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Re-Elect Tony Campuzano for Mayor of Lansdowne

Tony Campuzano has served as Mayor of Lansdowne for the past three years. He takes his mayoral responsibilities very seriously and he would like to continue to serve the residents of the Borough for another four years.

Tony's qualifications for the office stem from over 25 years of public service to the Borough. His background includes serving as a member of Borough Council for 13 years, 4 of which were as its President. He also served 10 years as the Borough Constable. In addition, he served a brief stint as Borough manager. Tony knows the work of local government inside and out and has always



taken a hands on, resident-centered approach to anything he does.

With a good working relationship with the Borough Council, the police and fire departments and borough staff, Tony feels that he can continue to help the borough move forward. He would like to continue to improve borough services, support annual events and bring new events and activities to the residents. He wants to continue to support the young residents by advocating for high quality education in our schools and to work with the Boys and Girls Club in having sports and other activities for the kids.

Tony will also continue to support our senior citizens and veterans who are a vital part of our community. By

working with local and state officials and groups he will ensure they get the help and services they need.

As Mayor and a resident of the Borough Tony hopes to see the historic Lansdowne Theater open and successfully operating in his next term as he understands that this is a vital piece to the continued development and success of our downtown area.

The most important thing for Tony is that he be available to the residents to hear their ideas and concerns and to answer any questions and advocate on their behalf. He has and always will be a champion and fighter for Lansdowne, a town that he loves.

Tony has lived in Lansdowne for 42 years. With his wife, Marie, he has four children and three grandchildren. He is a self-employed general contractor and has owned his own business for 32 years.

ENDORSED DEMOCRATS FOR LANSDOWNE BOROUGH COUNCIL

Magda Byrne

Magda is honored to be endorsed by the Lansdowne Democrats to represent Lansdowne residents for another term on Borough Council. She can't believe the first four years went by so quickly!



During her first term Magda has had the opportunity to be involved in many different projects in Lansdowne. Some of those include the replacement of metal domes with a self-sustaining donation box at the Highland Avenue parking lot; the annual partnership with Comcast for Comcast Cares Day (now entering its third year) to help beautify the borough; last spring's InsideOut outdoor art installment, coordinated with the Philadelphia Museum of Art; the launch of the plaza pilot program in collaboration with Infrastructure, which will establish a central gathering area and community space in the

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Janet English

Janet English is running for re-election for Lansdowne Borough Council. She has served on council for the past eight years. She is recently retired and has lived in Lansdowne for over 20 years.



Her journey into community service began on the Lansdowne Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary in support the Lansdowne Fire Company. Janet then served on the Lansdowne Library board which as a frequent user of the library, was an easy decision. Her next step in 2011 was to run for a seat on Lansdowne Borough Council.

During her current term on council Janet has considered it a privileged to chair the public safety committee. She and her committee have worked with the police department to add a K-9 officer to enhance the current police force. They also worked with the fire department to replace

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Wardell Holt

As a fourteen-year resident of the borough, Wardell believes that Lansdowne has given him and his family the opportunity to be safe, secure, and prosperous. He wants to help all his neighbors do the same for themselves and their families.



Born, raised, and educated in Philadelphia, Wardell understands and has experienced the challenges with which our communities are faced. He has experienced first-hand a neighborhood dealing with fiscal, social, and infrastructure challenges, while struggling to maintain the neighborhood's character.

After earning his MBA from Drexel University in 1999, Wardell traveled for work as a consulting firm executive. He was home only Friday through Sunday while his hero, his wife, held down the fort with their now seventeen year old son

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Michael Schleigh

Mike Schleigh, more commonly known as "Violet's Dad" is currently the President of Lansdowne Borough Council. He was first appointed to the Council in March



of 2009 and has since been re-elected. Mike also served as an Auditor and representative to the local sewer authority for his borough.

He is an Eagle Scout, a Free Mason, and a Shriner who believes in charity and good citizenship. He has lived in Lansdowne for over a decade. You may have seen him and his daughter on the various ball fields or checking out the Farmers Market.

Since he was first elected, Mike was instrumental in starting Lansdowne's National Night Out program and started the most recent incarnation of the Neighborhood Watch Program. Under his leadership, Borough Council supported the recent ballot initiative (which was strongly

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William T. Smith for Lansdowne Tax Collector

As a resident of Lansdowne for the past 48 years, Bill Smith finds the Borough to be a unique, welcoming and community oriented place. His twelve year old son and he often find things to keep them entertained and occupied - from the farmers market to the many parks to the arts festival they usually have something to do.

Bill's decision to seek the position of Tax Collector was due in part to his interest in giving back to the community and due in part to his desire to continue his public service to the Borough of Lansdowne.

As the Borough's next Tax Collector, Bill would establish a high level of cooperation with the Borough government and work with the residents and taxpayers to



assist them in any way possible. Under his watch the Tax Collector's office will be administered with the utmost integrity, transparency and professionalism. He will also interact with those that contact the office with the highest amount of respect and courtesy.

