



Christine Cohen to Take Over Friends Bus Trips from Joyce Clark

After serving as the Friends' well-loved tour director for the past 20 years, Joyce Clark has decided that, as of 2018, it will be time for her to retire and hand over the reins to Christine Cohen.

Christine, who joined the Friends last year, has lived and worked in Pike County for almost her entire life. She currently works for the Virginia Kidd literary agency in Milford.

"A sense of community runs in my family," says Christine. "My great grandfather, Ed Mettler, helped found the Greeley Fire Department; my grandparents, Robert and Eileen Stone, served in WWII and volunteered all their lives; and my mother, Pat McLoughlin, and father, Sam Cohen, spent many years on the Lackawaxen Volunteer Ambulance Department.

"Volunteering is a trait I aspire to instill in my two beloved nephews, Aidan and Danny," she adds.

"Books have been a part of my life since I was two, when I sat on the couch, holding a book and imitating my mother as she sat spellbound by Stephen King's *The Shining*.

"I studied literature in college and tacked on a history minor, so visiting museums, touring old houses and taking road trips are among my favorite things to do," she says, adding that she



Joyce Clark

couldn't recall being more honored or excited than the day when Joyce asked her if she would be interested in helping out with the Friends bus trips.

"I am daunted by the idea of filling her impossibly big shoes," says Christine. "But she has paved the way, these last 20 years, for me to

take up the mantle and continue this vital community tradition, and I am thrilled to be a part of the Friends of PCPL, and look forward to the coming year."

Joyce retires knowing that she has singlehandedly raised thousands of dollars for the Friends, which eventually get donated to the Library and its services.

"I am passing the baton on to a very capable person, and wish her the best of luck in her new endeavor," says Joyce.

"But don't worry, I'll still see you on the bus, as I plan to be a passenger quite often."

Joyce adds that she has "enjoyed every minute of being your 'leader,' getting to know you all personally and becoming your friend. We have traveled together all over the entire northeast coast visiting every state in New England and the middle Atlantic ones as well. We have together visited every museum and historical home within a day's driving distance. We have eaten some wonderful meals together, and maybe some not-so-wonderful ones. And, through it all, I have made many lasting friendships that I will treasure forever. That gift to me is priceless!

"Christine will take over beginning in 2018, and I know she will be a wonderful addition to our Friends Family."



Christine Cohen

Turn to page 6 for details of the Friends luncheon on November 8 in honor of Joyce Clark on the occasion of her retirement as our Bus Trip Coordinator.



From the Friends President

We are all sad to learn that, at the end of this year, Joyce Clark will be stepping down as our tireless trip coordinator. We have enjoyed her well-planned trips over the past 20 years and have learned a lot while having fun. The trips enriched our minds and souls. We thank Joyce for all her hard work and

dedication. It was a pleasure working with her and partaking of the trips. Thank you, Joyce, not only for the wonderful trips, but also for the money your trips raised to benefit the Library. Of course I would be remiss if I didn't mention the challenges posed by Ken Clark's trivia quizzes. We look forward to Christine Cohen carrying on the tradition and wish her all the best in future trips.

The Friends are happy to report that our book sales and trips are doing so well that we have been able to provide the Library with many extras. So far this year we have donated four computers, a movie license, two theater tickets for a raffle, Irish music and updated the Dingman's Branch Children's Room.

Also approved for expenditure we have shelving and a book cart for the Dingman's Branch, a music fest performance and a party for the children's summer reading program. Through June 30, 2017, we made \$7,852.97 in the book room and at our book sales—\$443.37 more than we made in the first half of last year.

Without our wonderful volunteers we would not be able to provide these enhancements. So, once again, we ask for your help in keeping our organization active. In October we will put forward a slate of officers for 2018 and would welcome new faces on our executive board. Please let us know if you have an interest in any of our officer positions: President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary or Treasurer. As we age, we all need new ideas and people to carry on our work.

