



MEMBER OF THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL CONSERVANCY AND THE KEYSTONE TRAILS ASSOCIATION

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

### A Full Plate

This issue of the Happy Hiker comes to you with much exciting news for the fourth quarter of the year. It is hard to believe that 2017 is winding down, but it seems that club activities are really picking up. To usher in the fall season, a flurry of challenging and adventurous hikes are scheduled, which supplement the already packed agenda. There are activities designed to suit any taste, from short, casual walks, to maintenance hikes, to boot-busting workout hikes! I am also pleased to see the merger of culture with the outdoors, as in the hikes in Bethlehem to see "Bach at Noon" and excursions to the Mauch Chunk Opera House. The casual Weeknight Walks boast a post-hike exploration of the local culinary scene. Who knew we had a group of such diverse interests! Check out the hike schedule and join us for fun in the glorious autumn air!

Also in this issue you'll find information about the following:

- Dick Snyder, a longtime member of the AHC, has been recognized by the National Park Service with a Golden Service Award for his 50 years of volunteer work on the Appalachian Trail. The details of his admirable service to the AT are shown later in this publication.
- The Keystone Hiking Association will hold its Spring Hiking Weekend in Jim Thorpe in April, 2018. The AHC Trials Chairperson is asking hike leaders to volunteer for this event by guiding hikes during this weekend.
- We currently need someone to assume the tasks of Corridor Monitor Coordinator for our section of the Appalachian Trail. The current coordinator has written an article describing the duties involved; it is not a complex task but is essential to fulfilling our obligations to monitor the borders of NPS land surrounding the AT. Take a look and see if this position is a good fit for you.
- As always, check out the schedule of upcoming hikes

Use this opportunity to step up to the plate and do whatever you can to further the mission of the club. Be a leader, help with trail maintenance, support the Allentown Hiking Club and the extended hiking community in any way you can. It will make you (and many others) very happy!

Happy Autumn!  
Lucy Cantwell, President



## Allentown Hiking Club

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### Deadlines for the Winter 2018 Newsletter & Schedule

**Happy Hiker Newsletter**

**Wednesday, December 13, 2017**

**Activity Schedule**

**Wednesday, December 13, 2017**

**Please forward all club related articles, thoughts, and items to the Newsletter Editor by mail or, preferably, by email.  
Send all hiking schedule activities to the Hiking Schedule Coordinator.**

### Welcome to our New Members!

Rick Shuck .....Hellertown, PA  
Kimberly Moyer .....Quakertown, PA  
Kara Derby .....Stroudsburg, PA  
William Hoffman .....Allentown, PA  
Brian Miller.....Kempton, PA  
Ward Hill.....Zionsville, PA  
David Eckard.....Allentown, PA  
Luke Gerhard.....Lehigh, PA  
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Shannon Roy ..... Lansdale, PA  
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Debbie Fries..... Quakertown, PA  
David Chase..... Walnutport, PA  
Jean Jacobsen..... Allentown, PA



## NPS Recognizes Richard Snyder With Golden Service Volunteer Award

Richard "Dick" Snyder has been recognized by the National Park Service for his 50 years of volunteer work on the Appalachian Trail. This prestigious award has been bestowed in honor of Dick's many contributions to the Appalachian Trail. He has:

- Led many hikes on the Appalachian Trail hikes for the club
- Volunteered for the club's Appalachian Trail work trips
- Led the work parties that replaced the Allentown Shelter wire bunks with a wood floor (1973)
- Volunteered with the crews that refurbished the Outerbridge Shelter (1978)
- Helped construct the new Allentown Shelter (1997)
- Served as Allentown Hiking Club President (1973-1975)
- Served as a section maintainer for the Allentown Hiking Club for more than 30 years (a position he still holds)

In recognition of his service to the Allentown Hiking Club and the Appalachian Trail, Dick was named an honorary member of AHC in 1992 and was selected in 2000 for the Appalachian Trail Conservancy 75th Anniversary Volunteer Honor Roll.

Dick is the type of individual who makes a local Appalachian Trail maintaining club effective and is the "backbone" type of volunteer. He is a quiet, dedicated, willing volunteer. The Allentown Hiking Club salutes Dick and thanks him for his years of service.







### Volunteers needed!

The Allentown Hiking Club has two roles that need to be filled. The first is Outerbridge Shelter Chairperson. The duties are as follows: Check the Outerbridge shelter as needed. This is about once a week during hiking season and less frequently, during the winter. You would make sure there is a log book in the shelter, if full bring it to a meeting so it can be stored in the AHC library. Remove trash, trim weeds around the shelter, clean the fire ring. If the shelter needs maintenance such as painting, or re-chinking these can be listed as maintenance hikes on the quarterly schedule. Work through the Appalachian Trail Conservancy to resolve any problems such as encroachment.