Bill earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia, PA. He is a member of the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners and the Institute of Management Accountants. He has also been a Notary Public for over twenty years. Bill has approximately twenty eight years of professional accounting, finance, auditing, taxation, collections and municipal government financial experience. His

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FOR SCHOOL BOARD DIRECTOR

Jamese Kwele

Jamese Kwele serves as Program Manager at The Food Trust, a Philadelphia-based nonprofit that works to ensure everyone has access to affordable, nutritious food and information to make healthy decisions. Through her work on The Food Trust's Consulting team, she develops and manages programs spanning a variety of areas including early childhood nutrition, farm to early care, and community health.

Jamese is also Certified Lactation Counselor (CLC) through the Academy of Lactation Policy and Practice. She has a special interest in maternal-child health, in particular in addressing disparities in breastfeeding support in communities of color. Jamese serves on Maternity Care



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CHAIR'S COLUMN

Celebrating Two Decades of Accessible Government

By Charlotte Hummel

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the elected and appointed members of the Lansdowne Democratic Committee for selecting me as the new Chairperson, especially in the year we celebrate our 20th Anniversary of Lansdowne Democratic leadership of local government.

Prior to 1997 and dating back to our incorporation as a Borough in 1893, local government was under the majority (and sometimes exclusive) control of the local Republican party. It was only in the early 1990s that the first Democrat was elected to serve as a Borough Council person. By 1997, with the establishment of the Lansdowne Leader, increased activism by the loyal opposition, and growing awareness by the citizens of the borough, local Democrats were awarded a majority of seats on Borough Council, the Mayor's office, the Constable position and one of three Auditor positions. Since that time, the members of the Democratic party have worked hard to lead the borough in a progressive direction, maintain open and accountable government and pursue an agenda that is welcoming to diverse populations and progressive ideas.

I am proud to be one of the founding members of the Lansdowne Leader editorial board where I served as managing editor for over ten years. I also served as Borough Auditor (elected in 1997), served a two year stint as an appointed member of Borough Council where I chaired the

Community Relations Committee and led the rebuilding of Hoffman Park after Hurricane Floyd. Since that time I ran (unsuccessfully) for State Representative (1998) on the platform of equitable funding for public education and in 2001 I was elected to the William Penn School District Board where I have served for nearly 16 years.

As we begin plans to celebrate our 20th Anniversary of success in Lansdowne, I think back to how I got involved in politics in the borough. And, ironically, I have the Republican party to thank for motivating and inspiring me to public service. Just prior to the 1993 Centennial Celebration of the Borough, I offered to a friend to work pro bono for the borough to help organize the various activities that were to take place. I had recently finished law school, married and was expecting our first child. I had recently stepped down from my position as full time executive director of a non-profit organization in Philadelphia and frankly, I was looking for something to do.

In making the offer to help, my friend arranged for me to meet with the mayor. A great guy with a lot of love for Lansdowne, Jack Rankin was warm and welcoming. He heard my qualifications and arranged a meeting with the

centennial leadership committee which was made up mostly of Lansdowne's elected officials and civic leaders. At that meeting, among other things, I was asked if I was working to help raise funds for a Democratic Congressional candidate. I admitted I was. I was then politely told that my services would not be needed, that the celebration

was more of a "mom and pop" type operation and they wished me well.

Needless to say, that pretty much was the beginning of the beginning. Not only did I join the local Democratic party and run for office, but I also worked behind the scenes to help raise over \$40,000 for the establishment of the Borough Green, a centerpiece of the Centennial Celebration. Just think, if the local

GOP had accepted my offer to help in the non-partisan celebration, I may not have ever been involved in local politics.

I am happy to be back in a leadership position of the Lansdowne Democratic Committee as we prepare to celebrate our 20 years of open and accessible government. Let's make it a good year of involvement, civic activism, volunteerism and celebration. Remember to vote on May 16th!

Since taking a majority of Borough Council seats in 1997, Lansdowne Democrats have pursued an agenda welcoming to diverse populations and progressive ideas.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Lansdowne's Continuing Progress

By Michael Schleigh

When someone asks me to describe Lansdowne, I do so in one sentence: "We're a small Borough doing BIG things." I am happy to report a few of the things we have undertaken most recently.

Your Borough Council has taken the initiative to identify resources and programs that can be brought here to benefit Borough residents. We work to obtain grants, resources, and programs that recapture your tax dollars paid to other levels of government (county, state or national), whether it be Redevelopment Assistance Capital Programs (RACP) to develop downtown projects, National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) grants to support arts programs and facilities, or Community Development Block Grants.

Council seeks to promote a community with a strong sense of community spirit, promotion of community-based public safety, and acceptance of a diverse swath of humanity.

