

From the VIA President

Joyce A. Hanson

A big **THANK YOU** to Sandy Homel, 2019 Bucks County Designer House & Gardens Chair, and her committee for all their hard work in completing another successful designer house project! Without great leadership and numerous volunteers, we could never achieve the results we have each year in providing the hospital with funding, as well as funding the VIA committees that *enhance the health and welfare of Central Bucks County and surrounding communities.*



At the 2019 Doylestown Memorial Day Parade, Sandy Ives, former Doylestown Hospital nurse, portrays Miss Norma Munsey. Munsey was one of the first Visiting Nurses hired by the Village Improvement Association in 1917. Munsey was well known for riding her bike to see patients and giving out candy to children.

The weather for this year's Memorial Day Parade was gorgeous and, once again, the streets of Doylestown were overflowing with people watching the parade. One of our members, Barbara Molesworth, did a fantastic job of letting the crowds along the way know who we are. *"The VIA founded Doylestown Hospital. Let's hear it for the hospital!"* Her remarks resulted in everyone along the way clapping and cheering.

The one thing that was a little disappointing about the parade this year is that we only had ten VIA members participate. As we look forward to the 2020 parade, we are encouraging our membership to come march with us. If you cannot walk, you are invited to ride on the bus, which follows directly behind us. As we celebrate our 125th Anniversary next year, we would like to see **125 VIA members** participate. Please join us!

Congratulations to all the talented teens who were awarded educational scholarships at our June Luncheon. In addition, we were extremely pleased to honor our own Dr. Brenda Foley with the 2019 Community Recognition Award. Congratulations Dr. Foley!

As our fiscal year is quickly coming to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone in the VIA for supporting our great organization. I believe those original 14 Doylestown ladies would be very pleased with all that

we have accomplished over the years.

We have much to be proud of as we look forward to celebrating the 125th Anniversary of the Village Improvement Association of Doylestown in 2020!

VIA Vision: A Healthy and Vibrant Community

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Consolidated VIA Finances

	Apr '19	Mar '19
Current Assets	\$878,593.08	\$1,010,304.73
Long Term Assets	\$904,467.97	\$899,597.82
Total Assets	\$1,783,061.05	\$1,909,902.55
Current Liabilities	\$3,752.90	\$12,467.90
Total Net Assets	\$1,779,308.15	\$1,897,434.65
Total Support Revenue	\$60,615.27	\$96,444.15
Total Expenses	\$77,321.77	\$35,925.84
Change in Assets	\$-16,706.50	\$60,518.31

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Doylestown Health Report

Congratulations to Sandy Homel and her entire Designer House team for a wonderful month-long event. We are so grateful for all their efforts!

Mr. Brexler presented an overview of the plans for the Doylestown Surgery Center at the Hospital Board meeting this month. The Surgery Center will occupy the third floor of PAV III (under construction in front of the parking garage). The ownership structure is planned to be a joint venture between Doylestown Hospital, Nuehealth and Rothman Institute with possible further participants of Jefferson and physician investors. The Board passed a resolution, presented by the Finance Committee, approving the terms of the joint venture.

The Clinical Quality Report featured our Transcatheter Aortic Valve Replacement (TAVR) program and team. Our outcomes surpass national benchmarks and include a zero 30-day mortality rate for the first 200 patients.

Also under Patient Safety, it was reported that there have been no urinary tract infections related to catheter use since June 2018. There have been no MRSA infections since 2016. A proposal has been presented for a Telesitter Program. This would allow a nurse/technician to monitor up to twelve patients and to communicate with them. This would hopefully reduce 1:1 patient/nurse need and reduce the fall rate. At Pine Run, a Nurse Navigator position has been initiated to address any areas of concern. CMS has awarded Pine Run their Five Star Rating.

The Finance Committee Report included a proposed forecast for the Doylestown Health System of an operating gain of \$569K in FY2019 and \$3.3M in 2020. The Doylestown Hospital statistics show a YTD excess of Revenue over Expenses of \$10.5M. This is an improvement over FY2018 YTD. There is a favorable Operating Gain and Net Patient Revenue YTD is 1.7% above the prior year. YTD Expenses are down. Small decreases in volumes continue. Doylestown Health Physicians results are 4.1% better than budget but still show a loss. The ongoing and 4 new practices performed better than expected. Doylestown Health Foundation results show total net assets of \$90.2M. Funded Depreciation and Foundation Designated Cash Investments reflect an increase but pension fund assets are down. There is an unfavorable variance in the Gain from Operations forecasted for the Doylestown Health System mainly driven by an accounting rule change at Pine Run which impacted their revenue recognition. All Bond covenants were met.

