Good April and a Happy Easter to all of you. I hope everyone is in good health and maintaining high spirits during our imposed shut in and personal space rules. I hope everyone got their needed supplies prior to the hoarding that has been going on and that we don’t have anyone Desperately in need of supplies. Please bear with me as my note is a little bit longer this month. We have much information to pass on.

Due to the coronavirus 19 and state restrictions, we have decided to postpone the May General meeting and to conduct it at the same time as the fall picnic on Sat, 12 Sep 2020. The Board of Directors met on 10 Mar and tentatively approved the 2020 - 2021 budget. All of participating committee members joined us and helped finalize our annual budget. We will vote on the final budget at the Sep General meeting. Our current slate of Officers have generously offered their services through next year’s nomination period. We will ask the General membership to ratify the current slate of officers through May of 2021 at the picnic.

The Penn Pals organization has decided to merge their annual picnic into our Sat, 12 Sep PNHA picnic. They have offered their services to assist and support us with the production of the picnic. This year, as an added bonus, we will be adding a band for entertainment. While keeping the price of a ticket to $10 per association member and $15 for visitors or non-association members. The event will be held at the Mont Alto fire department from 11 AM to 3 PM.

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PNHA News
April 2020

From the President

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Yes – It’s time to renew your PNHA membership. New members who joined after 1 Jan 2020 don’t need to renew – your membership runs through 31 May 2021. The rest of us need to renew starting with the delivery of the April newsletter that contains the renewal form for our fiscal year that runs from 1 June 2020 to 31 May 2021. The renewal fee is still $20, and it’s a great value. Check out the membership benefits on the bottom of the membership form.

We’ve made it easy to renew. If all of your info is the same as last year, just mail or drop off a $20 check payable to PNHA that shows your address – no form required. If you need to change something from last year, follow the instructions on the form and make the changes with your computer or a pen. Mail or drop off your updated form with your check for $20.

We need your help. Our renewal drive runs from 20 March thru 20 May. Timely renewals save us a lot of time and work involving database updates, newsletter distribution, and prep work for the annual membership directory. If you need help, contact Susan or Kathy. Their contact info is on the form. Thanks.

Craig Curtis, pnhanews@pa.net

PNHA Updates

PNHA Directors Meeting. We met 10 Mar to review our finances and discuss several new ideas on improving the value of being a PNHA member. We developed a slate of officers to present to the membership at our next General Membership meeting in conjunction with our Fall Picnic on Sat, 12 Sep.

Guilford Township Spring Bulky Day. It’s on Fri & Sat, 17-18 Apr from 8 AM to 4 PM. See website.

Expressions of Appreciation

I want to express my sincere and "heart" fell thanks for the incredible support I received after my recent surgery. All the cards, calls, visits, food, help and offers of help were so gratefully appreciated by me......and my husband! Merle Mitchell
Penn Pals Events. Our April adventure takes us to beautiful Boiling Springs Tavern in Boiling Springs, PA for lunch on Friday, 17 Apr at noon. Let’s welcome spring at this beautiful historic town. Plan to stay and enjoy a walk on the nearby Appalachian Trail or shop in the village stores. Our lunch begins at noon ordering from the tavern menu. If you plan to join us for lunch, please RSVP to Tara Kellam by email or text so we have a count for the restaurant. Call 717-816-1081 or email pennpalspn@gmail.com. Please RSVP by Wed, 15 Apr.

Food Pantry Pickup. We unloaded our food contributions at the Food Pantry in March and filled shopping carts from the front door of Maranatha all the way to the back of the room. What a great sight to see! Thanks to all of our wonderful neighbors at PN. If you want to donate to the Pantry but are away on the first Tuesday of the month, get in touch and we will pickup your donations or have them dropped off at one of our volunteer's houses. Our next collection is Tue, 7 Apr at 9 am. If your donations aren’t picked up by 9:30 am, call 717-504-5846 and someone will come by. For more info, call or email Michele Johnson at gjohnson913@comcast.net or 717-352-8827.