Similarly, we have developed private-public partnerships to develop a Police K-9 program, Lansdowne National Night out and Neighborhood Watch programs, the Philadelphia Art Inside Out Program, the Lansdowne Farmer Market programs, and many, many others. We

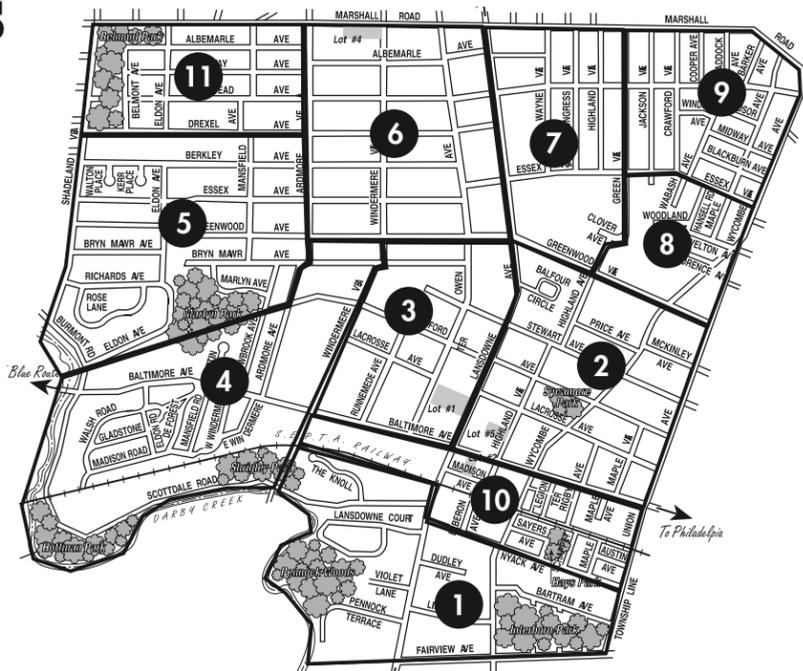
hope that our Lansdowne Plaza project to support more activities in the central business district will be a successful pilot project.

The Borough Councilpersons take no salary for their service for the Borough in line with the spirit of volunteerism that pervades Lansdowne public life. As a first suburb of a major thriving metropolis, your Council seeks to promote a community with a strong sense of community spirit, promotion of community-based public safety, and acceptance of a diverse swath of humanity.

We hope that these values and efforts are important to you as well. To voice your support for our continuing progress, please come out on May 16th to VOTE in our LOCAL election!

POLLING LOCATIONS & PRECINCTS

- 1st Precinct**
Twentieth Century Club, 84 South Lansdowne Avenue
- 2nd Precinct**
Lansdowne Fire Company, SW Corner of Highland and LaCrosse Avenues
- 3rd Precinct**
Simpson Gardens, Corner of Lansdowne and West Stewart Avenues
- 4th Precinct**
Simpson Gardens, Corner of Lansdowne and West Stewart Avenues
- 5th Precinct**
Ardmore Avenue Elementary School, Berkley Avenue entrance
- 6th Precinct**
Ardmore Avenue Elementary School, Berkley Avenue entrance
- 7th Precinct**
Penn Wood High School, Essex Avenue Entrance
- 8th Precinct**
Penn Wood High School, Essex Avenue Entrance
- 9th Precinct**
Pepper Pharmacy, East Plumstead Avenue near Union Avenue
- 10th Precinct**
Lansdowne Public Library, Nyack Avenue
- 11th Precinct***
Ardmore Avenue Elementary School, Berkley Avenue entrance



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Kelly Eckel

Kelly Eckel is a commercial litigator and Hiring Partner at Duane Morris, LLP. Ms. Eckel represents clients in a variety of litigation matters, and has significant experience in handling commercial fraud, complex contracts, and business tort cases. Kelly has represented bankruptcy trustees, and has significant experience in handling adversary proceedings to avoid and recover fraudulent transfers and preference payments.



COMMONWEALTH COURT

Ellen Ceisler

After graduating from Temple University Law School in 1986, Ellen served as a Philadelphia Assistant District Attorney, where she specialized in the prosecution of crimes of domestic violence.



Todd Eagen

Todd Eagen represents unions and working men and women across Pennsylvania. He has handled cases from Erie to Philadelphia, Pittsburgh to Wilkes-Barre and all points in between. It is this experience that gives Todd a connection with all Pennsylvanians and is why he is running for Pennsylvania Commonwealth Court Judge.



SUPERIOR COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

Debbie Kunselman

In November 2005, Judge Deborah Anne Kunselman became the first woman ever elected to the Court of Common Pleas of Beaver County. Judge Kunselman is a 1992 honors' graduate of the University of Notre Dame Law School, and a 1989 high-honors' graduate of the Pennsylvania State University, where she was a student of the Schreyer Honors College and elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

Before taking the bench, Judge Kunselman practiced for thirteen years in many areas of civil litigation, including personal injury, municipal, family and employment law. Her varied practice consisted of representing individuals, businesses and government entities. Notably, she successfully represented several teachers in an Equal Pay Act and Age Discrimination claim, recovering a substantial jury verdict on their behalf.