The Medical Executive Credentialing Committee asked for and received approval for two physicians in the Medical Service Line. The first is in Gastroenterology and Advanced Endoscopy and the second in Infectious Disease. There was one Advanced Practice Provider approved in the Reif Heart Center.

For the 6th consecutive time, Doylestown Health received an "A" grade for Patient Safety from The Leapfrog Group. The Hospital & Healthsystem Association of Pennsylvania (HAP) recently awarded Doylestown Health their Excellence in Care Award for the program for our heart surgery patients which assigns a nurse to each patient before they leave the hospital and that nurse then visits them in their home for a smooth transition. What a comfort to those patients and their families!]

Joan Parlee, Vice President Health Services

Of Special Note

Committee Chairs - Get Organized for 2019-2020! Meeting plans

Please plan your meeting dates for FY2019-2020. To make it easier for members to attend all meetings for which they are a member, please look to hold your meetings on the same day and time each month. If needed, please arrange conference rooms with Laura Kruger (lkruger@dh.org).

This information will be used to create a Year-At-A-Glance Calendar and posted on the VIA website calendar as it becomes available so you can plan your year! A printed version of the complete VIA Year-At-A-Glance Calendar will be mailed to members with the July/August Newsletter and VIA Member Directory in August.

Please forward all meeting information to Helen Hammes (hhammes@comcast.net) by July 31.

Membership

Please also confirm whether current committee members will continue in the following year and fill any committee vacancies, as needed.

As a reminder, all committees should have a Vice-Chair and Secretary identified.

Please send committee member names to Barbara Ann Price (bpdoylestown@gmail.com) by July 15.

A Long Night Out - Ron Watson, Doylestown Health

The storm that pummeled Central Bucks on May 29, 2019, knocked out power to more than 21,000 homes, downed trees, flooded roadways and interrupted both electric lines that supply Doylestown Hospital.



The chaos in the community was offset by the calm in our busy Emergency Department.



Pictured above are Jill Kane, MD (on left), Kate Phelan, RN, Payton Raubenstine, PCT, Jeff Pirrami, RRT, Eileen Torres, PCT and Mike Chiarelli, DO. Photo by Scott Levy, MD.

Nursing staff moved patients away from windows and into hallways as tornado warnings sounded. Rainwater seeped into the ground floor. Power outages affected X-ray and ultrasound equipment, and lab values were manually entered to keep up with patient care. Operating rooms, ICU and other nursing units experienced rising temperatures and humidity with the potential to impact patient safety. The shift change at 7 pm was compounded by staff at the hospital who were concerned about their families and homes – as well as the patients in their care -- and staff due to arrive at the hospital worried about the ride in. Switchboard operators deftly handled a flood of phone calls.

There were difficulties in other areas of our health system – generators powered Pine Run Community and the Health Center, and at least eight cottages experienced flooding. Pine Run Lakeview was also on generators. The Medical Staff dinner meeting in Warrington, where 175 physicians were expected to attend, was canceled about a half-hour before its scheduled 6 pm start.

Power was restored to the hospital at 6:50 pm – and then lost again within 30 minutes. The night continued.

What if the power outage was extended? What would be the impact on our data center if the environment deteriorated and affected IT equipment? What was the status of clinical equipment throughout the house? Would the ORs be ready for a heavy caseload in the morning? Was there enough fuel for the generators? Where would we put community members on oxygen or other medical equipment at home who we expected would come to the hospital as a refuge?

There were plans and answers for those questions and more during the night as each new mini crisis developed. At 10:45 pm, word arrived that 13 severely disabled children living in a specialized facility, most of them on ventilators, were being evacuated due to storm damage. They were headed to Doylestown Hospital.



The children arrived along with their caregivers, assisted by several EMS squads and firefighters who helped move them. The two trauma rooms in the ED were cleared of equipment, and cribs and beds moved in so the children and caregivers could be together. It was hard to distinguish between who worked for whom as our staff and the visitors teamed up to assist the children. Glass doors to the rooms were used as whiteboards to keep track of who was in each crib or bed.

