



# The Philadelphia Trail Club Bulletin

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July-August, 2017

## Summary of Hikes and Activities

Sat., July 8	Delaware Water Gap
Thu., July 13	Cresheim Trail
Sun., July 16	Wissahickon
Tue., July 18	Collegetown Hike & Schmooze
Wed., July 26	VF Hike & Concert
Fri., Aug. 4	Andorra Evening Walk

## A Message from the Hike Coordinator

Hike Leaders, if you would like to make a late addition to the summer hiking schedule, please let me know. With the new website, we will be able to quickly announce changes to the hiking schedule. If you find that you be unable to lead a scheduled hike for personal reasons, please let me know as soon as possible. I may be able to find a substitute hike leader. Dave Scheid, [davescheid@yahoo.com](mailto:davescheid@yahoo.com).

## President's Corner

By Tirzah Rom

The PTC Board of Directors met on June 20<sup>th</sup>. It unanimously approved Chris Poli as Vice President. We appreciate Chris' willingness to commit time and energy to the Club's leadership. Chris is already making an impact by assisting our Webmaster, his wife Karen, in creating a new PTC website. He also brings new energy and fresh ideas to our club. Welcome, Chris! We look forward to working with you in the next year and beyond.

The Board approved the new PTC website, which is in its last phase before being activated for our summer hiking period. Karen and Chris Poli presented their work and Board members gave their input on various issues. Discussions were related to both the functionality of the website and the way we operate as a non-profit organization.

The new website will replace our current one as soon as the last details are finalized. It will be quite straight-forward and user-friendly. We will send notification and instructional emails to all members soon.

In the meantime, I encourage all of us to continue hiking in the summer, weather permitting, of course. Please don't hesitate to schedule early morning, weekday or evening hikes or even last-minute hikes if temperatures are expected to be reasonable. If you do schedule a hike and need to cancel for any reason, please contact Dave Scheid, our Hike Coordinator, as soon as possible. Dave may be able to schedule an alternate hike or reschedule the one that was cancelled.

Wishing everyone an enjoyable summer.

*Tirzah*



## PTC Bulletin Board

### Board Meeting Tuesday, September 19, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

We invite all members to participate in this bi-monthly meeting, which will take place at the Plymouth Meeting Friends Meeting House at the corner of Germantown and Butler Pikes.

### From the Membership Chair

Dorothy R. Smith, 2142 Bristol Road, Warrington, PA 18976-1514. [drsmith524@verizon.net](mailto:drsmith524@verizon.net)

### July-August 2017

#### **WELCOME TO MEMBERSHIP**

James Paul Detweiler, Harleysville, PA  
Mrs. Abeo Folami-Sears, Philadelphia, PA  
Brian & Larry Jorgage, Philadelphia, PA  
Sheila Richmond, Jenkintown, PA  
Janet Braverman, Harleysville, PA  
Al Drakas, Philadelphia

#### **CHANGE OF ADDRESS**

Krys Poster's, new email address is  
[kposter@advancedofficeenv.com](mailto:kposter@advancedofficeenv.com)

#### **RESIGNATIONS**

Shirley C. Hatch, Annapolis, MD



### PTC Memorial Fund

The Memorial Fund exists to provide small grants to area trail maintenance and trail advocacy groups in and around the Delaware Valley. Tom Switalski is our new chair. We have recently approved requests for donations to Five Mile Woods Preserve and Friends of the Rail Park. If you have a favorite organization you'd like us to support, please submit your request in writing to Tom ([tswit310@aol.com](mailto:tswit310@aol.com)), Deborah Lamb ([Deborahthelamb@gmail.com](mailto:Deborahthelamb@gmail.com)) or Auda Gallagher ([Audurgallagher@gmail.com](mailto:Audurgallagher@gmail.com)).



### **PTC Who's Who**

Contact all board members through the email: [philadelphiatrailclub@gmail.com](mailto:philadelphiatrailclub@gmail.com)

**President:** Tirzah Rom  
**Vice President:** Chris Poli  
**Secretary:** Kate Friend  
**Hike Coordinator:** Dave Scheid  
**Treasurer:** Marjorie O'Neill  
**Hiking Stats:** Bill Franks

**Membership:** Dorothy Smith  
**Councilors:** Deb Bukovec, Doris Sontagh  
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**Memorial Fund Chair:** Tom Switalski  
**Bulletin:** Carol Beam, Dorothy Smith  
**Webmaster and Social Media:** Karen Poli

Check out our website...  
[www.philadelphiatrailclub.org](http://www.philadelphiatrailclub.org)

## July/August Hikes & Activities

**Sat., July 8 Delaware Water Gap 9:30 a.m. 10 miles Class 3**  
Start out from the Worthington State Forest parking lot near Kittatinny Visitor Center, up to summit of Mt. Tammany for view of the Water Gap, walking the Kittatinny ridge (Tammany Fire Rd) to Sunfish Pond (Natural Glacial Pond) and back along Dunnfield Creek Trail. **DIRECTIONS:** 80 E, cross over into NJ and take River Rd. in Hardwick. Exit from I-80 E and follow signs for Kittatinny Visitor Center. Go past the Visitor Center, make left to cross under route 80, left again (it will look like you are going back onto 80W), turn right into Worthington State Park parking area. Hiking boots recommended, bring lunch, water and snacks. PTC members and their guests only. Register in advance. **Leaders:** Karen & Chris Poli. Email: [kepolispunky@gmail.com](mailto:kepolispunky@gmail.com) or call 215-407-8507 or 215-694-4711. Rain cancels.