Maria McLaughlin

The Honorable Maria McLaughlin is a Judge in the Court of Common Pleas, First Judicial District. Judge McLaughlin presides over both family law and criminal law matters. Currently, Judge McLaughlin serves as the co-chair on the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas FYI Committee and as the current vice-president of the Nicholas A. Cipriani Family Law American Inn of Court. She has on numerous occasions participated on judicial panels and has lectured for the Philadelphia Bar Association, the Delaware County Bar Association, PA Trial Lawyers Association and the Pennsylvania Bar Institute. Judge McLaughlin has appeared as a guest on local television and radio shows to discuss a variety of family law topics.



SUPERIOR COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

Geoff Moulton

Geoff Moulton was sworn in as a judge of the Pennsylvania Superior Court in August 2016, after being nominated by Governor Tom Wolf and unanimously confirmed by the Pennsylvania Senate. His term extends through the end of 2017.

Judge Moulton has devoted the bulk of his career to public service, developing a broad range of experience that serves him well as an appellate court judge. Following his graduation from Columbia Law School in 1984, where he was managing editor of the Columbia Law Review, he served as a law clerk on both the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit and the United States Supreme Court. After his clerkships, he spent a total of eight years as a federal prosecutor in Philadelphia, including four years as First Assistant United States Attorney.



Carolyn Nichols

Judge Carolyn H. Nichols, elected to the Court of Common Pleas in 2011, conducts felony jury trials in criminal court, with equal justice, protecting the rights of crime victims, and the accused; she works to create opportunities for positive reentry to prevent recidivism. She attended public schools and graduated from Temple University JD, LL.M., and Eastern University MBA programs.



SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

Dwayne Woodruff

The Honorable Dwayne D. Woodruff is a Judge on the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County – Pittsburgh, presiding primarily in the Family Court Division since 2005.

Woodruff earned a degree in Business Finance from the University of Louisville (1979) and a Juris Doctor from Duquesne University School of Law (1988), which he attended, full time at night during his professional football career with the Pittsburgh Steelers – played 12 seasons, including playing in Super Bowl XIV as a rookie in 1980, being named Steelers MVP in 1982 and serving as team captain his final three seasons.



W. Keith Williams II for District Judge

Keith Williams graduated from Penn Wood High School in Lansdowne, Pennsylvania in 1983. He attended Lincoln University (PA) where he earned a B.S. in Business Administration in 1987. In Fall 1984, he was inducted into Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Incorporated, Mu Chapter. After College he worked for Kellogg's Sales Co. as a Territory Manager. He attended North Carolina Central University School of Law where he earned his Law Degree (J.D.) in 1993. Attorney Williams is licensed to practice Law in Pennsylvania and the District of Columbia.

In March 1994 he opened The Law Office of W. Keith Williams, P.C. in Yeadon Pa. where he has been a dedicated lawyer serving the needs of his community for over 20 years. Specializing in Personal Injury Law, he now has offices in Yeadon and Center City Philadelphia.

In January 2012, Attorney Williams beat a two-term incumbent and was elected as District Judge of Yeadon and



East Lansdowne Pennsylvania. On January 01, 2017, his jurisdiction was expanded to include Lansdowne Borough. Judge Williams has been committed to the community's image, economic development, and community spirit. He sat on the Board of Directors for the Delaware County Legal Aide Association, The Yeadon Public Library, and the American Red Cross. He currently sits on the board of the Yeadon Economic Development Corporation. Judge Williams believes strongly in youth

advocacy. He is a mentor and speaks often at local schools, youth organizations, and participates in Moot Court. Judge Williams has received numerous community services awards, including the "Honorable Ronald G. Waters Community Services Award", and the "Lincoln University Alumni Achievement Award."

Judge Williams is proud to have participated in the annual Lansdowne 5K run and is planning on becoming involved in youth-serving and other community activities in Lansdowne.

Local Candidates Endorsed by Lansdowne Democratic Committee

By Charlotte Hummel

The Lansdowne Democratic Committee (the Committee) meets on the second Monday of each month year-round to conduct political business in Lansdowne. One of the most important jobs that we perform involves getting Democrats elected at all levels of government. This year is a local election, sometimes referred to as an off-year election because it does not have the high profile of a presidential, senatorial or gubernatorial election with associated daily bombardment of political ads. Don't be fooled by the media hush on local elections as they are often the most impactful in our day to day living. And here's how the Committee is working on your behalf to recruit and promote trusted local candidates for local office.

Local positions open on the May 16th primary ballot include four Borough Council seats, Mayor, School Director and Tax Collector.