Most of the children were in place and calm within a half-hour. Outside the trauma rooms, several members of the hospital's senior management provided encouragement and support where they could – but it was staff that took charge of this situation. So it was on to the next crisis: What would we do about the next morning's surgery schedule? There was faith in the fortitude of staff

and the electric company's promise of power: There would be no interruption.

Power was miraculously restored at about 11 pm – miraculous because PECO informed us that only one line might be restored by midnight, the other one early the next morning. When the electric company lost contact with one of its foremans, what did it do? It called our Plants Ops for help. Upstairs, a baby arrived and Brahms's Lullaby played overhead – generators were powering the PA system. A wide-eyed new grandmother arrived shortly afterwards looking for her daughter and granddaughter. We provided an escort.

At midnight the team assembled to deal with the emergency disbanded. In the ED, it was business as usual, calm and steady.

VIA Events and Activities

VIA Membership Meetings 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.

March 3

Women Suffrage 100th Anniversary

April 7

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

May 5

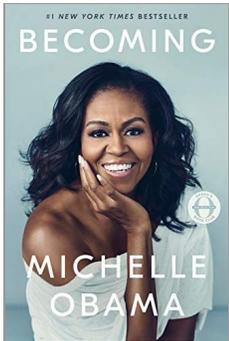
Rothman Institute Program

June 2

Community Recognition and Educational Scholarships Awards
Installation of Officers

Book Club

July 22 / 10:30 am / Forest Ridge Clubhouse



The VIA book club will meet in the Forest Ridge Clubhouse at 300 Beech Blvd., Warrington, PA 18976. *Becoming* by Michelle Obama will be discussed. An intimate, powerful, and inspiring memoir by the former First Lady of the United States [Amazon.com].

Committee Updates

Community Response & Recognition

Marilyn Mele

Dr. Brenda Foley received the 2019 Community Recognition Award at the June VIA Membership meeting.



(L to R) Joyce Hanson, Dr. Brenda Foley, and Marilyn Mele.

This year's recipient of the VIA's Community Recognition Award is Brenda Foley, MD, assistant director of Doylestown Hospital's Emergency Department. Dr. Foley joined Doylestown Hospital in 2008 and is President-elect of the Medical Staff. She is recognized for her efforts to combat the opioid epidemic. Dr. Foley helped establish Doylestown Hospital's "Narcotic-Responsible Hospital" policy several years ago to manage the prescribing of narcotics in the Emergency Department. She also launched the Medication-Assisted Treatment program in 2018,

providing access to medications like buprenorphine to help people quit their use of heroin or other opiates. Dr. Foley is a board member of the Bucks County Drug and Alcohol Commission. She contributed to the VIA's opioid education forum last year and continues to help the VIA meet its mission by addressing the opioid epidemic in its strategic initiatives.

Designer House - 2019

Sandy Homel

On behalf of the VIA and Doylestown Health, thank you to everyone who contributed time, goods and services, and financial support that collectively contributed to the success of the 44th Bucks County Designer House & Gardens, *Peppermint Farm*. Facts and figures are still being compiled as we await the posting of final bills, however, we can report the following:

- Thanks to OUR transformation, Peppermint Farm has a buyer;
- Weather: 24 days of varying temperatures/showers and 5 days of heavy rain;
- Honorary Chairs: Dr. Donald E. and Joan B. Parlee;
- Empty House Party February event sold out;
- 475 gala tickets sold (event held at Pearl S. Buck's Estate);
- Tours: 4816 (includes 116 gala attendees)
- Paid volunteers: 258
- Salute to the Troops: 28 veterans and active duty men & women
- Café vendor: McCaffrey's Simply Fresh (delivered daily)
- Shuttle service: Pine Run & Doylestown Health (29 days)
- Parking: Hilltown Baptist Church, Perkasie

Financially, our best "guesstimate" at this time: hopefully in the range of \$250,000 but there are too many unknowns to be certain.

A special thank you to the 70 members on the Designer House Committee and to the 25 subcommittees who worked tirelessly and relentlessly to make the 2019 Designer House

another success story. I am both honored and humbled to have worked closely with such a dedicated group of women.

