



Branch Newsletter

June, 2026

Membership meeting 7 p.m. Thursday, June 25, Ricketts Center

All are welcome to our monthly membership meeting. Come find out what we're doing and why it's important.

For those who can't make it in person, the Zoom link is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84995648174?wd=QIAyaHZkWIJXZWk1T3FWcHNFVnJOQT09> Meeting ID:849 9564 8174 Passcode: 937480



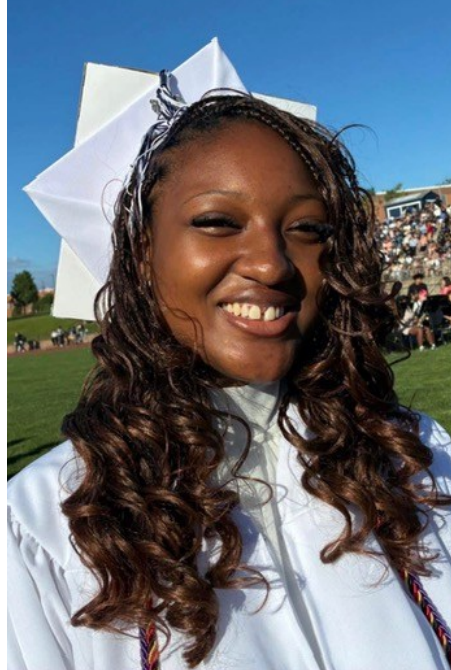
Members of the Pine Forge drum corps in a previous parade

Join us for the July 4 parade!

The Pine Forge drum corps is a favorite every year. Once again, they'll be joining us for the July 4 parade, and we hope lots of our members will join us as well. We'll meet at 10 a.m. at Bailey and High streets. Look for our yellow T-shirts.

The parade begins at 10:30 a.m. The route takes us down High Street to Manatawny Street..

The rest of the day — Pottstown Go-Fourth — includes children's activities, food vendors, arts and crafts vendors, live entertainment and, to top it all off, fireworks in Memorial Park.



Congratulations, graduates!

Warm congratulations — and a tip of the mortarboard — to the 10 Pottstown High School seniors on the NAACP Youth Council who graduated recently. Pictured are (clockwise from upper left) Camron Dawson, Iyonna Elliott, Rachel Kauffman, Council President Omara Miller, Armon Thorpe and Andre Wilson. Also graduating were Ahmir Alston, Antoine Lofton, Noel Price, and Nevaeh Tanner .

Best of luck to all of you in the future!

NAACP book club resumes in September

Our branch's book club is taking a summer hiatus in July and August. We will resume in September and are looking forward to discussing all kinds of interesting books. We meet the second Monday of the month at 6 p.m. at the Pottstown Regional Library, and we choose titles that are readily available in the library system. All are welcome!

What if ... ???

President Corson speaks out about Hometown Heroes banners

At a recent Borough Council meeting, discussion centered again on Pottstown's participation in the Hometown Heroes banners program. Many communities have honored their veterans with their names and photos on banners affixed to light posts. But in Pottstown, it turns out that all the veterans honored are white. The program is administered by Elks Lodge 814.

"Tell me right now, if the Montgom-

ery Elks came to you and said they want you to help them put up banners honoring only Black veterans on High Street, what would you have done? You might have said there's something not right with that," Corson said.

He noted that since the issue surfaced, "There have been a lot of hateful messages, some borderline threatening messages," on social media.

"I suggest, council, that you look at this with some sensitivity and become more aware of the community you represent," said Corson.

Corson said he had an easy fix: replace some of the "I Pick Pottstown" banners with banners honoring minority veterans. "Even just one person of color? Can't we do something to make this right?"

So far, much discussion, no action.



Elks honor Chris Jackson

The Montgomery Elks Lodge 1271 recently honored Chris Jackson as its "Exalted ruler of the year." A proclamation praised him as "exemplifying Elkdom with your outstanding leadership in your lodge and community."

Pictured at the ceremony are (from left) Jackson, his wife Tanesha, NAACP branch president Johnny Corson and Elks State President Jeffery Wright.