Local positions open on the primary ballot this spring include four Borough Council seats, Mayor, School Director and Tax Collector. At the January Committee meeting a discussion ensued about helping those who were reeling from the presidential election results and channeling their dissatisfaction into local political action. To that end an ad hoc group was formed to solicit new Democratic volunteers, inform the public of the openings, and to create a system to pre-screen candidates. Edie Ferebee, Suzanne McElroy and Jayne Young volunteered to undertake this work. Social media was utilized for this purpose, followed up by personal contact. A questionnaire was developed and used for all



Left to Right: William Smith, Michael Schleigh, Janet English, Wardell Holt, Magda Byrne, Tony Campuzano

potential candidates seeking the endorsement of Committee, whether new or those seeking re-election. Interested and eligible candidates came to the February Committee meeting to meet all members and seek their support. In some cases, there were more candidates than offices.

A special endorsement meeting was scheduled for Committee members. At this meeting there was a quorum and the first step was to vote on whether or not the Committee should have an open primary. That

would mean that the Committee would take a hands-off approach and let all individual candidates run without our help (physical and financial) or our endorsement. The Committee takes its role seriously and voted overwhelmingly to endorse a slate of candidates for the primary.

The endorsed candidates above are the results of this process. The Committee proudly endorses each one for local office and hopes that you will support them with your vote on May 16.

A Clarification Regarding the Tax Collector Race

There were two Democrats interested in running for the position of Tax Collector. Both submitted applications and both were vetted by the nominating committee. It is important to note that *both Democrats who were seeking the position of Tax Collector – Bill Smith and Robert Radich – voted in favor of Committee endorsing for just one of the two vying for the seat.*

The vote was conducted by written ballot. Prior to the vote, each candidate indicated that they would support the other if they were not selected. The vote was close, with Bill Smith winning over Robert Radich. This was not surprising since both candidates were vetted and qualified.

Shortly after the endorsement meeting, Robert Radich decided that he would run for the position without an endorsement, despite having pledged his support of the winner of the process. As part of the process to get a position on the ballot, Mr. Radich failed to file both a financial disclosure form in the Borough Offices (required by law) and failed to file a State Police criminal record with his nominating petition in the County Election Board (also required by law). Mr. Smith challenged his nominating petition and the Common Pleas Court ruled to remove Mr. Radich from the primary ballot based on his failure to follow the election law.

“Facts matter ... and trying to win elections by disparaging one’s opponent is not the way the Lansdowne Democratic Committee conducts itself.”

Subsequently, Mr. Radich has decided to run a write in campaign. In various social media postings, he has disparaged Mr. Smith’s qualifications by citing decades-old financial filings (liens against him) and implying that Mr. Smith was terminated by the Borough from the position of Borough Treasurer when he held that position many years ago.

In the first instance, Mr. Smith’s financial issues were of a very personal nature – resulting from medical and family custody matters. All judgments have been cleared. In the second, the record is clear that while Mr. Smith was serving as part-time Borough Treasurer, it was he, himself who recommended that the position be made full-time and that the Borough hire someone to take over that position. When this transition was substantially completed, Mr. Smith’s services were obviously no longer

needed and he left the position for a similar one in a neighboring Borough.

We publish this information so that the public is aware that facts matter and that trying to win elections by disparaging one’s opponent is not the way the Lansdowne Democratic Committee conducts itself. We commend our endorsed slate of candidates for their willingness to serve their community, their qualifications and their commitment to positive campaigning. We ask that you endorse them as well with your vote on May 16.

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background also includes time as a Borough Manager and Municipal Treasurer for two other Boroughs, currently serving in Sharon Hill as Treasurer/Finance Director.

Service to the Borough has been part of Bill’s community life for many years. He has served on the Lansdowne Planning Commission for sixteen years and the chairperson for the past six years. He has served for twelve years as a member of Borough Council and two years as Borough Auditor. Bill also served two years as the Lansdowne Borough Treasurer until the position was phased out in early 2008; in part as a result of his recommendation to do so.

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heart of the downtown business district; the successful liaison relationship with the Lansdowne Public Library and the William Penn School District and the successful passing of a resolution that affirms the value of all citizens.

If elected for a second term, Magda pledges to help create more robust programming that benefits all residents of Lansdowne. She

would also like to continue the collaborative effort with the many fantastic local organizations to build a thriving, vibrant and welcoming community.

This year marks 11 years that Magda and her husband Kenny have lived in Lansdowne. Although they arrived at this borough completely by chance, they are so thankful that they did. Magda looks forward to the opportunity to continue to give back to the Lansdowne community!

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two older fire trucks with new ones. In addition the committee was able to show PennDOT that the intersection of Marshall Road and Owen Avenue was a dangerous intersection with numerous accidents. Along with Lansdowne’s State Representative Davidson’s cooperation with Upper Darby Township and stop signs and flashing lights were installed. This has

dramatically decreased the number of accidents and the severity.