**Thu., July 13 Cresheim Trail 6:15 p.m. 4-5 miles Class 2**  
Explore a new corner of the Wissahickon by way of the newly-built Cresheim Trail. We will walk the entire trail and see how it connects with other trails in Wissahickon Park, mostly walking in the woods, so please wear protective clothing and sturdy shoes. After the hike, there is an option of having a burger, beer, ice cream or other refreshment at the Trolley Car Diner. **DIRECTIONS:** Meet in front of Trolley Car Diner at 7619 Germantown Ave. in the Mt. Airy section of Philadelphia. *Do not park in the diner parking lot.* Please park on Germantown Ave., where there is plenty of parking on both sides of the street. You can also take Septa R7 (get off at Mt. Airy) or R8 (get off at Allen Lane). **Leader:** Dave Scheid, 215-435-9012. Email: [davescheid@yahoo.com](mailto:davescheid@yahoo.com). Rain will cancel.

**Sun., July 16 Wissahickon Hike 10:30 a.m. 5 miles Class 1**  
Fun little 5 mile hike in the Wissahickon Valley. Get out and get some great mid-summer exercise. We will start at Bruno's Restaurant on the corner of Northwestern Ave. and Germantown Pk. in the Chestnut Hill section of Philadelphia (across from Chestnut Hill College). We will be walking at a leisurely pace, on the flat gravel path called Forbidden Drive. The turnaround point will be the Valley Green Inn. Afterwards we can meet at Cedars Café (at the end of Forbidden Dr.) or Bruno's for a cup of coffee or a sandwich to socialize with everyone on our hike. The hike should take 2 hours. Remember all those New Year's Resolutions you made to keep in shape in 2017?. Well this is the perfect way to keep the exercise program moving along. The address of Bruno's Restaurant is 9800 Germantown Pk, Lafayette Hill, PA 19444. **Leader:** Ed Sawin, 215-896-9230. ([runbikeswim258@hotmail.com](mailto:runbikeswim258@hotmail.com))

**Tues., July 18 Collegeville Hike & Schmooze 5:00 p.m. 3 miles Class 1**  
It's part hike, part schmooze and just right for a summer evening. We'll walk an easy out-and-back along the Perkiomen Trail, then cool off and enjoy dinner together at the Appalachian Brewing Company. **DIRECTIONS:** Use the brewery's address, 50 W. Third Ave., Collegeville for GPS location. Just after turning onto Third Ave. from Main St., follow sign to parking for Post Office and the brewery on the left. We'll meet in the parking lot. For PTC members and their guests only. Register in advance. **Leader:** Carol Beam, [loracbeam@gmail.com](mailto:loracbeam@gmail.com) or 215-327-8021.

**Wed., July 26 Valley Forge National Park /Concert 5:15 p.m. 1-5 miles Class 1**  
Meet at the far side of the Valley Forge Washington Memorial Chapel parking lot on Rt. 23 for a stroll on the paved loop path. Hike from 1 – 5 mi. or just relax at the Chapel until concert time. After the hike, remain and enjoy the carillon recital at 7:30. Bring your supper/snack, beverage and lawn chair and listen to the concert. **DIRECTIONS:** use the chapel's address – Rt. 23, Valley Forge, PA 19481. Please register by phone so we know someone is coming – or else we may not be there! Rain cancels. **Leaders:** Murray and Marcia Zanger, 610-728-5321. Evening of hike: cell 610-203-2528.

Fri., Aug 4

Andorra Evening Meadow Walk

6:15 p.m.

4.5 miles

Class 1

Meet at the beginning of Forbidden Dr. at the signboard right at the trailhead on Northwestern Ave., and we'll walk into the meadow areas on the Andorra side of Fairmount Park in the quiet of the evening just as dusk is setting in. We'll head back on Forbidden Dr. before sunset for even footing and on a semi-lit path. If you'd like, afterwards we can enjoy a burger or dessert/ice cream at Bruno's (BYOB). I will also provide beer. Head lamps optional although there will still be enough light to see. **DIRECTIONS:** Northwestern Ave. and Thomas Rd. **Leader:** Deborah Lamb 215-896-5743 or [Deborahthelamb@gmail.com](mailto:Deborahthelamb@gmail.com). Rain at the time of the hike cancels.



Our hikers are ready for any and all weather on PTC spring hikes in Evansburg and Audubon parks.