Marcy Livingston



From the PCPL Executive Director

At the Pike County Public Library, we believe in community, equal access, and lifelong learning. As Friends of the Library, I know that you also share those values with us. We come to work or to volunteer every day for these reasons. It is also because of these reasons

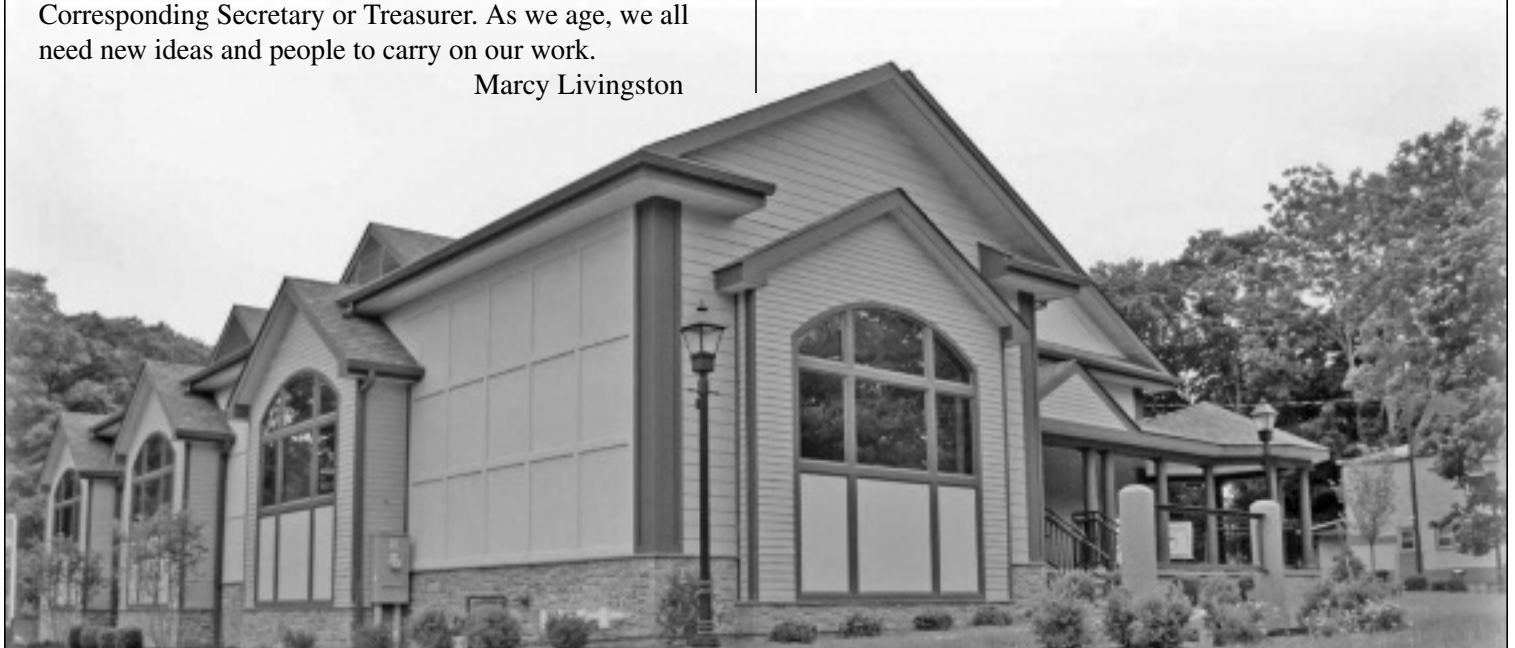
that we provide specific services such as computers, programs and special collections. We decide which services to offer by talking to our patrons and trying our best to honor their requests. For example, we recently put a survey out to patrons via email and on paper in the Library, asking what types of programs they would like to see offered.

Through the information that we've gathered we have decided to develop programs for small business owners, traditional technology skills, and information on Medicare and Social Security for "new seniors." All program information is available in the Library and the online calendar on our website, www.pcpl.org. If you'd like to receive an electronic version of our newsletter and more information about upcoming programs, please sign up on our website.

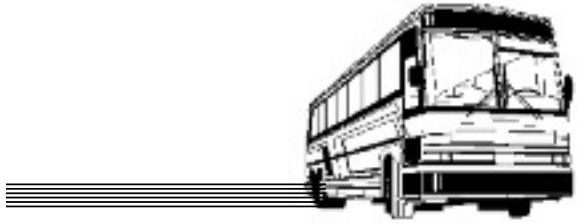
I point all of this out because we could not do it without the resources that the Friends of the Library (you!) provide for the Library and in turn, our community. Every hour that you spend in the book room, organizing donations and setting up for book sales all goes back into our community.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to the Library and your community! Have a happy summer, and we hope to see you in the Library soon!