Janet agrees with Jane Harbert the new superintendent of the William Penn School District who recently stated that it takes more than one person to help a child succeed. This is true for our borough as well. Janet feels that having good staff, a vision for the future, fiscal responsibility and the many groups of volunteers in Lansdowne is what makes the Borough great.

More Endorsed Delaware County Candidates

COUNTY COUNCIL

Jennifer Leith

Throughout her personal life and professional career, Jen Leith has demonstrated a commitment to civic engagement for the collective good.

Born and raised in the Harrowgate section of Philadelphia, she attended Little Flower Catholic High School for Girls in Hunting Park. She double majored in Political Science and History at Bucknell University and received a Master of Arts degree in History from Rutgers University. She recently completed a year-long (2015-2016) Leading for Change Fellowship at Drexel University's LeBow College of Business, an intensive and experiential development program that integrates the latest insights in business, leadership, public policy and innovation to strengthen leadership capacity and networks among local public sector leaders.



Brian Zidek

Brian Zidek is an experienced business leader and executive. He currently is President of Excess Reinsurance, a national company and a leader in the self-funded medical reinsurance industry.

Brian began his professional career practicing law at Duane Morris LLP in the Reorganization and Finance Department. Then, Brian was hired as a Vice President and General Counsel for Excess Reinsurance Underwriters. Brian also founded Excess Management Company where he served as the managing partner before selling the company in 2014.



CONTROLLER

Joanne Phillips

Joanne has been a commercial real estate lawyer for almost 30 years with extensive experience in zoning and land use, real estate development, acquisitions and sales, leasing, eminent domain and valuation matters, easements, and real estate financing.



New Superintendent Welcomed

Jane Harbert is welcomed as William Penn School District Superintendent on March 18, 2017.

Left to Right: Jennifer Hoff, School Board Director; Beth Kramer, Interim Principal, Bell Avenue; Judy Lee, Interim Principal, Penn Wood High School; Charlotte Hummel, School Board Director; Robert E. Wright, School Board Director; Jane Harbert, Superintendent; Kyle Hill, Principal, Penn Wood Middle School; Rafi Cave, School Board Director; Darren Burrell, School Board Director; Marion Fitti, School Board Director; Janet Breaker, School Board Director.

SHERIFF

Jerry Sanders

A retired Deputy Sheriff, Jerry Sanders, has dedicated his life to public service and ministry. A resident of Drexel Hill, Jerry is the Chaplain of Deer Meadows Retirement community, a 140-year-old, 300-unit facility, where he coordinates religious services and ministers to the spiritual needs of residents.



REGISTER OF WILLS

Mary Walk

Mary Walk was born and raised in the City of Chester and is a graduate of the former Notre Dame High School in Moylan, Rose Valley. Mary received her undergraduate degree with Honors from Rutgers University where she was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. In 1999, she received her J.D. from Temple University's Beasley School of Law where she was a member of the Temple Law Review.

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and ten year old daughter. In the last couple of years, he started a new position with a new company, no travel required, and it is time to give back to the place that welcomed him and his family so long ago.

In his professional life, Wardell is an experienced problem-solver. Delivering innovative solutions for clients is what he does. It is his passion. He now wants to bring that same passion, that same drive, and that same set of results to the place he lives and loves so much.

Within the team of Democratic Committee endorsed candidates in Lansdowne Borough, he would like to continue the work that has kept Lansdowne a place to learn, a place to grow, and a place to live his life, and yours to the fullest.

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supported by the voters) to allow the issuance of a Performing Arts Center liquor license to the Historic Lansdowne Theater. He believes that this will be a successful venue and help revitalize our central business district. Mike also supported the effort to use the downtown business district to host the Lansdowne Arts on the Avenue Festival last fall.

Presently Mike is spearheading the consideration of new zoning and public health ordinance changes to help the Borough deal with issues arising out of the opioid addiction that plagues our region. He is a well-established trial attorney and a solicitor for another southeastern Delaware County borough, and uses this experience to help examine proposed ordinances and programs particularly from a risk assessment and legal point of view.

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Coalition's Community Breastfeeding Task Force.

She holds a B.A. in Urban Studies from the University of Pennsylvania. She has lived in Lansdowne for over eight years. Her son is in 7th grade at Penn Wood Middle School and her daughter attends preschool in Lansdowne. James is running for school board to help the district better serve children.

Refugee Assistance and Immigration Counseling Available in Lansdowne

by Andy Farquhar

PRIME ECR (Ecumenical Commitment to Refugees) is a not-for-profit [501(c) (3)] corporation that provides affordable or free services to assist refugees with safe, legal immigration solutions. PRIME was founded in Philadelphia in September 1983. At that time, its goal was the resettlement of refugees who had passed an immigration interview overseas and who were permitted to enter the United States.

Since 1992 the Board of Immigration Appeals (a division of the US DOJ) has recognized PRIME as a provider of immigration counseling and, starting in 1996, PRIME staff members have been accredited to represent before the DOJ's Immigration Courts. Over the years, as the staff of PRIME gained experience in representing immigration and refugee clients, they found many of their clients are not able to pay typical

immigration lawyer fees; as a non-profit, our fee schedules are set to assist as many refugees as possible with our limited resources.