The second role is Monitor Coordinator. This role will be open in 2018. Anyone interested can contact Carl Griffin for a sample of the report that is submitted to the Appalachian Trail Conservancy annually. It is suggested you accompany someone this season monitoring to get a full appreciation of the role, Carl can put you in touch with those monitoring if you are interested. The duties begin in late summer with enlisting people to monitor individual sections. Our section of trail is broken into 8 pieces and each piece is assigned to a monitor. You would gather the paperwork from all monitors once they complete their section and submit the information to ATC. The actual monitoring takes place after the leaves fall, usually mid-October to mid-December. The report is due to ATC by the end of the year.







Harold Croxton, an AHC Honorary member who now lives in Washington, and Dick Leach, who was a very active AHC member before moving to New Hampshire, exchange news during the ATC Biennial at Colby College in Maine.



Bernie and Edna Harris (front), AHC members who now reside in central Pennsylvania, reconnect with Ginny Musser and Holly Vogler (back) during a meal at the Biennial. Bernie was an AHC President and Edna is wearing her AHC T-shirt.





## Fall 2017 Hiking Schedule and Upcoming Events

FOR THE MOST CURRENT SCHEDULE OF EVENTS, CHECK OUR WEBSITE AT



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The general public is invited to join us on hikes and other events. If a club or organization wishes to include one of our hikes as a formal activity on its schedule, we ask that it contact the leader in advance for permission.

Times listed are departure times; please arrive at least 15 minutes before the listed time. Starting times are strictly observed and appropriate clothing and sturdy shoes/boots should be worn at all times.

Generally, our pace is moderate with opportunities for resting and sightseeing. Every attempt is made to assist and encourage hikers, but we cannot be responsible for their safety on the trail. Any rugged outdoor activity entails risk, and we expect all participants to rely on their own judgment and good sense to take care of themselves and know their limitations. Anyone under 18 must be accompanied and supervised by an adult. Hikers are expected not to lag too far behind the main party.

We car-pool as much as possible to save fuel. PASSENGERS PAY DRIVERS 10 CENTS PER MILE TO DEFRAY FUEL EXPENSE. Drivers, please remember to check your mileage and let the passengers know how much mileage reimbursement they owe you.

Meetings are held at 7:30 pm the first Wednesday of the month at St. Timothy's Lutheran Church, 140 South Ott Street, Allentown, Pa. Meetings include a discussion of the previous month's activities, as well as upcoming activities. Scheduling meetings are held quarterly for members to coordinate hikes/trips, etc. for the upcoming schedule. All members are invited and encouraged to schedule activities; we are a 100% volunteer organization, and it is up to members to keep the schedule filled.

### AHC HIKE RATING SYSTEM

In an attempt to assist hikers, a hike rating system has been set up to allow the hiker to judge his/her ability to complete the hike. The rating system will precede the Allentown Hiking Club's usual hike description. On multi-day outings such as backpacks, the rating for the hike will reflect the distance traveled on a per-day basis. Remember that the hike ratings are assigned by the hike leader, and are therefore based on the leader's subjective opinion. The rating system is:

RATING	DESCRIPTION (distance,terrain,pace)
<b>A+</b>	<u>Up to 7 miles, little climbing and easy terrain, 2 mph or slower</u>
<b>A</b>	<u>Up to 7 miles, some climbing and/or rocky terrain, 2 mph or slower</u>
<b>B+</b>	<u>Up to 7 miles, some climbing and/or rocky terrain, 2 to 2.5 mph</u>
<b>B</b>	<u>7-10 miles, some climbing and easy terrain 2 to 2.5 mph</u>
<b>C+</b>	<u>7-10 miles, some climbing and/or rocky terrain, 2 to 2.5 mph</u>
<b>C</b>	<u>7-10 miles significant climbing and/or rocky terrain, 2 to 2.5 mph</u>
<b>D+</b>	<u>10-12 miles, some climbing and/or rocky terrain, 2 to 2.5 mph</u>
<b>D</b>	<u>10-12 miles, significant climbing and/or rocky terrain, 2 to 2.5 mph</u>
<b>E+</b>	<u>Over 12 miles, some climbing and/or rocky terrain, over 2.5 mph</u>
<b>E</b>	<u>Over 12 miles, significant climbing and/or rocky terrain, over 2.5 mph</u>
<b>U</b>	<u>Hike unrated by hike leader</u>