Doylestown Historical Society Request

The Doylestown Historical Society is dedicated to “Preserving and celebrating the creative and historic significance of Doylestown and its neighboring communities.” They recently reached out to request a copy of this year’s Program Guidebook for our Bucks County Designer House & Gardens fundraiser. They have been collecting our books for many years. They were asked whether the Society was missing any other years and, it turns out, they are missing several copies. If you have any extra copies at home or are willing to donate your copy, it would be much appreciated to preserve the VIA’s legacy in the community. They are missing books for the following years: 1971 (they only have a photocopy), 1972, 1973, 1975, 1977, 2000 (Joy Levy will donate her extra copy). Please contact Joy Levy (joylevy@yahoo.com) to let her know if you have a copy to offer. We also have an incomplete set of books in the VIA Office. Older copies of the books would be appreciated.

Designer House - 2020

At the June Luncheon hosted by Doylestown Hospital, Joyce Hanson announced committee leadership for the 45th Bucks County Designer House & Gardens. This house will have significant importance in 2020 as the VIA’s Anniversary falls on Opening Day of the Designer House on April 26, 2020. Pictured below are Designer House Chair Barbara Molesworth (center) and Co-Vice Chairs Shirley Myers and Ann Callahan (L and R).



Finance

Kathleen Krick

At the June 4, 2019 VIA Meeting and Luncheon, final ballots were received for approval of the 2019-2020 budget and the Consolidated Budget for VIA, Designer House, Welfare, and James-Lorah Memorial Home was approved.

The Finance Committee will now begin the process of restructuring the financial reporting for each of the areas to conform with new reporting standards for not-for-profit organizations. A chart of accounts is being developed that ensures each of the treasurers financials use the same account numbers to allow for combined financial reporting.

Each of the areas will be converted to an online bookkeeping system during the early part of the new fiscal year. The Designer House has been using Quickbooks for its bookkeeping since 2011 and VIA, Welfare, and JLMH will begin to use it also. This system allows for our accountants to have instant online access for compiling the monthly statements for each area and eliminates the need for treasurers to deliver their monthly records to our accountants and to pick them up when the reports are completed. It also allows the vice treasurers access, should a treasurer require her assistance, and will allow our President to review any records at any time.

Fundraising

Cory H. Schroeder



AmazonSmile donates to the Village Improvement Association of Doylestown.

With your “shopping” help more than **\$500 has been raised through AmazonSmile.**

Thanks to all of you for your support and

Keep On Shopping!

HOBY Scholarship

Kathryn McKenna

Since 1992, the Village Improvement Association of Doylestown has worked with the three Central Bucks School District high schools to identify outstanding sophomore students with promising leadership skills to attend the three-day HOBY Leadership seminars. The VIA provides scholarships to attend these informative skill and character-building sessions. The three recipients this year include Sarah Zhang, Central Bucks East; Livia Olsen, Central Bucks West, and Elizabeth Zuerblis, Central Bucks South.



L to R - Kathryn McKenna, HOBY Chair, Sarah Zhang and Elizabeth Zuerblis. Livia Olsen was unable to attend.

Home Life

Kathryn Lambert

Committee members enjoyed a day of gardening with Pine Run Lakeview residents. The planting was in honor of the Veterans for Memorial Day.



Pictured are Lakeview Horticulture Therapist Sharon Lohse with Home Life Committee members, Lory Fraraccio-Kenney, Mary Jane Beck, Barbara Schneider, Debbie Renner, Kathryn Lambert, Nancy Lelli, and Terry Steinberg.

James-Lorah Memorial Home

Jeanne Sandusky

My Connection to the James' Family

For years, I've been doing research into my family's history and I knew that I had an ancestor, Homer Gard, that lived in Hamilton, OH and was a newspaper editor. Last month, I was reading about Dr. Oliver P. James and his siblings. Imagine my surprise when I saw that his sister, Sarah Maria, had a daughter who married a Homer Gard from Hamilton, OH.

I didn't think that there were many "Homer Gards" in Hamilton, OH so I did some more research and learned that Sarah Maria's daughter, Lutie Mathias, had married Homer Gard. I'd like to think they were high school sweethearts because they both attended Hamilton High and graduated in 1884. Homer went to Amherst College while Lutie continued her education at Buchtel College in Akron, OH.

