



**The Mountain Top Welcome Club Newsletter  
November 2015**

**A Message from your PRESIDENT –**

***Pam McGovern, Phone: 905-4098 or Email: [Pam.mcgovern@century21.com](mailto:Pam.mcgovern@century21.com)***

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season. Our Mountain Top Welcome Club Holiday Party was a blast. We had a great turn out and lots of fun. Thank you again to Malena Gittler for hosting. I also want to give a big thank you to everyone who donated gifts for the giving tree. I saw lots of gifts arrive and Donna Lynn Smith coordinated distribution of them to our local food bank families. Your generosity is appreciated.

Our 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Night at the Races is coming up quickly on Friday, February 19<sup>th</sup>! It will again be at Wright Township Fire Hall. We will also have the Pizza Tasting Contest where you can sample pizza from our many Pizza Parlors in one spot. Beer, soda, pizza and chips will be included in the \$5 entrance fee. All attendees are welcome to bring their own wine, alcohol and snacks of their choice as well. The only way this fundraiser will be a success is with the help of all of you. We ask all of our members to sell as many horses as possible. Each \$10 horse has a 1 in 10 chance to win \$50 and you do not need to be present to win! Please SELL, SELL, SELL those horses!! We also have a sponsorship where your business will be mentioned throughout the evening and in the program book for \$50.

If you can't make the February meeting and have items to donate for our basket raffle feel free to bring items to the January meeting. Sadly, new PA laws prevent us from including wine or any booze in our baskets. We can, however, have liquor store gift cards. All items in the baskets must be NEW. We can also use baskets, wrapping, bow items, etc. to decorate them.

Speaking of our fundraiser... The club votes have been tallied and our official charities this year will be:

- Marion Sutherland Kirby Library
- Mountain Top Free Clinic
- Mountain Top Food bank.

We will also have a \$1,000 scholarship for one lucky Crestwood Senior! These are very worthy causes for our hard earned money.

Maryellen McFarland and I will be at the meeting to explain further to anyone who might not understand the whole Night at the Races concept, but feel free to call me at 570-905-4098.

# Welcome Club Night at the Races

Friday, February 19, 2016

Doors open at 6:00 Races start at 7:00

Horses \$10 each

Admission only \$5.00- includes beer and food.

Would you like your horses in the same race (running against each other) OR in separate races?

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## MONTHLY BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President –

**Holly Usavage, Phone: 570-262-7138 or Email: [Holly.Usavage@aol.com](mailto:Holly.Usavage@aol.com)**

Happy 2016 Everyone!

This months meeting will be held on Thursday January 21 at noon. Our guest speaker will be John Fletcher, President of Lehigh Valley Hospital Hazelton " A Passion for Better Medicine". Applebees will be catering lunch for \$8.00 and babysitting is available for \$4.00 per child.

Please remember to RSVP to me by Monday, January 18th. [Holly.usavage@aol.com](mailto:Holly.usavage@aol.com) or text to 570-262-7138.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President –Membership

**Malena Gittler, Phone: 570-854-7767 or Email: [malena@psualum.com](mailto:malena@psualum.com)**

Do you know anyone who may be interested in joining the Mountain Top Welcome Club? If so, please invite them to join us for the first meeting. They can find additional information about Welcome Club from our:

- Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Mountain-Top-Welcome-Club/105472859546431?sk=timeline>
- Website: <http://www.mountaintopwelcomeclub.com>

The Membership Directory was emailed out in December. If there were any errors with your information, please let me know and I will update it.

### Secretary –

**Jill Kronick, Phone: 239-0270 or Email: [jillbk26@gmail.com](mailto:jillbk26@gmail.com)**

Please contact me if any of our members are in need of a card for birth, get well, death in the family, et al. This is a warm gesture to let our members know they are in our thoughts.

### Treasurer –

**Dawn Clark, Phone: 261-5068 or Email: [dawnaclark@me.com](mailto:dawnaclark@me.com)**

If you haven't joined yet, half-year membership is now only \$10, please pay at the meeting or by mail. Checks should be made out to: **Mountain Top Welcome Club.**

Mailing address:

Mountain Top Welcome Club

P.O. Box 243

Mountain Top, PA 18707

**Publicity –**

***Kathy Brocca, Email: [kathy.brocca@gmail.com](mailto:kathy.brocca@gmail.com)***

Please email club event photo's with detailed information including names of participants in photo to Kathy at [kathy.brocca@gmail.com](mailto:kathy.brocca@gmail.com)

**Hostess Coordinators –**

***Kim Braunstein, Phone: 570-406-1447 or Email: [kimberly111@verizon.net](mailto:kimberly111@verizon.net)***

***Laura Palmeri, Phone: 570-760-8131 or Email: [designedbylaura@yahoo.com](mailto:designedbylaura@yahoo.com)***

***Irene Sweigert, Phone: 570-472-5025 or Email: [IreneSweigert@yahoo.com](mailto:IreneSweigert@yahoo.com)***

Thank you again to all of you who volunteered to help. From now on we will be including reminders for those who signed up for desserts, raffle prizes, set-up and clean-up in the monthly newsletter.

