**American Business Club Newsletter - Thursday the 15th of February 2024**

President Scott Ulrich presided at today’s dinner meeting at Iron Hill with eleven members attending. There was no Zoom connection tonight because Kevin Kornfield and Ken Giurlando could not attend.

**Chapter News**

President Scott Ulrich inducted Larry Cohen as a member of Lancaster Ambucs. Larry is the President of the Lancaster Parking Authority. He is married to his wife Sarah and has two sons. Welcome Larry.

Alan Walsh reported that about 15 members and guests attended the Decades Social on February 8. Very good food and drinks. Many played Ski Ball and the arcade games that were available.

**News from the Ambucs Board Meeting** – Alan Walsh said that will hold the Golf Outing at Four Seasons on Monday, May 20th at noon. We need golfers, and sponsors. Event captains are: Venu - Alan and Ken G., Sponsors - Bill S., Registration - Scott U. and Mike R., Flyer - Kevin, Slide Show – Kevin and Larry, Event MC – Larry Cohen, Schreiber Connection – Pete. We plan to have an Amtryke Demo and maybe a recent Amtryke recipient and family. National Ambucs provided a financial statement so we can participate in ExtraGive this year. Breakfast meetings at the Lyndon Diner are now at 8 AM.

**Today’s Program**

Scott Ulrich introduced Bob Antonishak. Bob is a member of the Pennsylvania Guild of Craftsmen, and currently Vice President of Administration.  He is Chair of the Education Committee and serves on Marketing, Chapter/Membership, and Fine Craft Fair Committees. For more information about the Guild including their mission, workshops, and events visit their website: [www.PACrafts.org](http://www.PACrafts.org)

**Highlights:**

* Bob Antonishak is retired and lives in West Chester, PA. His hobby is making Nantucket baskets. Since 2005 he has created over 250 baskets of various sizes and shapes. Bob said that it takes about 12 hours to produce a Nantucket basket, and they sell for about $250. Bob teaches classes in basket making, woodturning, woodworking, and Ukrainian Pysanky egg making.
* The Guild had its beginning in 1944 and will now celebrate 80 years. It was an organization supported by Eleanor Roosevelt. She spoke at the first exhibition in Philadelphia. Today there are about 1000 members and 11 local chapters in PA. Like other organizations including the American Business Club, it is an older group trying to recruit younger members. A membership costs $40 per year, but gives a 10% discounts on workshops, at the store, and free admission to craft shows.
* The PA Guild’s headquarters are at 335 N. Queen St. in Lancaster. The site is the previous home of the Italian American Club and Gallo Rosso Restaurant. Today it houses the administration offices, classrooms, and the Guild Store. The store and gallery offer items produced by about 100 members for sale. The hours of operation are Wednesday to Friday from 10 AM to 5 PM.
* The Guild offers a variety of workshops in basketry, blacksmithing, glass blowing, woodworking, jewelry making and fine arts. About 1300 students learn crafts at 40 workshops per month. The Guild partners with the PA College of Art and Design for Youth Summer Camps, and weekend adult programs.
* There are many outreach programs at the local level at libraries and schools in the area. In March 2024 there are 9 high school programs scheduled in woodworking, glass blowing and jewelry.
* The next local fine arts crafts will be held at the Foundry in Lititz on June 22 and 23, 2024. Each local chapter has craft shows scheduled throughout the year.

**Next Chapter Meeting Thursday, March 7th at the Lyndon City Line Diner @ 8: AM**

Alan Walsh will introduce Erza Rothman the new President with EDC of Lancaster County.

**Upcoming Schedule:**

Wednesday, March 13 - Board Meeting at 7:30 PM at Scott Ulrich’s home.

Thursday, March 21 - Dinner at Iron Hill Brewery at 6 PM, Sponsor - Jim Warner.

Thursday, April 4 - Breakfast at the Lyndon Diner at 8 AM.

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