Lutie would have been Oliver's great niece and Homer is my third cousin, three times removed. Our common ancestor was Jeremiah Gard (1744-1814). Not exactly "kissing cousins".

In 1891 Homer became managing editor of the Hamilton Daily Democrat. Lutie and Homer were married in 1892 and their only child was born in 1895, Charles Campbell Gard. I am only connected to the James' family through marriage because, unfortunately, Charles Campbell Gard died in 1921 at the age of 26. He had never married.

Lutie and Homer Gard were prominent citizens in Hamilton, active in community and church activities. Lutie died in 1934 and Homer died in 1952. Thanks for letting me share this story with you. Maybe this explains my love for the James-Lorah Memorial Home!



(Left) Homer Gard and Charles Campbell Gard. (Right) Lutie Gard and Charles Campbell Gard.

Marketing

Allyson Gilmore

Website

The Marketing Committee continues to finalize the content and structure of the new website. Please note that **all content is due by June 30, no exceptions!** After this date, the content will be frozen as we transition and build the new website with The Up Agency. It will take about six weeks for all of the current content to transition to the new platform and to perform testing. During this time, we will not be able to make changes to the current website. Once the new site is available in August, we will once again be able to add new information and update what is on the site as of June 30.

If your committee has not designated a point person for content on the website, please do so as soon as possible.

As a part of the new website launch, the Marketing Committee will also create email addresses for the VIA. For instance, president@via-doylestown.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. If you believe that you or your committee would benefit from one of these emails, please let us know.

Annual Report

It's that time again! Please start collecting all of your committee information and financials for the past fiscal year (July 2018 - June 2019) for the annual report. All information is due to Allyson at agilmore@dh.org by July 31 to ensure that the Annual Report is completed on time. If you are unsure of the type of information needed, please refer to the Annual Report on VIA-Doylestown.org.

VIA Events & Flyers

To ensure that all of our members and the community are aware of VIA events, we need you to keep us aware of all upcoming events. The Marketing Committee has been charged with creating all VIA flyers, press releases, social media posts, website updates and to coordinate with the VIA Newsletter so we have a consistent look and message (plus it takes the effort off of your committee). We would greatly appreciate if you would complete an Event Fact Sheet that can be found on VIA-Doylestown.org under For Members for your event. It may seem like a long form to complete but our experience is that this is needed to best promote your event and ensure that "all bases are covered" and thought through.

Please do not hand out information to the community or post it for the "public eye" until it has been reviewed and approved by the Marketing Committee.

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

"When we do the best we can, we never know what miracle is wrought in our life or in the life of another." Helen Keller

Please join me in welcoming our newest members.

Marcy Lacey signed up as a volunteer in our Designer House Café with Pat Shire and was so impressed that she decided to go "all in" and join the organization. A resident of Chalfont, she is interested in the Veterans, Marketing, Membership, Social, Literature and (of course) the Designer House committees. Marcy is a semi-retired broker, licensed in both Pennsylvania and New Jersey. She is an Honor Society member, Phi Theta Kappa, loves walking her pets, enjoying family activities, gardening, volunteering and live theater - both local and NYC. Welcome Marcy!!!

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

Membership renewal time is upon us. If you have not already done so, please complete the renewal application and return it to the VIA office with your dues at your earliest convenience but no later than **June 30**. We look forward to working together with you as we enter our 125th year of service to our community.

Our next meeting is tentatively set for August 5 via teleconference. Our call in number is 605-313-4100 and the access code is 750114. We will be working on the new/potential member welcome event to be held in September.

As always, any VIA member is welcome to attend the membership committee meeting as a guest or a potential member.

New Members

Donna Schuman	215-512-1401
Marcella (Marcy) Lacey	215-589-9847

In Memoriam

Erma Martin - Honorary Member

Passed Away April 28, 2019

Program Committee

Barbara Ann Price

We are currently in the process of developing the content for our October 1, 2019 monthly VIA meeting. Our plan is to celebrate the start of the VIA's 125th Anniversary year with a panel discussion chaired by Kathryn McKenna along with 4 members of the VIA. Our goal is to highlight the VIA's accomplishments over the past 125 years. Please let me know if you have any ideas or accomplishments we should make sure to include in the program. Please contact Barbara Ann Price at bpdoylestown@gmail.com. I will include more details about the program in the next newsletter.