In line with our determination to assist the uprooted and refugees, we have focused, since 2005, on helping clients who would otherwise not be aware of the steps needed to legally immigrate into the USA. We provide help with preparing and submitting all necessary forms and documents (e.g. leading toward Green Card, Naturalization) including travel documents and even overseas processes.

We also can provide legal representation with immigration services and in Immigration Court. We work with immigrants in English, Farsi, Spanish, French, and German – and can provide translators for other languages. We are also familiar with Canadian Immigration Programs. For more information you can contact PRIME – ECR at 610-259-4500

SENIOR COMMUNITY SERVICES

Friendship Circle Programs Meet the Needs of Delaware County Seniors

Friendship Circle, one of four senior centers operated by Senior Community Services (SCS) is a community-based organization. SCS has four national accredited senior centers, and an abundance of programs directly serving the aging population in the service area of Delaware County. SCS' goal is to continually develop and improve upon a comprehensive, coordinated and accessible system of services responsive to the needs of the aging population within the community. Last year, SCS' programming touched more than 16,000 lives in Delaware County.

General Information and Classes

Friendship Circle (which is on the campus of Fitzgerald Mercy Hospital in St. Bernard's Hall) is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 am until 4:00 pm where active, older adults can take

advantage of exercise classes including Zumba and strength training, educational programs (including computer classes, monthly book clubs, interactive/internet presentations) and a delicious lunch while socializing with peers in a comfortable, welcoming environment.

Trips

Friendship also sponsors trips (extended, one day and casino). Last year, 11 members traveled with Senior Excursions on a 4 day trip to Niagara Falls, and 50 members traveled to Lahaska, for an evening excursion on the Ivyland Dinner train. Last holiday season we took a trip to Longwood Gardens to see the Holiday Lights, and also to Hershey Park to take the Holiday Lights tour. On July 13th we will be going to Ace in the Hole Dinner Theatre to enjoy



a Tribute to the Drifters. And September 15th we will take a ride on the Spirit of Baltimore Luncheon Cruise.

You are invited to come in and take a tour, meet our members and enjoy a complimentary lunch. We are also open on Saturday mornings with different

exercise classes geared towards seniors. For more information on the center and its programs or to register for any of our special events, please contact Donna Schumacher (Program Coordinator) at 484-534-2033.

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Parade • Prizes • Music • Games
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RAIN DATE JULY 5 (Fireworks Only)

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REIMAGINING THE 'GOLDEN YEARS'

Aging Out? I'm Aging IN!

By Terry Baraldi

"Aging Out." That's what they said about us old folk. Out of the workplace, out of our cars, out of our homes. An irrevocable slippage into irrelevance. Whoa! Wait! What? Not me! I've still got stuff to do, stuff to learn, and most of all, stuff to TEACH. I'm not aging out, I'm AGING IN!

You know, my gray haired mother used to say that people thought that women's brains leaked out with our hair color. And I could see her point every time I took her to a doctor or a store or anywhere where she tried to speak for herself. For generations of Americans, we seniors (old folk, codgers, grannies) were largely, however gently, dismissed from social discourse, even when it was about us. ...But that was then.

Today, thanks largely to social media, we have the chance to use our years...and years!... of what we've learned and observed to add our voices to conversations of import. So I, now as one of the gray haired tribe, find myself empowered to speak what is in my head and heart. Sometimes, I'm told, to the point of annoyance. Oh well.

Well, this was NOT how I imagined life in my "golden years." I thought to spend the last one or two decades left to me as gentle counselor to my family, my descendants, the people who came to me for simple comfort and the wisdom of the aged. A 21st century Mother Goose...not Brunhilde the Warrior! Again, oh well!

It's my belief that women, and maybe especially mothers, are hard wired to reach out, to make protective circles, to put others need above our own, and to help wherever help is needed. That has, after all, been our identity for so long. But I have a feeling that, in the updated model of fierce women, the wiring may have been reconfigured. And to all those who have embraced independence and eschewed the old style domesticity... that's OK. We need you in the houses of industry and halls of power. Go and be great!

But my inner circuitry makes it impossible, no matter my age, to shrug off the dangers I see looming ahead; impossible not to want to be part of the solution; impossible to look away when my family, my neighbor, my country is imperiled. I'm weary, but will stand with my boots on until everyone is safely tucked into a bed.

LANSDOWNE LANDING

New Community Gathering Space a Welcome Addition

A new gathering spot will be opening this May in historic downtown Lansdowne, PA. Inspired from awesome outdoor gathering places like Philadelphia's own The Porch or Spruce Street Harbor Park, the Lansdowne Landing will be a fun, festive gathering spot that will be open from 7 am to 10 pm, year round.