Chicken N' Stuff Benefit. It’s on Mon, 13 April at the Chambersburg Area Middle School, McKinley Street. The Rotary Club of Chambersburg partners with the Knights of Columbus and George Washington Masonic Lodge 143, to raise funds for the Franklin County 4-H Therapeutic Riding Center. You can take out or dine in. Lunch is served between 11 AM & 1 PM. Dinner is 4 to 7 PM. All tickets are $11 and can be ordered thru Rotarians, Knights of Columbus, and George Washington Masonic Lodge members. Tickets are also available at the door.

Renfrew Rocks! Prehistoric Life of PA at the Visitors Center, Renfrew Park on Thu, 2 Apr at 7 PM. Geologist Jeri Jones presents a program about life that once lived in PA from the ancient seas 541 million years ago, up through the Ice Age ending about 8,000 years ago. Fossils help to tell scientists what our area was like over geologic time. It’s free. For more info, call 717-762-0373 or email info@instituteatrenfrew.org.

PNHA Yard Sale. It is time to start collecting your treasures for the May 15-16 yard sale. The time is 8:00 to 1:00, rain or shine. PNHA will pay for advertising in The Record Herald, Public Opinion, and Franklin Shopper. A large sign will go out on 997 a couple weeks in advance. Smaller signs will go up around the community a few days before. You can put signs in your own yard if you wish. Friday is generally a busier day, and be prepared for "early birds". Contact Ruth Taylor if you need more information: ruth@ettaylor.net.

Master Gardeners Victory Garden Workshop. It’s scheduled each Monday starting 20 April thru 28 Sep at the Ag Heritage Center, 185 Franklin Farm Lane. It’s a series of 24 weekly classes 9 to 11 AM designed for participants who want a backyard garden and want to learn proper gardening techniques and procedures. Registration deadline is 13 April at 11:59 PM. Cost is $60. Limited space. For more info go to https://extension.psu.edu/victory-garden-workshop.

Mixed Tennis Doubles. Tennis anyone? Players with skill levels from beginner on up are welcome to join our group. We meet at the recently resurfaced Norlo Park public courts Tue & Thu from 9 to 11 AM (depending on the weather). We begin our season when the weather moderates in April. If you are new to the group, please provide a phone number and email address to Jim and Jean Shoemaker, 717-401-0024, jshoemaker7010@comcast.net.

Women’s 9-Hole Golf League. 7 Apr kickoff meeting is canceled. We play on 14 Apr unless Covid-19 forces us to change again. Interested players can signup at the bulletin board located in the women’s locker room or call Kitty Sibold at 703-304-1524 or email siboldk@gmail.com. Membership dues should be paid on or before 14 Apr. We will be working with the pro shop to assist members needing riding carts.

Editor’s note: Please check events before you attend them to make sure they haven’t been canceled or delayed for the coronavirus pandemic. Capitol Theatre Ladies night scheduled for Fri, 24 Apr has been canceled with the hope of rescheduling.
Let’s look at some new books released in March with some good ratings from Goodreads.

- **The Boy from the Woods** by Harlan Coben. Wilde is a young boy who is a mystery to all. He was found living in the woods all alone with no memory of the past. The police turned him over to the foster care system. 30 years later, he’s back in the woods content to be an outcast. A local girl goes missing and a TV lawyer with a remote connection to Wilde asks him to help find her. Meanwhile, a group of former military commandoes arrive in town while another teen is missing. Wilde is forced to return to town where he has never fit in and where the powerful are protected even though they harbor secrets that could destroy the lives of millions. Wilde must uncover the secrets before it’s too late. Goodreads 4.06

- **Texas Outlaw** by James Patterson. Texas Ranger, Rory Yates, is a hero after his girlfriend, country singer Willow Dawes, writes a song about his bravery. Rory isn’t too keen about his new image. His boss sends him to a remote West Texas town called Rio Lobo – a town with two stop lights and a police chief who says he has one too many Texas Rangers. Rio Lobo detective Ariana is the one who requested Rory and is the only one who believes that a town councilman’s death wasn’t an accident. Rory starts to uncover a bunch of small-town secrets, favors, and lies. He decides to take some liberties with the investigation to get to the truth before more people die. The next ballad about hero Rory Yates maybe an outlaw ballad. Goodreads 4.50