Social Committee

Mary Bachman

*The Social Committee Has Plans For
VIA Members and Their Guests.*

Fine Dining Women's Evening Out

Thursday, June 27, 2019 | 5:00 pm

The Social Committee presents the opportunity for women to enjoy dinner with a few other women at The William Penn Inn, Rt. 202 & Sumneytown Pike, Gwynedd, PA 19436. Space is Limited. At this writing there are 4 spaces. **Each woman orders for herself and pays only for herself. Each table will have a maximum of 4 persons.**

For more information and/or to register, please contact Mary Bachman, event chair, at 215-343-0547 (home), 215-919-3294 (mobile), or bachmantours@comcast.net. Deadline to register: Wednesday morning, June 26, 2019.

Tea Time

Wednesday, October 9, 2019 | 1:00 pm

Join us for a delightful experience 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.

Radio City Music Hall Trip To NYC

Wednesday, December 11, 2019 | 6:45 am departure

The holidays are a-coming and we're goin' to New York City via Hagey Motorcoach!

We shall arrive in "The City" in time to catch a bite to eat at any of the nearby restaurants. (Mary has a list of restaurants for all participants.) The spectacular show begins at 2 pm. Seating is in the Orchestra Section and there are only 10 tickets left! This is a super chance to take a friend, one's son or daughter or, perhaps, grandchild(ren). Departure is from Montgomery Mall, 230 Montgomery Mall, North Wales, PA 19454. The cost is \$137 per person and includes a driver tip. Make your check payable to VIA of Doylestown.

For more information, please contact Mary Bachman at 215-343-0547 (home), 215-919-3294 (mobile), or bachmantours@comcast.net.

Strategic Planning

Barbara Ann Price

The focus of our May Strategic Planning meeting was the 2020 Bucks County Designer House & Gardens and the challenge we face: the lack of both a Chair and Vice-Chair for this critical VIA fundraising event. Committee members readily acknowledge that this Chair position has become increasingly time-consuming, especially if there is no Vice-Chair. The committee explored possible solutions to make the position more manageable and attractive to our current members.

We are asking all members to consider stepping up to this vital role that enables our organization to fulfill our mission with funding for Doylestown Hospital as it continues its ONE VISION campaign to build facilities to support the healthcare needs in our community and other VIA mission-critical functions.

Though the hours are long and the decisions are many, this is one of the most rewarding roles in the organization. This fundraising event is one that literally thousands in our community - and beyond - look forward to each year to spend a few hours viewing an amazing artistic transition in a remarkable area property. Many long-lasting

friendships have developed through the efforts of this, our largest, VIA Committee with other VIA members, designers, landscapers, artists, boutique owners, and so many others.

On a final note, we did raise the idea of not holding a designer house in 2020 but we felt that it would be terrible to stop holding this event in the year in which we celebrate our 125th Anniversary.

Please contact Joyce Hanson or Barbara Ann Price if you are interested in either the Chair or Vice Chair position of the Designer House.

Teen Scholarships

Dr. Arlene O'Hara



(L to R) Scholarship winners Sabrina Antonucci, Rebekah Cheng, Lauren Spadt, and Julia Wiegers.

Hannah Pollock-Laura Haddock Scholarship

This year the Education Committee evaluated 13 candidates for the Hannah Pollock-Laura Haddock Scholarship. The \$2,000 awards were presented to the three winners by the chair of the teen Scholarship Committee, Dr. Arlene O'Hara.

- **Sabrina Antonucci**, a Central Bucks East graduate will attend the University of Notre Dame as a Patrick Mikva Scholar pursuing a degree in Biomolecular Engineering.
- **Lauren Spadt**, a Central Bucks South graduate will be attending Penn State University (Schreyers Honors) this fall, as a Biomedical Engineering major in the Pre-Med track.
- **Julia Wiegers**, a Central Bucks East graduate will be attending the University of Pittsburgh Honors College majoring in Human Biology/Pre-Med this fall.

VIA Ruth Boland Memorial Nursing Scholarship

For the eighth year, the family of the late Ruth Boland, former VIA President and nurse, funded the VIA Ruth Boland Memorial Nursing Scholarship. Kathleen and Jeanne Boland presented the \$2,000 award to **Rebekah Cheng**, a Central Bucks East student who plans to attend the University of Pittsburgh, majoring in Nursing.

