



Branch Newsletter

September, 2025

By the Communication, Press & Publicity Committee

Member meeting: Thursday, September 25, 7 p.m., Ricketts Center.

If you can't make the meeting in person, here's a Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84995648174?pwd=QlAyaHZkWIJXZWk1T3FWcHNFVnJOQT09> Meeting ID:849 9564 8174 Passcode: 937480



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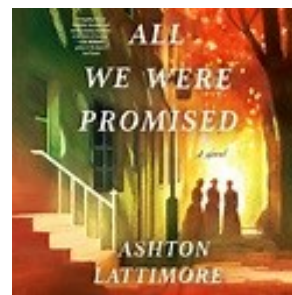
The WIN (Women in the NAACP) Committee is selling passes for Boscov's "Friends Helping Friends" event on Wednesday, Oct. 22. A pass gives you 25 percent off purchases, in the store or online. They cost \$5, all of which goes directly to WIN, which among other things, uses funds to help support the Salvation Army in Pottstown.

To purchase a shopping pass, email WIN Committee Chair Annette Kobb at annettek53@gmail.com



Book club's next author: Ashton Lattimore

The library is closed on Oct. 13, our regular meeting date, so we will wait until Monday, Nov. 10, at 6 p.m. to discuss Ashton Lattimore's *All We Were Promised*. The story is set in pre-Civil War Philadelphia, where two women conspire to help an enslaved girl escape. As usual, the library is reserving copies for us.



Honoring Chief Rodgers



NAACP members came out on Aug. 28 for a ceremony honoring the late Pottstown Police Chief James E. Rodgers and dedicating Grant Street to his memory.

Chief Rodgers was Pottstown's first — and, so far, only — Black police chief, serving for 17 years. He served the community in many other capacities for far longer.

Among numerous speakers, President Johnny Corson recalled how he ran to tell his mother when he first saw the Chief. "The only time we ever saw horses was the Lone Ranger," he said, "and here was this Black man riding down my street, wearing a cowboy hat."

Race relations being what they were in that era, "I can't imagine

what he went through, what he endured," Corson said. "But he pushed through. He stood the course... He created a legacy that allowed other people to dream."

"Look at all we have now, how diverse this community is," Corson said. "And that's all because of Chief Rodgers stepping up to be the chief."



Family members, politicians and other community leaders gathered at the ceremony honoring Chief Rodgers.