- **Walk the Wire** by David Baldacci. This is another book staring Amos Decker. It’s a highly charged thriller with an action-packed investigation with all of the twists and turns of a great Baldacci novel. Goodreads 4.75

- **20th Victim** by James Patterson. It’s another Women’s Murder Club thriller. Some people like to shoot. Some like to kill. Three victims; three bullets; three cities. The first murder occurs in San Francisco – Sergeant Lindsay Boxer’s jurisdiction and reporter Cindy Thomas’ beat. The shooters are precise as is their target selection list. Each target on the list excels at an illegal and deadly activity. As the casualty list expands, the fear and fascination with the deceased bad guys grows. Are the shooters villains or heroes? Who will be next? Goodreads 4.30

- **You Are Not Alone** by Greer Hendricks and Sarah Pekkanen. You probably know someone like Shay Miller. She wants to find love, but it eludes her. She wants to be fulfilled, but her job is a dead end. She wants to belong, but her life is too isolated. You probably don’t want to know someone like the Moore sisters. They have an unbreakable circle of friends. They live the most glamorous life. They always get what they want. Shay thinks she wants their life, but what they really want is hers. Goodreads 3.92
Sometimes external or unusual factors can have a big influence on the stock market. The corona virus helped trigger the Feb sell off. The Dow 30 fell 5.5% for the month even after closing up 5.1% on 28 Feb. The S&P 500 fell 4.9% for Feb even with a last day rally of 4.6% on 28 Feb. The Nasdaq index held up better than the Dow and S&P falling 2.17% for the month with a strong last day rally of 4.5% on 28 Feb.


The first thing that stands out is all of the stocks in the Dow 30, S&P 500, and Nasdaq are all doing the same thing. They started out with some small gains on 2 Feb, then started to sell off thru 6 Feb. They started a small recovery move on 11 Feb then everything started to decline on 12 Feb. The little up & down cycles continued until 21 Feb when a big sell off took hold with losses for all three indices of 13 to 14% on 27 Feb. Some investors probably looked hard at cutting their losses and selling some or all of their remaining stocks.

The hardcore investors that stayed on to weather the storm were rewarded on 28 Feb. The market soared about 5% on all three indices and cut their losses. Instead of finishing the month of Feb with double digit losses around 14%, they finished with losses displayed in the first chart.

The lesson learned from Feb is that it is difficult to time the market. A long-term, diversified investment strategy based on your level of risk is a good approach for success in the markets.
Getting the Most for Your Money

Inflation measures how much more an item or service costs now than it did some time ago. High inflation is not good for the economy or the consumer. Inflation will always reduce the value of money unless interest rates are higher than inflation. Let’s look at a series of charts to help determine what is happening to inflation and interest rates over the last decade.

Inflation less food and energy has averaged 1.62% over the last 10 years. The prime interest rate averaged from 3% to 5.5%. It is currently 4.75%. The prime rate is the underlying index for most credit cards, home equity loans, and auto and personal loans. The Federal Reserve cut their funds rate to 1.75% then 0.25%. Their decision will likely reduce interest rates that banks payout on savings accounts, money market accounts, and CDs. Overall, interest rates are still higher than the rate of inflation.

Let’s look at inflation for food and energy — items we use on a daily basis. For the last three years, food inflation has remained about 1% has shown on the chart below. Energy prices are more of a problem because of big fluctuations in the supply and demand of oil and political ramifications.
In February and March, the PNHS were busy practicing our Spring Concert program. We have been derailed due to the Covid-19 virus. Our St. Patrick's concert for 17 March was canceled and more than likely April and May concerts will need to be canceled. We will miss visiting our friends at these facilities but at this time we want everyone, our choir included, to stay healthy.

In February, we welcomed Marsha Stine, our new accompanist, to our choir. She is a talented pianist and, we are so happy to have her on board. In the next newsletter, we will do a biographical sketch on Marsha to introduce her to the PN community.