The reminders for the January meeting include:

<b>Dessert</b>	Jill Kronick Eileen Blazic Roseanne Colatutto
<b>Raffle</b>	Robin Buzas
<b>Set-up</b>	Dana Distasio Jill Kronick
<b>Clean-up</b>	Eileen Blazic

Please text, e-mail or call Kim to confirm by Tuesday January 19th! Thank you again, we appreciate your generosity.

**Services –**

***Donna Smith, Phone: 403-6188 or Email: [dlsmtntop@aol.com](mailto:dlsmtntop@aol.com)***

Thanks to all of you who participated in this year's Angel Tree gift giving. The parents who received these gifts were truly appreciative of the Christmas presents you provided their children. It's tough on these parents knowing they are unable to provide gifts for their young ones. Many of you told me how your children enjoyed shopping for children who are less fortunate. That's an added bonus. Again, thank you all for helping to make the holiday brighter for the children of the food bank families.

**Ways & Means –**

**Mary-Ellen McFarland, Phone: 868-6467 or Email: [mcfarland12@epix.net](mailto:mcfarland12@epix.net)**

Our 2016 Night at the Races is fast approaching.  
It is scheduled for Friday, February 19th at the Wright Township Fire Hall.  
Doors open at 6:00, races start at 7:00.

Horses are \$10 each and there is a \$5 admission charge at the door.

It is time to sell those horses (if you haven't been already). All horses sales will be due at the end of January.

We will again have a basket raffle during the event. If you received an item during the holiday season that you cannot use please bring it to the February meeting. Baskets will be assembled at the February meeting.

**Remember all items donated must be new.**

Please keep in mind that while all basket items are appreciated the real revenue generator is the sale of the horses.

Thank you for your support of this event.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Mary-Ellen

[\(570\) 868-6467](tel:5708686467)

<b><i>OTHER SPECIAL INTEREST ACTIVITIES</i></b>
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**Meals That Heal –**

**Jill Kronick, Phone: 239-0270 or Email: [jillbk26@gmail.com](mailto:jillbk26@gmail.com)**

It is always nice to show support to our members. Please let me know if you or any other members of the club are in need of meals.

**Moms and Tots / Children's Playgroup–**

**Maureen Petzold, Phone: 474-5704, or Email: [petzmo@hotmail.com](mailto:petzmo@hotmail.com)**

Next event is still in the planning phase. Keep an eye on your email for the next Mom and Tots event.

**Welcome Club Night Out –**

**Pam McGovern, Phone: 905-4098 or Email: [pam.mcgovern@century21.com](mailto:pam.mcgovern@century21.com)**

To be discussed at the January meeting!

### **Dinner Club –**

**Nancy Eckhart, Phone: 868-8197 or Email: [nancy72465@yahoo.com](mailto:nancy72465@yahoo.com)**

**Roberta Brandreth, Phone: 678-5069 or Email: [rbrandreth@msn.com](mailto:rbrandreth@msn.com)**

Join Dinner Club members for a night of good fellowship and good food on Saturday, January 23 at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Jane and Nick Magda. You are asked to bring either a hearty soup, stew or casserole or a dessert. RSVP to Jane by Monday, January 18. If you are interested in more information about the group contact either Nancy Eckhart at 868-8197 or [nancy72465@yahoo.com](mailto:nancy72465@yahoo.com) or Roberta Brandreth at 678-5069 or [rbrandreth@msn.com](mailto:rbrandreth@msn.com)

New members are always welcome!

### **Needlework –**

**Joan Revis, Phone: 474-0484 or Email: [revisjoan@hotmail.com](mailto:revisjoan@hotmail.com)**



Our Needlework Group is very active and excited! We have the raffle tickets for the Beautiful Cathedral Window Quilt that we have been talking about and showed at the November meeting. WE WILL HAVE TICKETS TO SELL AT THE JANUARY 21<sup>st</sup> WELCOME CLUB MEETING (\$5 donation per ticket--only 150 tickets printed). There is to be a picture and story in the January 14th issue of "Mountain Peaks". If you cannot attend the meeting, Kathy Brocca has tickets to sell at her Consignment Store (142 N Mountain Blvd).