Wednesday 10-4-17 7:30 pm	<b>OCTOBER MONTHLY MEETING</b> Monthly business meeting.  Carolyn Garrity will give a talk on the Appalachian Trail.  Meeting place: St. Timothy's Lutheran Church, 140 South Ott Street, Allentown, PA Leader: Lucy Cantwell 215-855-2793
Sunday 10-8-17 8:30 am  Hike / bike / on-water distance: 14 miles  Hike rating: E	<b>Dunnfield Creek, Sunfish Pond, Raccoon Ridge Loop Hike</b> Loop hike through the Delaware Water Gap including Dunnfield Creek, Sunfish Pond, Raccoon Ridge, and the AT.  This lot fills up quickly so please arrive early. From the Dunnfield Creek parking lot we will hike the Dunnfield Hollow Trail to Sunfish Pond. This section includes multiple stream crossings that, depending on how fast the creek is running, may require getting your feet wet, so please plan accordingly. Trekking poles are strongly recommended. After a rest at a rock outcropping on the northeast side of Sunfish Pond we will continue on the Appalachian Trail to Raccoon Ridge for lunch. After lunch we will travel back down the Appalachian Trail to our cars. Sturdy hiking boots are recommended. Bring at least 3 quarts of water (you will thank me) and lunch plus snacks. Steady rain cancels.  Meeting place: Meet at the Dunnfield Creek Parking lot, which is the second exit in NJ off Route 80 East. Go under the overpass and the parking lot is on your right. Overflow parking at the Kittatinny Visitor's Center. Posted on meetup.com? YES Leader: Paula Uhrin 484-951-4299 jcnj168@ptd.net
Thursday 10-12-17 6:00 pm  Hike / bike / on-water distance: 2-3 miles  Hike rating: A+	<b>Weeknight Walks (Quakertown Eagle)</b> Join us for a walk through Quakertown  The 200 year old historic Eagle Hotel in Quakertown, a familiar local dive bar, has a new owner. Proprietors of The Local in Souderton, which offered fresh farm to table food, purchased the Eagle Hotel in Quakertown. Plans for renovations have been pushed back to 2018 so we will check out the original place this fall before renovations begin. We will meet at the Eagle and take a meandering walk through Quakertown stopping back at The Eagle Hotel/The Local for burgers and/or drinks. Cash only. Thunderstorms or heavy rain cancels  Meeting place: The Eagle, Corner of Rts 212 and 313; Quakertown PA. Parking is on street; Usually quite a few spots across from the front entrance on Route 313 (Broad Street) Posted on meetup.com? YES Leader: Cynthia Paetow 215-536-7311 cpaetow@hotmail.com Co-leader: Michelle Hinkle 484-221-3172
Sunday 10-15-17 8:45 am  Hike / bike / on-water distance: 14 miles  Hike rating: E	<b>Jim Thorpe – Gravity Railway &amp; Tunnel (3-D-14+/-) Fall Foliage Hike!</b> While there are often hikes in this area, we're going a different route than normal. This is the perfect hike to visit the historic side of Jim Thorpe. We'll be visiting several old mining areas along the top of Mt. Pisgah, which was top mined in years past. Now it's a fascinating place where you can truly appreciate how Mother Nature has an amazing way of recovering the ravaging's of humans. We'll follow the route of the removed tracks that were installed to bring the coal the Lehigh Canal. It's these tracks that were used later to draw tourists to the area after the coal started to dry up. Today, it's recognized that Jim Thorpe had the first every roller-coaster in the world. During our hike, we'll climb a long run of stone steps built by the locals to climb the mountain so they could get their mining jobs in the next valley. And not to be missed, we'll be going up the path known as the Gravity Hill Trail. Carved out of the side of the mountain this trail starts at the edge of Jim Thorpe, and rises 610+ feet in 0.4 mphs. What a blast! Lastly, we'll also be stopping at an old mine tunnel to give people the option of exploring it.  We will need to keep the group together throughout the day, so please make sure you can maintain a 3.0 mph average pace. As you can see, this hike is for adventurous hikers only. Hope you can make it! Meeting place: Please contact the event leader Posted on meetup.com? YES Leader: Brian Miller 732-289-5506