Since we number above a group of ten, we may not be meeting for choir practice for the next few months. This will depend on the situation and the guidelines that are being set for dealing with the corona virus.

We started our 2020 season with two practices in Feb and one in Mar before the corona virus surfaced. If you are interested in joining a fun group, call Sandy, or check us out at one of our practices at the New Guilford Brethren in Christ Church on Mont Alto Rd after the corona virus all clear has been issued. We have a fun time while bringing music to the Assisted Living communities. Contact Sandy Curtis at 717 352-7719 for more info.

Don’t forget to renew your PNHA membership on or before 20 May. See the attached membership form for more details.

What Are Retinoids?

Retinoids are a source of vitamin A. They can make your skin look younger. They were first used to treat acne. Now, they are used to fight aging skin, psoriasis, and other skin conditions. Let’s look to WebMD for more information.

- More than a skin peeler. Retinoids don’t just peel away the top layer of your skin cells, they trigger your body to make more collagen, a protein in your skin, muscles, and bones. It’s what keeps your skin elastic and firm. This means fewer wrinkles.

- Natural vs Synthetic. Synthetic retinoids are man-made while natural retinoids come from vitamin A. Both trigger receptors in your skin. But synthetic retinoids don’t trigger as many, so they tend to be less irritating. That also means they may not work as well.

- Types of Retinoids. Retinoids come in cream, gel, and liquid forms. Gels are usually stronger than creams, foams, and liquids, and are typically prescribed for acne. Creams are usually a good choice for aging skin. Retinoids come in different strengths, including 0.025%, 0.05%, and 0.1%. Stronger formulas work better but can cause more side effects.

- Retinoids for Wrinkles. Because retinoids help your skin make more collagen, they soften wrinkles and fine lines. They also stimulate new blood vessels, which can give your skin a rosy color. Retinoids also help fade age spots and smooth rough patches. Tretinoin (Retin-A) is a popular prescription choice for aging skin.

- Prescription or Over-the-Counter? You can buy some retinoids, like adapalene (Differin), at the store. But you need a prescription for stronger ones like tretinoin (Retin-A). You can also get retinols at the store, which your body then changes to retinoids. They’re not as strong, so they’re less likely to make your skin red or itchy. But, they take longer to work.

- How to Use Retinoids. At night, put a small amount (about the size of a pea) on your entire face and rub it in. Using more than that can cause itching, redness, or drying.

- Use Retinoids at Night. Retinoids break down in the sun. That’s why you should put them on at night before you go to bed. They don’t raise your risk of getting sunburn. But it’s smart to always use sunscreen – using retinoids or not.

- Side Effects. It’s normal for retinoids to cause dry skin, redness, itching, or flaking. But that usually goes away after a while. Your doctor might tell you to use them every other night or just once a week at first until you can use them every night. If you keep having problems, see your doctor.

- Are Retinoids Safe? Other than possible short-term side effects, retinoids are safe for most people. But retinoids haven’t been tested on pregnant women. So you should not use them during your pregnancy or while you breastfeed.

- It Takes Time. It can take 3 months before you see changes in your wrinkles or fine lines with best results taking as much as 6 months.
What Is Multiple Sclerosis?

MS is a chronic disease that damages the nerves in the spinal cord and brain, as well as the optic nerves. Depending on where the damage occurs, symptoms may include problems with muscle control, balance, vision, or speech. Let’s turn to WebMD for more info.

- **MS Symptoms.** Nerve damage from MS can cause weakness in an arm or leg, numbness, loss of balance, and muscle spasms. These symptoms lead to frequent tripping or difficulty walking.

- **Vision Problems.** About 50% of the people with MS have a vision problem called optic neuritis. This inflammation of the optic nerve may cause blurred vision, loss of color vision, eye pain, or blindness, usually in one eye. The problem is usually temporary and tends to improve within a few weeks. In many cases, vision problems are the first sign of MS.

- **Speech Problems.** Although less common than vision problems, some people with MS develop slurred speech. This happens when MS damages the nerves that carry speech signals from the brain.