Veterans

Pat Shire

Family Day at the Horsham Air Base in Willow Grove took place on Sunday, June 2. This annual event is sponsored by the Family Readiness Group at the base. Nadine Baxter, VIA member, attended along with her little granddaughter. Needless to say, her granddaughter lit up when she saw all of the activities for children – water slide, face painting, spin the wheel to win a prize, etc.

The families also enjoyed the delicious picnic food provided as well as ice cream treats, funnel cakes, etc.



VIA Veterans committee members (Mary Lou Sander, Maureen Marron and our newest member, Marcy Lacey, as well as myself) attended and helped ensure that food stations were sufficiently supplied at all times. Please keep this event in mind for next

year as it is only open to the military and their families but the VIA in its entirety is invited as a “Thank you!” for all of the support we give the FRG.

Please remember during your summer vacations to gather the soaps, lotions, shampoos, etc. that are some of the amenities of your hotel stays. These personal items are sent to the Family Readiness Group for distribution to our military members. You can drop them off with me at any of our general meetings.

Thank you again for all of your kind support during the past year. Enjoy your summer. See you in September.

Welfare

Marianne Chabot

During the months of May and June, the Welfare Fund Committee approved over \$800 in referrals to help with apartment rent, temporary housing, utilities, and prescription medications. Doylestown Hospital Case Managers know they can rely on the VIA when funds are needed. They do all that they can to aid patients and their families, from purchasing baby items to assisting veterans in completing applications for benefits. Welfare was asked to help with the cost of eyeglasses for a man recovering from a stroke so that he could pass his driving test and, most recently, when an area couple was blessed with the birth of triplets, the VIA was able to pay for the supply of diapers for the babies.

During the fiscal year, VIA members donated \$3,950 to the Welfare Fund, every dollar of which was used to help the needy in our community. Over a ten-year period, income from trusts and the 2009-2018 Bucks County Designer House & Gardens fundraisers allowed Welfare to contribute \$662,000 to area agencies providing assistance to those in need. That’s an impressive number! As members of the VIA, you can be proud of the work our organization does in our community.

Ten Interesting Facts

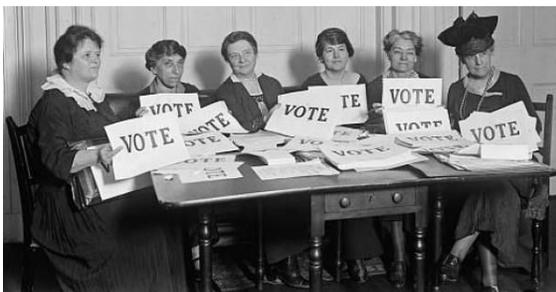
In 2020 we celebrate both the VIA's 125th Anniversary and the 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment to the US Constitution which confirmed women's voting rights.

The Nineteenth Amendment (Amendment XIX) to the United States Constitution prohibits the states



and the federal government from denying the right to vote to citizens of the United States on the basis of sex. Initially introduced to Congress in 1878. Below are several interesting facts about the 19th Amendment.

1. In many states women originally had the right to vote. In what year did the states take away women's right to vote? 1777
2. In what year did the first woman run for the US President? 1872 Victoria Woodhull became the first woman to run for US President (she did not win)
3. What is the first state to grant women the right to vote and in what year? Wyoming in 1890



4. When was the 19th amendment introduced to Congress and when was the 19th amendment approved? 1878 and August 18, 1920
5. How many states approval were needed to pass the 19th amendment? 36

6. Who founded the National Woman Suffrage Association? In 1869, Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony formed the National Woman Suffrage Association (NWSA) with their eyes on a federal constitutional amendment that would grant women the right to vote.



7. Who said I regard the extension of suffrage to women as vitally essential to the successful prosecution of the great war of humanity in which we are engaged? Woodrow Wilson
8. Which state tipped the scale for the 19th amendment? Tennessee. The state's decision came down to 23-year-old Representative Harry T. Burn, a Republican from McMinn County, who cast the deciding vote. Although Burn opposed the amendment, his mother convinced him to approve it. Mrs. Burn reportedly wrote to her son: "Don't forget to be a good boy and help Mrs. Catt put the 'rat' in ratification."
9. When did women vote for the first time? November 2, 1920. On November 2, 1920, more than 8 million women across the U.S. voted in elections for the first time.
10. What was the last state to approve the 19th amendment and when? Mississippi on March 22, 1984. It took over 60 years for the remaining 12 states to ratify the 19th amendment.