<p>Tuesday 10-17-17 6:00 pm</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 2 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: A+</p>	<p><b>Weeknight Walks (Center Valley Promenade)</b> Join us for an easy 2 mile lighted walk around the Promenade Shops in Center Valley (Window shopping only!)</p> <p>Let's get our blood flowing with a short midweek stroll and burn a few calories so we can enjoy some refreshments when we are done walking. Meet outside in the Parking Lot next to LLBean (the side without an entrance) A favorite; Tuesday is \$5 Burger and fries night at Bar Louie's. Heavy rain or Thunderstorms cancel.</p> <p>Meeting place: Please meet in the Parking Lot on the WEST side of LLBean (Promenade entrance from West Saucon Valley Circle). Posted on meetup.com? YES Leader: Cynthia Paetow 215-536-7311 cpaetow@hotmail.com Co-leader: Michelle Hinkle 484-221-3172</p>
<p>Thursday 10-19-17 6:45 pm</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: .75 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: A+</p>	<p><b>Mauch Chunk Opera House – Free Concert – Swearingen &amp; Kelli Band</b> Come join us for a great free concert &amp; stroll in Jim Thorpe's Historic Mauch Chunk Opera House. We'll be parking &amp; meeting at the Jim Thorpe Train Station and walking up to the Opera House together. After the show, we'll walk back together along the historic main street that's lit up in Christmas Lights.</p> <p>Please contact the leader, or register on Meetup, so you can stay up to date on any last minute changes for this event. We'll be meeting at the train station at 6:45 pm. The doors open for the show at 7 pm, and the show starts at 7:30. So if you are running late from work, you can still make it. Hope to see you there.</p> <p>Meeting place: Please contact the event leader Posted on meetup.com? YES Leader: Brian Miller 732-289-5506</p>
<p>Saturday 10-21-17 8:30 am</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 12or18 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: E</p>	<p><b>AT – Water Gap- Fall Foliage - Choose Your Own Adventure - 12 or 18 mile - Hike</b> This is great way to see the lower part of the Water Gap National Park. With any luck, we'll see the park at peak foliage. During this hike, we'll cover Mt. Minsi, Mt. Tammany, Dunnfield Creek with it's water crossings, Sunfish Pond, Raccoon Ridge &amp; Copper Mine Ruins. This is a 'pick your own adventure hike', as there are 2 options for this hike.</p> <p>We'll be keeping both groups together all day. Thus, it's important that no matter which hike you choose, you must be able to maintain a 3 mph pace throughout the day. Hope all of you adventurous hikers out there will join us for a great day on the trail.</p> <p>Meeting place: Please contact the event leader Posted on meetup.com? YES Leader: Brian Miller 732-289-5506</p>
<p>Saturday 10-21-17 1:00 pm</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 6+ miles</p> <p>Hike rating: A</p>	<p><b>Autumn Refuge Hike</b> Hike along the Prairie Grass and chestnut Oak Trails. Wear sturdy shoes and bring water and snacks.</p> <p>Meeting place: Lehigh Gap Nature Center Osprey House Posted on meetup.com? NO Leader: Jim Gabovitz 610-262-3578 gapples@rcn.com</p>
<p>Thursday 10-26-17 6:00 pm</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 2-2.5 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: A+</p>	<p><b>Weeknight Walks at 6:00 pm (Quakertown Proper Brewery)</b> Join us for a 2 1/2 - 3 1/2 mile walk from The Proper Brewing Company to the new solar lighted "Park at 4th" in Quakertown.</p> <p>Pre-Thanksgiving walk before we consume all the turkey! We will be walking through town to the park so please wear bright outerwear and/or bring a light. We can enjoy some refreshments when we are done walking by meeting back at The Proper Brewing Company for appetizers and drinks. A percentage of proceeds from tonight's sales goes to Last Chance Ranch. Meet in the Parking lot behind the brewery (on the side of the Police Station/borough hall) Heavy rain, snow or ice cancels.</p> <p>Meeting place: The Proper Brewing Company, 117 W Broad St, Quakertown, PA 18951 (behind the building on the side of the Police Station/borough hall) ) Posted on meetup.com? YES Leader: Cynthia Paetow 215-536-7311 cpaetow@hotmail.com</p>





