



**From the  
President**

**Kathleen Krick**

On behalf of our entire membership, welcome to the VIA. We are so proud of our legacy of service and of all that the women of the VIA have accomplished since our founding in 1895. We look forward to working together to continue to address the needs in our community. Completing the attached information form will assist us in helping to make your membership meaningful and enjoyable. We look forward to your active participation as a member of the VIA.

Thank you for joining!

## **10** Things To Know About The Village Improvement Association of Doylestown

### **1. We are Timeless**

The VIA was founded in 1895 and our members represent all ages.

### **2. We are Generous**

We have given over \$5 million to worthy community causes.

### **3. We Help Those in Need**

We provide assistance for individuals, including help with procuring food, clothing and medication.

### **4. We Value Service to Our Country**

We recognize all branches of the military in our ongoing work.

### **5. We Care About the Health of Our Community**

The VIA founded Doylestown Hospital 100 years ago and is still represented on the Doylestown Health and Foundation Boards today.

### **6. We Have Fun**

VIA members work on worthy causes and attend educational and social programs throughout the year.

### **7. We have Hosted One of the Biggest and Best Fundraising Events in Bucks County - 49 times!**

Yes - the Bucks County Designer House & Gardens has been OUR event!

### **8. We Have an Amazing House in Doylestown as Our Headquarters**

We own the James-Lorah Memorial Home which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and is now open for tours.

### **9. We are Dedicated**

We are an all women, all volunteer organization.

### **10. Our Work Matters in Our Community**

The Central Bucks County community is a better place because of the work we do.

To learn more about the VIA and the work we do, Please visit our website: [VIA-Doylestown.org](http://VIA-Doylestown.org)



## **Membership Information**

**Join Us In Our Mission**



### **VIA Mission:**

**To Enhance the  
Health and Well-being  
of central Bucks County  
and Surrounding Communities**

**132 North Main Street  
Doylestown, PA 18901**

**[VIA-Doylestown.org](http://VIA-Doylestown.org) | 215.348.2187**

Welcome to the VIA of Doylestown! Make the most of your membership by joining one or more of our many mission-focused, operational, and social committees.

**\*Note that membership in several committees (marked with an asterisk) is limited.**

### Mission Focused

- Education** - Awards scholarships to outstanding high school seniors pursuing healthcare careers and to sophomores for leadership training.
- Home Life** - Enriches the lives of the residents at Pine Run and Lakeview senior facilities.
- Veterans** - Supports the health and welfare of veterans in our community.
- Community Outreach\*** - Supports those in need through individual and organizational donations.
- Women's Scholarship\*** - Provides educational support for women pursuing training to improve their life circumstance.

### Operational

- 1895 Society\*** - Recognizes monetary donations to the VIA.
- Finance\*** - Manages VIA finances, budgets, IRS 990 submission and financial policies.
- Fundraising** - Operates events and sales to generate funds to fulfill the VIA mission.
- Governance\*** - Responsible for reviewing Bylaws and Policies, Board development, and membership management.
- Information & Technology** - Oversees the data and systems needed for operations.
- James-Lorah Memorial Home** - Manages the upkeep of the VIA's headquarters, historic home and auditorium rental.

- Marketing** - Promotes the VIA to the hospital staff, patients and community to help build awareness.
- Membership** - Welcomes new and prospective members; encourages participation in the VIA.
- Strategic Planning\*** - Develops and maintains VIA's Vision, Mission and Values.

### Social

- Floral Arts** - Creates floral displays for VIA events and holiday décor.
- Hospitality** - Provides food and beverages for VIA meetings.
- Literature Workshop** - Discusses books read by the group.
- Program** - Identifies and manages informative, educational, and entertaining programs for VIA Membership Meetings.
- Social** - Creates and manages activities and events for member socialization and enjoyment.

**\* These committees (marked with an asterisk) have limited membership per our VIA Bylaws. Your interest will be explored when openings are available.**

### Please share a little about yourself . . .

. . . your background, interests, hobbies and, if applicable, your work history and other community activities.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Nickname: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday (MM/DD): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: **Please check the phone number you want to appear in our member directory.**

Home: ( \_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile: ( \_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Work: ( \_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

### VIA Membership Dues:

\$50 - Full Fiscal Year Dues (July 1 - June 30)

Dues fund the VIA mission and support the operations of the James-Lorah Memorial Home, VIA Headquarters.

Please send your completed information to:

**VIA Office  
132 North Main Street  
Doylestown, PA 18901**

Or email it to [VIAAdmin@VIA-Doylestown.org](mailto:VIAAdmin@VIA-Doylestown.org)

Dues may be paid by check payable to:  
**VIA of Doylestown**  
or by credit card at [VIA-Doylestown.org](http://VIA-Doylestown.org)

For questions, please call: **215.348.2187**

The VIA is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. No goods or services have been rendered in exchange for your dues.