- **How MS Attacks.** The body’s own immune system attacks the tissue surrounding the nerve fibers in the brain, spinal cord, and optic nerves. This covering is made of a fatty substance called myelin. MS damages the myelin and nerve messages are not properly transmitted.

What Causes MS? We don’t know but doctors see some surprising trends. It’s most common in regions far from the equator, including Scandinavia and other parts of Northern Europe. These areas get less sunlight, so some researchers believe that vitamin D (the “sunshine vitamin”) may be involved.
Twelve people attended our March meeting. We reviewed photos from the Feb assignment, Photo Optical Illusions. We were treated to an amusing assortment of images of photographers trying to create illusions with their cameras. Perhaps the biggest hurdle in this assignment was achieving sharp focus on both near and far items in the pictures. We watched a National Geographic video on artistic still life photography to help us with our next task.

Assignment for April: Still Life Photography. It includes both ‘Found’ and ‘Created’ still life subjects. Our subjects won’t be in motion, so we can try different ISO and depth of field combinations to see how those variables can enhance or detract from achieving an interesting image.

We meet at 6 PM on the first Thu of the month at the Grove Family Library. Photo enthusiasts from beginners to advanced are welcome. We discuss our photos, go on field trips, and have speakers, videos and workshops to expand our photographic knowledge. Contact Gary Dickinson at 301-873–7468 for more information.
It’s time to renew your annual PNHA membership for our 1 June 2020 to 31 May 2021 fiscal year. We have about 10 new members who joined us after 1 Jan 2020 who are already renewed through 31 May 2021. The rest of us need to renew our membership no later than 20 May 2020.

Annual membership dues are still $20 per household. What do we get for $20? These things and more.

- **Access to our PNHA website** managed by Roland Foster, our webmaster. You can use our eNews process to schedule events and buy or sell goods. Plus you can find useful info about our community.

- **Membership Directory.** The new directory will be published in July 2020. You can update your contact info on the membership renewal form.

- **Reduced ticket prices for 3 PNHA events** – Battle of the Neighborhood Golf Tournament, the fall picnic, and the holiday dinner dance.

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The Masters Golf Tournament

The Masters is a great tradition played on a beautiful golf course with some of the best golfers in the world. This year, the action has been postponed to help deal with the Coronavirus. Let’s look at some interesting facts from Wikipedia.

- How it started. Bobby Jones, Clifford Roberts (investment banker), and Alister MacKenzie (course architect) started planning the course in 1930. Jones acquired a plant nursery in Augusta, Georgia and completed the Augusta National Golf Club in 1934. The course was open for play in 1933.

- Green jacket tradition. In 1949, the winner was awarded a green jacket who must return the jacket one year after his victory. The jacket remains his personal property and is stored with other champions jackets in a special cloak room. Golfers who win the event several times wear the same green jacket unless they need to be refitted.

- Champions Dinner. It was inaugurated by Ben Hogan in 1952. It’s open only to past champions and certain Augusta National officials. It’s held on Tuesday each year before the tournament begins.

- The Honorary Tee Shot. In 1963, honorary golfers were selected to hit a tee shot on first hole to start the tournament. Well known names like Sam Snead, Bryon Nelson, Arnold Palmer, Jack Nicklaus, and Gary Player have hit the honorary shot.

- The Most Wins. Jack Nicklaus has the most Master’s wins with six between 1963 and 1986. Tiger Woods has five wins. Arnold Palmer has four. Five players have three wins – Jimmy Demaret, Sam Snead, Gary Player, Nick Faldo, and Phil Mickelson.


- Course Facts. The first Masters was played March 22, 1934. The current course is a par 72 with a length of 7,475 yards. The record score at Augusta is 270 – Tiger Woods in 1997 and Jordan Speith in 2015.

- Current Champion. Tiger Woods.
The Legs Up Farm is planning a ribbon cutting ceremony in March with breaking ground to follow in April. The Summit Health medical building to be built in front of the Penn National Inn will be breaking ground sometime this year. They plan to survey our residents to determine the types of services we most likely would use. We’ll keep you posted as information is provided to us.

