</p> <p>Saturday, May 11, 2019 YMCA BUCKS COUNTY STRONG 5K</p> <p>Monday, May 13, 2019 4TH ANNUAL TASTE OF TABOR</p> <p>Saturday, May 18, 2019 JAZZ NIGHT FEATURING MICHELLE LORDI</p> <p>Saturday, May 25, 2019 27TH ANNUAL DOYLESTOWN 5K RACE</p> <p>Saturday, June 1 - Sun, Sep 8 THE COLOR OF THE MOON: LUNAR PAINTING IN AMERICAN ART</p>	<p>Sunday, June 2, 2019 CB CARES CELEBRITY CHEF AND WAITER GALA</p> <p>Sunday, June 9, 2019 COMMUNITY CLEAN UP DAY</p> <p>Sunday, June 16, 2019 BREAK-FAST 5K/10K</p> <p>Thursday, June 20 - 23 DOYLESTOWN PRIDE FESTIVAL</p> <p>Saturday, July 20, 2019 DOYLESTOWN AT DUSK CAR SHOW</p> <p>Sunday, August 18, 2019 COMMUNITY CLEAN UP DAY</p>
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	VIA	JLMH	Welfare	DH
	2019-2020 Proposed Budget	2019-2020 Proposed Budget	2019-2020 Proposed Budget	2019-2020 Proposed Budget
Paid Members (Assumption)	260	260		
ESTIMATED INCOME				
Interest Income	\$10	\$115		
Investment Income	\$6,500		\$17,700	
Trust Income		\$60,000	\$30,000	
Dues				
VIA (@\$35 per member)	\$9,100			
JLMH (\$10 per member)		\$2,600		
Fundraisers				\$478,673
Big 50/50 Raffle				
Conservation Card Party	\$1,300			
Fundraising Committee (e.g., bake sale)	\$4,500			
Home Life				
James-Lorah-Memorial Home		\$2,000		
Veterans	\$3,000			
Special Events				
Designer House				
JLMH Theater				
Other Events	\$6,000			
125th	\$69,200			
Contributions				
JLMH Donations		\$300		
VIA Donations	\$14,000			
VIA Endowment				
Welfare Donations			\$4,300	
Women's Scholarship				
Other (specify)		\$8,000		
Floral Arts	\$600			
Other Revenue (specify) Designer House insurance		\$6,143		
Total Estimated Income	\$114,210	\$79,158	\$52,000	\$478,673
ESTIMATED EXPENSES				
Administrative - Supplies				
President Expense	\$1,000			
First Vice-President Expense				
Second Vice-President				
Stationary				
JLMH				
President				
Sunshine				
VIA				
Welfare				
Membership	\$350			
Membership Book				
Postage				
Membership Book	\$635			
Newsletter	\$615			
President				
Sunshine				
Other	\$465			
Finance				
Accounting System	\$500			
Checks	\$75			
Admin Misc	\$300			
Long-Term Investment				
Total Administrative	\$3,940	\$0	\$0	\$0
Organization Expenses				
Information & Technology				
Email				
Data Storage	\$300			
Insurance	\$100			
Director & Officer	\$600			
Property & Liability		\$21,000		
Membership Dues	\$350			
Membership Committee				
Dues Expense				

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Membership Meetings						
Floral Arts	\$150					
Hospitality Teas	\$1,750					
Programs	\$1,000					
Memorial Garden	\$500					
Planned Giving (1895 Society Expense)	\$2,000					
Preservation-Records	\$300					
Marketing						
Advertising	\$2,550	\$2,500				
Promotional Items	\$300					
Sponsorships	\$5,000					
Website	\$3,040					
Strategic Planning	\$2,000					
Sunshine Committee						
Total Organization Expense		\$19,940	\$23,500	\$0		\$0
Fundraising Expenses						
Big 50/50 Raffle						
Conservation Card Party	\$500					
Fundraising Committee (e.g., bake sale)	\$1,525					
James-Lorah-Memorial Home		\$1,500				
Special Events						
Designer House				\$192,876		
JLMH Theater						
125th	\$36,482					
Other Events	\$6,000					
Total Fundraising Expense		\$44,507	\$1,500	\$0		\$192,876
Mission Expenses						
Awards						
VIA Women in Business Award	\$1,000					
Community Response & Recognition						
Community Response	\$12,500					
Community Recognition						
Contributions						
Doylestown Hospital						
Education						
HOBY Scholarship	\$675					
JLMH Awards		\$200				
Richard A Reif Volunteer Scholarship	\$1,000					
Teen Scholarships	\$6,000					
Women's Scholarships	\$12,000					
Home Life	\$300					
Veterans Support	\$3,500					
Welfare						
Individual Assistance						
Childcare				\$1,000		
Food & Clothing				\$1,000		
Gift Cards for Children in Need				\$40,000		
Medication Assistance				\$1,000		
Rent Assistance				\$5,000		
Shelter Assistance				\$1,000		
Transportation Assistance				\$1,000		
Utility Assistance				\$2,000		
Other Assistance						
Support for Other Non-Profits				\$25,000		
NAS Baby Project	\$1,000					
Support for Hospital Patients in Need						
T. Chaffee Memorial (Welfare)						
Veterans	\$0					
Total Mission Expense		\$37,975	\$200	\$77,000		\$0
Property Related Expenses						
Depreciation						
Equipment (?)		\$500				
Gifts & Flowers		\$600				
Janitorial Supplies		\$1,300				
Utilities						
Electricity and Gas		\$11,200				
Internet		\$2,000				

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Security			\$800				
Telephone			\$0				
Trash Removal			\$1,000				
Water & Sewer			\$1,300				
Pest Control			\$450				
Repairs- Equipmnet and Other			\$150				
Maintance							
Auditorium			\$5,000				
Building			\$5,000				
Grounds			\$8,000				
Professional Fees			\$500				
Caretaker			\$33,500				
Stationary & Postage			\$200				
Total Property Expense		\$0		\$71,500		\$0	\$0
Miscellaneous Expenses							
Total Miscellaneous		\$0		\$0		\$0	\$0
TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENSES		\$106,362		\$96,700		\$77,000	\$192,876
Incom over Expense		\$7,848		-\$17,542		-\$25,000	\$285,797
Transfer to							
Designer House							
JLMH			\$25,000				
VIA							
VIA - Community Response	\$1,000						
VIA - HOBY	\$650						
VIA - Teen Scholarship	\$7,000						
VIA - Women's Scholarship	\$1,000						
VIA- Veterans	\$1,000						
Welfare					\$25,000		
Transfer From							
Designer House							
JLMH						\$25,000	
VIA							
VIA - Community Response						\$1,000	
VIA - HOBY						\$650	
VIA - Teen Scholarship						\$7,000	
VIA - Women's Scholarship						\$1,000	
VIA- Veterans						\$1,000	
Welfare						\$25,000	
							\$80,650

Village Improvement
Association of Doylestown

595 W. State Street
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Membership Meeting

June 4, 2019 | Noon | Doylestown Country Club

Annual June Luncheon