Rose Chiocchi



FALL 2017 FRIENDS BUS TRIP INFORMATION



TRIP GUIDELINES PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

Reservations for all trips can be made by sending your check, payable to “**Friends of PCPL**” — to Trip Coordinator:

Joyce Clark
124 Vandermark Drive
Milford, PA, 18337

A verbal request does not guarantee a reservation. We honor reservations on a first-paid, first-served basis. Seats are reserved as soon as your check is received. **And ALWAYS, ALWAYS include your phone number with your reservation.**

Call Joyce at 570-296-7884 between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. if you need more information.

Please note the increase of \$3 pp in the cost of our day trips into NYC – from \$32 to \$35. This is due to the gradual increase we have been receiving from the bus company.

Wednesday, September 20 New York City “On Your Own”

Two buses will leave from the Walmart parking lot at 8 a.m. and drop you near the Duffy Square, half-priced theater ticket booths at 46th Street. The booth now accepts credit cards as well as cash. You are on your own for the day. Pick-up will be at 5:30 p.m. at the same place as the drop-off.

The \$35 cost covers the bus and driver’s tip.

Refund deadline: Saturday, September 10

Thursday - Friday, October 12-13 Two-Day Trip to Norman Rockwell Museum and Edith Wharton’s Country House, The Mount, in the Berkshires

The bus will leave the Walmart parking lot at 8 a.m. for an overnight trip to Stockbridge Mass., to the Norman

Rockwell Museum. When we arrive in Stockbridge, we will have some time to explore the small charming town. We will first have lunch at the famous Red Lion Inn. After lunch we will tour the museum and studio. That evening we will stay at the Hampton Inn in Lenox which has an indoor pool. Dinner will be on your own at nearby restaurants of your choice. After a full breakfast, we will tour Edith Wharton’s historic home in Lenox. Lunch will be only four miles away at the historic Morgan House Inn in Lee, Mass. After lunch we will have some time at the Lee Premium outlets.

Cost for this trip is \$359 pp single and \$289 pp double including all admissions, hotel, two lunches, one breakfast, transportation and driver’s tip. A deposit of \$100 is necessary to hold your reservation. Reserve ASAP. This trip will sell out early.

Thursday, November 2 Scranton Coal Mine Tour & Harry Houdini Magic Show

The bus will leave Key Foods at 9 a.m. Join us for an unusual tour down the mine with a guide exploring the kind of conditions that miners experienced. (You may, if you wish, skip this tour and walk over to the museum.) Lunch will follow at Carmine’s Restaurant, formerly the Radisson in Scranton. In the afternoon we will tour Harry Houdini’s Museum and interactive magic show. We plan to return to Milford by 6:30 p.m.

Cost for the day is \$95.

Refund deadline: Wednesday, October 25

Wednesday, December 6 New York City “On Your Own”

Same as the September 20 trip except that there will be a later departure of 6 p.m. to allow time to go back to see the tree and lights at Rockefeller Center.

The \$35 cost covers bus and driver’s tip.

Refund deadline: Monday, November 27.

**New York City
“On Your Own”
Bus Trips —
September 20 and
December 6**

Pearl S. Buck Home in Perkasie, PA



1. Friends prepare to take a tour of Pearl S. Buck's home in Perkasie, PA. From left: Deniza Busserski, Rosemary Loos, Ellen O' Donnell, Holly Malinchak, Bonnie Hoffman and Halyna Manfredo.
2. Enjoying the beautiful day are, from left: Betty Mathews, Marcy Livingston, Betsy Rhinehart and Joanna Muhlbeck.
3. Friends take a stroll in the garden.
4. Trip Coordinator Joyce Clark poses in the Library behind Pearl S. Buck's desk and the typewriter she used to write *The Good Earth*.
5. A last look at Pearl Buck's home before going on . . .
6. To Peddler's Village, a 42-acre outdoor shopping mall in Buck's County, where Peggy Mahon and Eleanor Reilly pick out items to take home.