Chamber of Commerce - Women in Business Committee

2018-2019 Highlights

The VIA is a member of the Chamber of Commerce - Women in Business Committee (WIB). Its goal is to bring professional women together in a monthly meeting for networking and business education. The highlight of the year is the June banquet during which the VIA WIB Leadership Award is presented by the VIA President to an established woman in business who is a member of the Chamber at large. Scholarships are also awarded to very deserving, mature women seeking to continue their education and further their career goals. These recipients have gone through difficult times and challenges. There is not a dry eye in the audience as their journeys are revealed. The scholarship funds are raised through the monthly meeting raffles and the annual Gourmet Getaway in the Spring.

The keynote speaker this year was Mary Fran Bontempo, a TEDx speaker, author and humorist. Her two books "The Woman's Book of Dirty Words" and "Not Ready for Granny Panties" sounded intriguing. These were an outcome of facing her 50th birthday, a crashing economy and finding out her son was a drug addict who has since recovered and living a healthy life. Her humor and wisdom presented an empowering and entertaining message!

This energetic and lively group of women consists of entrepreneurs as well as those holding senior corporate positions in many local businesses. Each month one of the members volunteers to give a brief presentation on their business. Over the last year, for example, presentations focused on "How To Be An Informed Voter", "Make Your Message - Move Your Audience To Action" and "Prepare for Impact: Avoiding Surprises from the Tax Cuts and Jobs Acts". Another member talked about her foundation "Curing Retinal Blindness Foundation" and hopes her son will be one of many who benefit from research to cure this condition.

A few businesses of special interest to VIA members include "Your Tasks, Our Time" (yourtasksourtime.com) who help clients prepare for the impact of downsizing and relocating. They provide move consultation, relocation planning, home staging, implementing the move and new home set up.

For special events, Nostalgia 1720 in Chalfont was recently renovated and now open under new ownership. Galina Nemtsov Wohl will be glad to help you plan your event (nostalgia1720.com).

VIA member Gloria Walker is a very active member with her Mary Kay cosmetics business and the liaison for the VIA WIB Leadership award. And finally, just for fun and aerobics, try belly dance classes with Lurainya whose website is MoonGypsy.net!

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/Annual Meeting	6/4/2019	Tue	12:00 PM	Doylestown Country Club
Designer House Committee Luncheon	6/11/2019	Tue	11:30 AM	Conference Room J
Doylestown Health Foundation’s 28th Annual Golf Classic	6/10/2019	Mon	10:00 AM	Jericho National Country Club, New Hope
Walk With A Doc	6/19/2019	Wed	8:00 AM	William E. Neis Park, Doylestown
Father's Day	6/16/2019	Sun		
Crazy for You: The New Gershwin Musical Comedy	6/19/2019	Wed	2:00 PM	De Sales Univ. Labuda Theater 2755 Station Avenue Center Valley, Pennsylvania 18034
Splashing into Summer: Fun in the Sun Safety! (Event is free, but admission fees apply)	6/19/2019	Wed	10:30 AM	Bucks County Children’s Museum, New Hope
Who Am I? The Midlife Crisis (Part of the Mental Health Series)	7/11/2019	Thu	4:30 – 5:30 PM	Doylestown Hospital, Conference Room J
Rosh Hashanah	9/29/2019	Sun		

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

 <p>DiscoverDoylestown.org</p> <p><i>The VIA is a participating member of Discover Doylestown. This calendar is added for your benefit. Please let us know if you find it useful.</i></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 COMMUNITY CLEAN UP DAY</p> <p>Thursday, June 20 - 23 DOYLESTOWN PRIDE FESTIVAL</p> <p>Saturday, July 20, 2019 DOYLESTOWN AT DUSK CAR SHOW</p>
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Next VIA Meeting

October 1 | 1 PM | JLA
Start celebrating the VIA 's
125th Anniversary



Enjoy the Summer!