<p>Saturday 10-28-17 9:15 pm</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 12 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: E</p>	<p><b>Hickory Run – Boulder Field Hike (3E12+/-)</b> Join us for a truly adventurous hike as we traverse the north section of Hickory Run State Park. During our hike, we'll be walking through a variety of landscapes &amp; habitats. We'll be going over a river, under 476, &amp; across several amazing boulder fields that are a must see to believe (pictures really do not do them justice). Most people know of the main Hickory Run Boulder Field, which is 400 feet wide, &amp; 1,800 feet long. We'll be walking over the main field, along with going over several other boulder fields in the area that are hidden gems. To get to these fields, we'll go off trail / bushwhacking for about 4 miles. Also be prepared for about 1.5 miles of walking over the boulder fields. The total for the hike is about 12 miles. On the regular trails, we'll be going at a quick pace, so please be prepared to hike at a steady 3 mph average. This should be a great hike, hope to see you on the trail!</p> <p>Meeting place: Please contact the event leader Posted on meetup.com? NO Leader: Brian Miller 732-289-5506</p>
<p>Sunday 10-29-17 10:00 am</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 9 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: C+</p>	<p><b>"Terroir" in Greenwich</b> Breakfast with boy scouts, bicycling and a wine tasting. Breakfast with the Boy Scouts at Camp Edmar followed by a bike trip on public roads and PRIVATE PROPERTY! (By permission) Must be a member; you can join that day. We'll hear the original "witchy woman." (Sparks really do fly from her fingertips! Woo-Woo) playing hauntingly familiar tunes on her cello. We'll be pushing the bikes up the hills to see panoramic scenery in fall splendor and coast down to the next hill. We'll "wine down" with a wine tasting at Blair Vineyards. (Nothing to do with the Blair-Witch Project). 9 mile loop with lots of ups and downs.</p> <p>Meeting place: 1st: 10:00 a.m. - Blair Vineyards, 99 Dietrich Valley Rd, Kutztown, PA Same directions as for Camp Edmar, but continue straight onto Dietrich Valley Rd. for another .6 miles instead of turning right onto Scout Rd. 2. 10:15a.m. - Camp Edmar, take PA 737 from Kutztown, or South from I-78 and then turn left (if from Kutztown) or right (if from I-78) onto Wiltout Rd for about .9 mile then turn right onto Scout Rd for about .3 mi. Posted on meetup.com? NO Leader: Ron Kieffer 610-562-8680 Co-leader: Mercedes Jurkiewicz 484-515-8001 mercedes.jurkiewicz@gmail.com</p>
<p>Sunday 10-29-17 10:30 am</p> <p>Round trip road miles distance: 40 miles</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 4 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: A+</p>	<p><b>Deep Lake Hike</b> Hike to Deep Lake.</p> <p>We will return by the same route. Bring snacks and water. No pets please.</p> <p>Meeting place: McDonald's restaurant in Wind Gap. email is now gapples@rcn.com Posted on meetup.com? NO Leader: Jim Gabovitz 610-262-3578 gapples@rcn.com</p>
<p>Wednesday 11-1-17 7:30 pm</p>	<p><b>NOVEMBER MONTHLY MEETING</b> Monthly business meeting. Dave Povenski will do a presentation on his hikes in Utah, Arizona and New Mexico this past March.</p> <p>Meeting place: St. Timothy's Lutheran Church, 140 South Ott Street, Allentown, PA Posted on meetup.com? NO Leader: Lucy Cantwell 215-855-2793</p>
<p>Saturday 11-4-17 9:30 am</p> <p>Round trip road miles distance: 40 miles</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: .5 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: A+</p>	<p><b>Lock #2 Cleanup</b> Cleanup Lock #2 in Lehigh Gorge.</p> <p>This lock has been adopted by the Allentown Hiking club. Bring lunch, water and gloves.</p> <p>Meeting place: Meet at Rite Aid parking lot in Walnutport. Those familiar with this project can meet us at Lock #2 about 10:15am. Posted on meetup.com? NO Leader: Jim Gabovitz 610-262-3578 gapples@rcn.com Co-leader: Carl Griffin 610-760-0479</p>