The drawing for the heirloom-quality Quilt will be at our Night at the Races on February 19th.

### **Upcoming Needlework Meetings**

**Wed. January 13**---Meeting at the home of Marie Duclos. 15 Revere Road, Walden Park. Refreshments by Marie and Nancy Eckhart. Please bring your garden/floral items--we will be assembling our Basket for the NATR.

**Wed. January 27**---Meeting at the home of Margot Hill, 124 Fieldstone Way, Greystone. Refreshments by Margot and Marie Duclos. We will be tying quilts.

### **Book Club –**

**Beth LaMarca, Phone: 474-6320 or Email: [bethdoug@ptd.net](mailto:bethdoug@ptd.net)**

This month we are reading What Alice Forgot by Liane Moriarty. We will meet on January 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 at the home of Liz Shipton. Liz lives at 460 Black Walnut Drive in Bow Creek Estates. RSVP to Liz at [lshipton@verizon.net](mailto:lshipton@verizon.net) or 474-5481.

### **Outdoor Adventurer's Club**

**Dana Distasio, Phone: 585-350-8298 or Email: [danadistasio@yahoo.com](mailto:danadistasio@yahoo.com)**

Due to lack of interest, Outdoor Adventures have been suspended. However if you would like to get out and have an idea, feel free to contact Dana Distasio (585) 350-8298 or [danadistasio@yahoo.com](mailto:danadistasio@yahoo.com)

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**Mountain Top Welcome Club –**

**Reservation Form for JANUARY General Meeting**

**January 21, 2015**

**TIME:** 12:00pm

**WHERE:** Presbyterian Church, 6 Chestnut Street, Mountain Top

**LUNCH:** \$8

**BABYSITTING:** \$4 per child

**RSVP:** by Monday, January 18, 2015 with this form or  
To *Holly Usavage*, Phone: 570-262-7138 or Email: [Holly.Usavage@aol.com](mailto:Holly.Usavage@aol.com)

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

# Attending (@ \$8.00) \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form with your check to  
Mountain Top Welcome Club  
P.O. Box 243, Mountaintop, PA 18707



**MOUNTAIN TOP WELCOME CLUB  
MEMBERSHIP DUES/REGISTRATION**

Yearly \$20  
Begins September/Ends August

Half Year \$10  
Begins January/Ends August

Circle One:                      NEW                      RENEWAL

**IF A RENEWAL, YOU NEED ONLY PROVIDE YOUR NAME AND ANY INFORMATION THAT HAS CHANGED SINCE LAST YEAR.**

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

Spouse's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Development/Neighborhood: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Birthday (month/day): \_\_\_\_\_

Children's Names and Birthdays (Month/Year):

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We are interested in promoting the Welcome Club through photos in newspapers and on the internet. Please indicate your preference whether or not you would like you and/or your children's names and photos used. Thank you!

<input type="checkbox"/>	YES, myself and my children may have our names/photos published
<input type="checkbox"/>	NO, myself and my children may NOT have our names/photos published

Checks made payable to *The Mountain Top Welcome Club*.

Please send completed form and check to:

The Mountain Top Welcome Club  
P.O. Box 243  
Mountain Top PA 18707



# What You Need to Know About The Night at the Races

## **BUYING A HORSE**

For \$10 you can "buy" a horse. What that means is you pick a name for a horse that will be entered into a race that will run during the night.

## **RUNNING IN THE RACE**

The horse you buy will be given a number from 1-10 and entered into one of ten races that will "run" that night. More than one horse will have the same number in each race. You do not have to be present for your horse to win.

Each race will be announced by our DJ. An unopened DVD is selected at random from the race kit and played on the big screen at the Fire Hall. The races on the DVD's are of actual horse races.

## **BETTING**

If your horse wins the race it is entered in you will win \$50. You are also able to bet on other races throughout the night.

Prior to the race being shown on the screen an announcement will be made that the "Betting Windows are open". You can place a bet (minimum bet \$2) on any horse in that race.

For example, if your favorite number is 3 you can bet the #3 horse in each race or if you find a particular name of a horse funny - bet that one.

Odds are configured for each horse so you have the potential to win back more than \$2.

A program will be handed out that night listing all the races and the horses in each race.

## **THAT NIGHT**

\$5 admission fee - regardless of horse purchase. This includes, beer, soda, water, coffee, pizza, subs and snacks.

You are welcome to bring snacks, drinks with you.