We started our new fiscal year PNHA membership drive on 20 Mar. We plan to wrap it up on 20 May. Please help us by renewing your membership early. A copy of the renewal form is included in this month’s newsletter. The bottom of the form summarizes the benefits of membership. Please encourage your non-member neighbors to join us. We have about 600 members out of 1100 homes. We can do better.

Black Oak Bar and Founders Grille will be operating with limited hours starting 16 Mar.

Please contact me at (717) 401-0536 if you have questions or comments. If I don’t know the answer, I will definitely make an effort to find it. Stay well and remember our elderly residents. Please take a minute to check in on them during this confinement.

Debi Rohrback
April Newsletter Facts

- 549 electronic copies emailed
- 261 paper copies printed and mailed
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**A Broader View – Catherine Azzone**  
Meeting: Thu, 2 Apr at Tara’s  
Book: *Giver of the Stars*  
Author: JoJo Moyes

**A New Leaf – Cheryl Vorhauer**  
Meeting: Tue, 28 Apr at Cheryl’s  
Book: *The Keeper of Lost Things*  
Author: Ruth Hogan

**Between the Lines – Becky Foor**  
Meeting: Tue, 21 Apr at Ann’s  
Book: *What the Wind Knows*  
Author: Amy Harmon

**Book Buddies – Susan Llabres**  
Meeting: Tue, 28 Apr  
Book: The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek  
Author: Kim Richardson

**Easy Readers – Donna Steiner**  
Meeting: Tue, 14 Apr at Donna’s  
Book: *America’s First Daughter*  
Author: Stephanie Dray & Laura Kanpur

**Literary Ladies – Verna Reedy**  
Meeting: Thu, 16 Apr at Jane P’s  
Book: *A Single Thread*  
Author: Tracy Chevalier

**Page 2 Page – Judy Young**  
Meeting: Wed, 15 Apr at Judy Y’s  
Book: The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek  
Author: Kim Richardson

**Page Turners – Barb Brown**  
Meeting: Tue, 14 Apr at Linda B’s  
Book: *The Pioneers*  
Author: David McCullough

**STAR – Karen Wyzewski**  
Meeting: Wed, 22 Apr at Sally’s  
Book: *Educated*  
Author: Tara Westover

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Let’s look at some good historical romance books from [Goodreads](https://www.goodreads.com).

- **Promised** by Leah Garriott. The setting is Warwickshire, England in 1812. Margaret was fooled by love once and has vowed never to be played a fool again. She finds a man, Mr. Northam, who exceeds all of her hopes. There is only one problem – Northam’s meddling cousin, Lord Williams, won’t leave Margaret alone or let the romance bloom. Margaret’s chances of making a good match are shot. She returns home to discover that her father has promised her hand in marriage to none other than Lord Williams. He inserts himself into her everyday life. He follows her around and wins over her siblings and even demonstrates that he is intelligent and kind. He’s looking much better to Margaret. Lord Williams returns home and Margaret starts to waver. Should she keep promises that protect her or break free for one more chance at love? [Goodreads 4.24](https://www.goodreads.com)

- **The Brightest of Dreams** by Susan Anne Mason. Quinten made a promise to his deceased father to keep the family together. To do so, he must go to Canada to find his siblings who are indentured workers sent there while Quinn was away at war. His employer asks him to also look for his niece, Julia. If he finds her, Quinn will get is own tenant farm so he can provide a home for his ailing mother and siblings. Quinn finds and befriends Julia. He asks Julia to help him find his sister – she agrees. Shortly after, Julia receives some devastating news that changes everything. Quinn is torn between reuniting his family and protecting Julia. Will he sacrifice happiness to keep his promise? [Goodreads 4.42](https://www.goodreads.com)

- **The Blossom and the Firefly** by Sherri Smith. It’s set in Japan, 1945. Taro is a talented violinist and a kamikaze pilot a few days before his first and only mission. He’s ready to die until he meets Hana who was buried alive but survived in a bombing raid. She thinks things would be better if she had died until she meets Taro. A song will bring them together, but the war will tear them apart as they live a lifetime together in 8 short days. [Goodreads 4.06](https://www.goodreads.com)
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