<p>Saturday 11-4-17 10:45 pm</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 15 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: E</p>	<p><b>AT &amp; Water Gap - Day &amp; Full Moon Hike (3-C-15 +/-) Last of Fall Foliage</b> Join us for a great day &amp; night hike along the AT in the Water Gap National Park. During this hike, we'll see some real gems that many people miss by starting their day hikes near interstate 80. This hike has a little bit of everything; hills &amp; valleys, multiple commanding views of both NJ &amp; PA, a 60' fire tower, two ponds, water crossings, waterfalls, an amazing view of the sunset, and night hiking. Wow!!!</p> <p>This hike is for adventurous hikers. Our goal is to arrive at Raccoon Ridge in time to enjoy the sunset. Unfortunately, Mother Nature doesn't wait for us. So it's important we're able to maintain a 3 mph average pace during the day. After watching the sunset, we'll hike back to our cars in the light of the full moon (roughly 5 miles out of the 15 total miles of this hike). For safety, we'll be keeping the group together throughout the day, and especially at night.</p> <p>Meeting place: Please contact the event leader Posted on meetup.com? YES Leader: Brian Miller 732-289-5506</p>
<p>11-9-17 6:00 pm</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 2-3 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: A+</p>	<p><b>Weeknight Walks (Quakertown Eagle)</b> Join us for a walk through Quakertown</p> <p>The 200 year old historic Eagle Hotel in Quakertown, a familiar local dive bar, has a new owner. Proprietors of The Local in Souderton, which offered fresh farm to table food, purchased the Eagle Hotel in Quakertown. Plans for renovations have been pushed back to 2018 so we will check out the original place this fall before renovations begin. We will meet at the Eagle and take a meandering walk through Quakertown stopping back at The Eagle Hotel/The Local for burgers and/or drinks. Cash only. Thunderstorms or heavy rain cancels</p> <p>Meeting place: The Eagle, Corner of Rts 212 and 313; Quakertown PA. Parking is on street; Usually quite a few spots across from the front entrance on Route 313 (Broad Street) Posted on meetup.com? YES Leader: Cynthia Paetow 215-536-7311 cpaetow@hotmail.com Co-leader: Michelle Hinkle 484-221-3172</p>
<p>Tuesday 11-14-17 6:00 pm</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 2 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: A+</p>	<p><b>Weeknight Walks (Center Valley Promenade)</b> Join us for an easy 2 mile lighted walk around the Promenade Shops in Center Valley (Window shopping only!)</p> <p>Let's get our blood flowing with a short midweek stroll and burn a few calories so we can enjoy some refreshments when we are done walking. Meet outside in the Parking Lot next to LLBean (the side without an entrance) A favorite; Tuesday is \$5 Burger and fries night at Bar Louie's. Heavy rain or Thunderstorms cancel.</p> <p>Meeting place: Please meet in the Parking Lot on the WEST side of LLBean (Promenade entrance from West Saucon Valley Circle). Posted on meetup.com? YES Leader: Cynthia Paetow 215-536-7311 cpaetow@hotmail.com Co-leader: Michelle Hinkle 484-221-3172</p>
<p>Tuesday 11-21-17 6:00 pm</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 2.5-3 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: A+</p>	<p><b>Weeknight Walks @ 6:00 p.m. (Quakertown McCooles)</b> Join us for an easy 2 ½ - 3 mile walk from the Quakertown Chamber of Commerce to the new solar lighted "Park at 4th" in Quakertown.</p> <p>Let's get our blood flowing with a short midweek stroll through Quakertown to the Park at 4th and Mill. We can also enjoy some refreshments when we are done walking by meeting back at McCooles Red Lion Inn for some appetizers and drinks. Heavy snow, rain or thunderstorms cancel.</p> <p>Meeting place: Please meet at 6:00 in the parking lot of the Chamber of Commerce (which is also the McCooles's overflow parking) 21 N Main St, Quakertown, PA 18951 Posted on meetup.com? YES Leader: Cynthia Paetow 215-536-7311 cpaetow@hotmail.com Co-leader: Michelle Hinkle 484-221-3172</p>