Already a vibrant community space, home to the popular Lansdowne Farmers Market and across from the highly anticipated Lansdowne Theatre, Lansdowne Landing will be augmented with comfortable seating and will host a robust schedule of events, from family-friendly fun to live music to food trucks and more. When not in use for events, the space will be a welcoming place for visitors to socialize, build community, and relax. Opening in May, the space will also feature a ground mural by Lansdowne native and Penn Wood alumni Brad Carney of the Philadelphia Mural Arts Program.



This project is the vision of Lansdowne Borough, Lansdowne Borough Council and the many citizens on the Lansdowne Landing Committees.

Part of the funding of the project will come from individuals in the community. In order to participate in making the Landing a success, citizen investors are encouraged to visit the crowd funding site and make a donation at citizinvestor.com/project/lansdowne-plaza-pilot-project.

For more information, email events@LansdowneLanding.com

Photos by Ramsey Beyer, Jennifer Hoff, and Brad Carney



Muralist Brad Carney takes a selfie with volunteers helping during the Comcast Cares Day project at the new Lansdowne Landing on April 23.

Lansdowne Memorial Day

5K

LEDC LANSDOWNE Economic Development Corporation

May 29, 2017
Start time 7:45 am

AMENITIES

- T-Shirts (ONLY if pre-registered by Monday, May 1)
- Food & drinks, prompt awards
- Free parking, restrooms, water stops, and refreshments

For questions about registration, please call 610-745-4013.

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LANSDOWNE BALLROOM AND LATIN DANCE SOCIAL CLUB

A Place to Swing into Dance and Have a Ball

By Susan Corbin

Garincha Hilaire was twelve years old when he knew that he wanted to become a dancer. He first studied stage and competition dancing. He then went on to study social dancing at the Arthur Murray International Dance Studio in New York where he became a certified dance instructor. He opened up his first dance studio "Take the Lead" at 47th & Pine in Philadelphia and worked with at risk youths teaching them to dance. He also taught Ballroom and Latin dancing at the Univ. of PA, Drexel Univ. and Swarthmore College dance clubs.

Garincha Hilaire is passionate about the art of dance. He wants

to show people the value, joy and accessibility of dancing. He believes that everyone can benefit from moving their bodies. Persons with Parkinson's disease can reduce their shaking; children can learn life and decorum lessons; teens can gain confidence in social situations and develop healthy bodies; adults can reduce stress, and dancing can help seniors with memory retention and social interactions.

Hilaire chose to open up the Lansdowne Ballroom and Latin Dance Social Club in Lansdowne to be near his parents who are eleven year residents of the Borough and because of the Lansdowne Economic Development Corporation's promotions regarding Lansdowne as a favorable place for businesses



of all types.

The Lansdowne Ballroom and Latin Dance Social Club teaches all types of social dancing such as the Foxtrot, Cha-Cha, Salsa, Waltz, Tango, Line Dancing, Swing and Wedding Dance Choreography. He offers one complimentary lesson to anyone interested in learning how to dance so they can experience for

themselves how easy and comfortable it is. Each student receives their own dance book with their name on it. The book has a detailed syllabus outlining their dancing goals, instructions, levels, music played and teacher comments. Students can review this information, keep track of their progress and can come in to practice between

Garincha Hilaire has been noted for his unique dancing methodology where he teaches dance techniques by relating them to natural body movements used in everyday life situations. In fact, using just these techniques, this writer, who has two left feet, was able to learn the Fox Trot including swirls in just minutes.

In addition to private and group dance instructions, you can rent out the ballroom for business and social events. Also, you can hire Hilaire and his staff to give dance instructions to your guests at fundraisers, birthday, retirement, and graduation parties.



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You May Be a Feminist

By Terry Baraldi

Feminism. Some of our young women just don't get it – they think their moms, aunts and grandmothers are just still protesting some irrelevant past bra-burning era. Nope!

Oh we do remember that time, but today we're marching for our health, our civil rights and our wallets. We just can't believe that we still have to.

But we do and, even if our daughters and granddaughters don't quite see it that way, so do Gens X, Y and Z. Maybe they just don't realize that they're really the next wave, the new front line, clearing the road ahead for their daughters. The new faces of feminism.

Here's a basic primer on how to identify a feminist:

- If you have a career, instead of a "job", you are probably a feminist.
- If you think you should have the same career opportunities as a man, and should be paid accordingly, you are a feminist.
- If you think "NO!" means "no", you are a feminist.
- If you think you should have control of your own reproductive health, YOU ARE A FEMINIST!

Embrace it!

And, if you've never, based on your gender:

- been turned down for a credit card;
- been denied a mortgage;
- been deemed too fragile for a career in the military, or too hormonal for a corner office in your chosen profession;
- had to just accept as normal sexual innuendos and advances in the workplace;
- been denied a divorce, trapped in an abusive marriage or been informed that forced marital sex was NOT considered rape...

...then – you're welcome!



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