Scenes from our Four-Day Trip to Indian Head Resort Lincoln, NH – June 26-29, 2017

1. Posing in front of The Castle in the Clouds (also known as Lucknow) are, from left: Diane Zarillo, Angela Corio, Phil Brennan, Teri Pyzanski, Ron Bellin, Sharon Curtis, Bill Muller, Ernie Curtis, Pete Rushton, Nancy Rushton, Peggy Quigley, Christine Allen, Ken Allen, Constance Prey and Joyce Clark.
2. Enjoying the gardens at The Castle in the Clouds are, from left: Friends Treasurer Irene DeVito with Ken Clark and Frank DeVito.
3. Inside the Christa McAuliffe/Alan Shephard Discovery Center are, from left: Frank DeVito, Nancy Hilliard and our favorite Avery bus driver, Dennis Cox.
4. Friends take a Hobo train ride through the forests of North Conway in our own car "The Mountain View."
5. Enjoying a cruise on Lake Winnepesaukee are, front from left: Peggy Quigley, Nancy Hilliard, Marge Medvec and Ruth Leach. An hour into the cruise, it started to pour!



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Lawn Sale Raises \$1,120



Many Friends helped out at the Library's Annual Lawn Sale on Saturday, June 24. Above: Visitors sort through the bargains displayed outside the Library. The lawn sale raised \$1,120.78 for the Library. In addition the book sale raised \$274 .

Please Mark Your Calendar Now

Friends of PCPL

Meeting Dates

2nd Tuesday in October 2017

2nd Monday in January,

April & July 2018

Community Room in the Library 10 a.m.

Donations

We are only able to accept books in good, saleable condition for our book store.

No text books, encyclopedias, outdated material, magazines or VHS tapes.

One bag or box per person per day.

Volunteers Needed

The Friends are looking for volunteers to work in our bookstore and to help sort and stack books.

If you have a couple of hours a week to help out,

please let us know by calling

Marcy Livingston at 570-828-8628

or Pat Corcoran at 570-409-9089.



You are invited to the Friends Luncheon in honor of
Joyce Clark on the occasion of her retirement as our Bus Trip Coordinator
Wednesday November 8, 2017

at 12:30 p.m. at the Best Western Inn, Rt. 6, Matamoras, Pa.

Please let us know if you will attend by returning this form by **October 20**

with your check for \$30 per person made payable to "Friends of PCPL"
to Peggy Crook, 112 Greenwood Circle, Milford Pa. 18337

Any questions?

Please contact Peggy Crook @ 570-296-3368 or Pat Corcoran @ 570-409-9089.

Name _____ Phone _____

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FRIENDS ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FORM

The following are guidelines.
Please feel free to contribute whatever
is appropriate for you.

Date _____

- Corporate Sponsor \$ _____
- Sponsor (over \$50) \$ _____
- Patron \$50
- Family \$25
- Individual \$20
- Other \$ _____

Please check appropriate boxes:

- New Member
- New Address
- New Telephone
- Yes, I'd like to volunteer at
 - Bookstore
 - Book Sorting
 - Other _____

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

If mailing address is a P.O. Box number, please include street address _____

Town _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-Mail _____ Phone _____

Please indicate below if you have a second (winter/summer) address, so we may send our newsletter for July and January to the correct address.

I will be at the following address from _____ through _____

Street Address _____

Town _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-Mail _____ Phone _____

- Check if you prefer to receive the Friends newsletter by e-mail.

Be a Friend of Pike County Public Library.

Fill out this form, make your check out to "Friends of PCPL" and mail to:
Friends of Pike County Public Library • PO Box 80 • Milford, PA 18337-0080

Dues are from January 1 through December 31. Your contribution is tax deductible.

The number after your name on the mailing label represents the last year your dues were paid.

Only active members who have paid dues for the current year and the preceding year will receive our award-winning newsletter, which is published twice a year in January and July. The membership application form on this page can also be obtained on line (PCPL.org) or by visiting one of our Library branches. It is important to provide both summer and winter addresses, if applicable. Please also provide your current e-mail address and indicate whether you wish to receive your newsletter by postal mail or by e-mail.

For further information, please E-mail the Friends at Friends@pcpl.org.



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Join us for a two-day trip, October 12-13,
to visit the Norman Rockwell
Museum as well as

**Edith Wharton's country
house, The Mount,
in the Berkshires**

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The Age of Innocence (1920) won Wharton the 1921
Pulitzer Prize for literature, making her the first
woman to win the award. Edith and her
husband, Edward, lived in the Mount from 1902 to
1911. After the Whartons left, the house was
eventually bought by the Edith Wharton
Restoration, which restored much of the
property to its original condition.