<p>Thursday 11-23-17 8:00 am</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 4 miles</p>	<p><b>Annual Thanksgiving Morning Lehigh Gap East Hike (3 , D, 4+/-)</b> We're doing the Thanksgiving Day jaunt up the Lehigh Gap East Scramble. Join us as we hike/climb one of the steepest sections of the AT in PA. From Lehigh Gap, we will hike north on the AT crossing the bridge on RTE 873 before starting the climb. This climb is very steep, approximately 1,000 feet in under a mile. It includes some rock scrambling and a couple of hand over hand sections, with some breathtaking views at the top. Definitely worth it!</p> <p>Total mileage will be about 4 miles, and total time will be approximately 2.5 hours. This will allow us time to get back and carve the turkeys for Thanksgiving Dinner. Due to the time constraint, this hike is for Adventurous Hikers Only that are comfortable hiking at a 3.0 mph Average pace. Registration ends Nov 22 at 8am.</p> <p>Meeting place: Please contact the event leader Posted on meetup.com? YES Leader: Brian Miller 732-289-5506</p>
<p>Tuesday 11-28-17 6:00 pm</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 2.5-3 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: A+</p>	<p><b>Weeknight Walks @ 6:00 p.m. (Quakertown McCooles)</b> Join us for an easy 2 ½ - 3 mile walk from the Quakertown Chamber of Commerce to the new solar lighted "Park at 4th" in Quakertown.</p> <p>Walk off all those leftovers from Thanksgiving! Let's get our blood flowing with a short midweek stroll through Quakertown to the Park at 4th and Mill. We can also enjoy some refreshments when we are done walking by meeting back at McCooles' Red Lion Inn for some appetizers and drinks. Heavy rain or Thunderstorms cancel.</p> <p>Meeting place: Please meet at 6:00 in the parking lot of the Chamber of Commerce (which is also the McCooles' overflow parking) 21 N Main St, Quakertown, PA 18951 Posted on meetup.com? YES Leader: Cynthia Paetow 215-536-7311 cpaetow@hotmail.com Co-leader: Michelle Hinkle 484-221-3172</p>
<p>Wednesday 12-6-17 6:30 pm</p>	<p><b>DECEMBER HOLIDAY FEAST, MONTHLY MEETING &amp; WINTER HIKE SCHEDULING</b> We will have our potluck holiday dinner followed by our monthly business meeting and winter hike scheduling. Bring your favorite dish to share with others. Following the business meeting we will be scheduling hikes and other winter events. Please complete the AHC Hike/Event form and give to the Hike Scheduling Coordinator. NOTE: START TIME FOR THIS EVENT IS 6:30</p> <p>Meeting place: St. Timothy's Lutheran Church, 140 South Ott Street, Allentown, PA. Posted on meetup.com? NO Leader: Lucy Cantwell 215-855-2793</p>
<p>Thursday 12-14-17 6:00 pm</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 2-3 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: A+</p>	<p><b>Weeknight Walks (Quakertown Eagle)</b> Join us for a walk through Quakertown</p> <p>The 200 year old historic Eagle Hotel in Quakertown, a familiar local dive bar, has a new owner. Proprietors of The Local in Souderton, which offered fresh farm to table food, purchased the Eagle Hotel in Quakertown. Plans for renovations have been pushed back to 2018 so we will check out the original place this fall before renovations begin. We will meet at the Eagle and take a meandering walk through Quakertown stopping back at The Eagle Hotel/The Local for burgers and/or drinks. Cash only. Thunderstorms or heavy rain cancels</p> <p>Meeting place: The Eagle, Corner of Rts 212 and 313; Quakertown PA. Parking is on street; Usually quite a few spots across from the front entrance on Route 313 (Broad Street) Posted on meetup.com? YES Leader: Cynthia Paetow 215-536-7311 cpaetow@hotmail.com Co-leader: Michelle Hinkle 484-221-3172</p>





<p>Tuesday 12-19-17 6:00 pm</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 2 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: A+</p>	<p><b>Weeknight Walks (Center Valley Promenade)</b> Join us for an easy 2 mile lighted walk around the Promenade Shops in Center Valley (Window shopping only!)</p> <p>Let's get our blood flowing with a short midweek stroll and burn a few calories so we can enjoy some refreshments when we are done walking. Meet outside in the Parking Lot next to LLBean (the side without an entrance) A favorite; Tuesday is \$5 Burger and fries night at Bar Louie's. Heavy rain, Snow or Thunderstorms cancel.</p> <p>Meeting place: Please meet in the Parking Lot on the WEST side of LLBean (Promenade entrance from West Saucon Valley Circle). Posted on meetup.com? YES Leader: Cynthia Paetow 215-536-7311 cpaetow@hotmail.com Co-leader: Michelle Hinkle 484-221-3172</p>
<p>Thursday 12-28-17 6:00 pm</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 2-2.5 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: A+</p>	<p><b>Weeknight Walks at 6:00 pm (Quakertown Proper Brewery)</b> Join us for a 2 1/2 - 3 1/2 mile walk from The Proper Brewing Company to the new solar lighted "Park at 4th" in Quakertown.</p> <p>It's cold outside! We will be walking through town to the park so please wear bright outerwear and/or bring a light. We can enjoy some refreshments when we are done walking by meeting back at The Proper Brewing Company for appetizers and drinks. Meet in the Parking lot behind the brewery (on the side of the Police Station/borough hall) Heavy rain, snow or ice cancels.</p> <p>Meeting place: The Proper Brewing Company, 117 W Broad St, Quakertown, PA 18951 (behind the building on the side of the Police Station/borough hall) ) Posted on meetup.com? YES Leader: Cynthia Paetow 215-536-7311 cpaetow@hotmail.com</p>
<p>Sunday 12-31-17 11:00 am</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 8 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: B</p>	<p><b>News Year's Eve Hike to Allentown Shelter</b> End the year with a hike on the Appalachian Trail.</p> <p>We will meet at Rt. 309 for a 4 mile hike to the Allentown Shelter. At the shelter we will eat lunch and enjoy shared goodies. After a suitable time for socializing, we will hike 4 miles back to our cars. Anyone who would like a shorter 2 mile hike to the Shelter may join us at Fort Franklin Road. Bring lunch, water, and a snack item to share with the group. Since we will be spending time at the shelter, bring an extra layer of clothing to stay warm. No dogs or alcoholic beverages. Steady rain or snow on morning of hike cancels this event.</p> <p>Meeting place: Meet on Rt. 309 by the tower at the south end of the Blue Mountain Summit Restaurant parking lot, 2520 West Penn Pike, Andreas, PA 18211 Posted on meetup.com? NO Leader: Barbara Wiemann 610-262-6977 blwiemann@gmail.com</p>
<p>Wednesday 1-3-18 7:30 pm</p>	<p><b>JANUARY MONTHLY MEETING</b> Monthly business meeting.</p> <p>Meeting place: St. Timothy's Lutheran Church, 140 South Ott Street, Allentown, PA Posted on meetup.com? NO Leader: Lucy Cantwell 215-855-2793</p>
<p>Tuesday 1-9-18 6:00 pm</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 2 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: A+</p>	<p><b>Weeknight Walks (Center Valley Promenade)</b> Join us for an easy 2 mile lighted walk around the Promenade Shops in Center Valley (Window shopping only!)</p> <p>Let's get our blood flowing with a short midweek stroll and burn a few calories so we can enjoy some refreshments when we are done walking. Meet outside in the Parking Lot next to LLBean (the side without an entrance) A favorite; Tuesday is \$5 Burger and fries night at Bar Louie's. Heavy rain or Snowstorm cancels.</p> <p>Meeting place: Please meet in the Parking Lot on the WEST side of LLBean (Promenade entrance from West Saucon Valley Circle). Posted on meetup.com? YES Leader: Cynthia Paetow 215-536-7311 cpaetow@hotmail.com Co-leader: Michelle Hinkle 484-221-3172</p>





# MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE \$10.00 PER CALENDAR YEAR FROM JANUARY TO DECEMBER, AND RENEWALS MUST BE MADE BEFORE JANUARY 31ST TO STAY ON THE CLUB'S MEMBERSHIP ROLLS. DUES CAN BE PAID AT THE MONTHLY MEETING OR MAILED TO THE CLUB

**MEMBERSHIP**

**Paula Uhrin: 283 Ridgeview Drive, Alburtis Pa. 18011**

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\_\_\_\_\_ Club T-shirt @ \$6.00 + \$3.50 shipping ea.

\_\_\_\_\_ Club golf shirt @ \$12.00 + \$3.50 shipping ea.

\_\_\_\_\_ Club Embroidered patch @ \$1.50 + \$.75 shipping ea.

\_\_\_\_\_ Club window decal @ \$2.50 + \$.75 shipping ea

\_\_\_\_\_ Club window cling decal @ \$2.50 + \$.75 shipping ea

Checks payable to "Allentown hiking Club"

Total enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

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Yes - Please sign me up for the Allentown Hiking Club's email list --- the AHC Forum



**AHC Hike / Event Form - Please fill out all fields and give this to the Hiking Scheduling Coordinator at the scheduling meeting or see page 2 of The Happy Hiker for email and phone contact information.**

Date(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Leader: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Co-Leader: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Type Of Event (circle one): hike / meeting / maintenance / backpack / other  
 Round trip road miles: \_\_\_\_\_ Hike distance: \_\_\_\_\_ miles  
 Meeting Place: check \_\_\_\_\_ contact hike leader, or enter directions

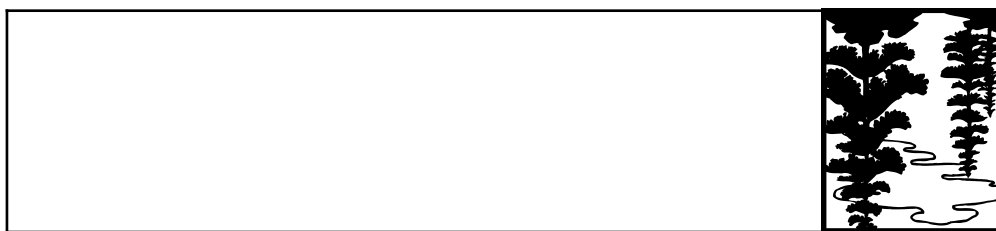
Hike Rating (from AHC Hike Rating System): \_\_\_\_\_

Add this hike to Meetup.com ? yes / no (select one)  
 If yes limit hike to \_\_\_\_\_ hikers or no limit.

Event Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Description: A one-sentence description of the event that appears on the website Activities page, the main page, and in the AHC Weekly Update email.

Additional details that appear only on the Activities page



**Please Rush-Dated Material**

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