

THE COMMON THREAD

The Newsletter for **FIGHTING AIDS CONTINUOUSLY TOGETHER**
Serving the Lehigh Valley and Pocono Area for 37 Years!

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BEING AND BELONGING: DAY WITHOUT ART

On December 01, 2022, Allentown's Grace Episcopal Church kindly hosted FACT's movie night to screen *Being and Belonging* for a Day Without Art. This anthology tells the story of seven artists living with HIV, and it shows their emotional journey to finding love and support among their communities.

HALLOWEEN DRAG BINGO'S DEBUT!

We had another spooktacular annual Halloween Drag Bingo October 30, 2022, hosted at Bethlehem's Rosemont Lutheran Church. This year, Miss Demeanor and Miss Information made their official debut. You may even recognize them from the bar, and everyone loved their vivacious performance! This year's bingo earned more than \$4,000 for FACT.

NO SNOW, BUT WE HAD A SNOWBALL!

The Steel Club in Hellertown graciously hosted the Annual FACT Snowball once more. It proved to be a fun night filled with hors d'oeuvres, cocktails, dinner, and dancing. Over 120 people attended and participated in the annual silent and live auctions. We give special thanks to Griego's Feast, Virella's Bakery, the Allentown Health Bureau, and Jay Gilbert's Funeral Home, who kindly underwrote the event. Also, Virella's Bakery provided the cupcakes for the evening, Daniel Belles did all the DJ work, and Sylvia Silverberg was our fabulous drag entertainment for the night. Thank you all, and, of course, thanks to all of our wonderful attendees.



Left: Miss Demeanor

Right: Miss Information



Attendants anticipating the main course.

GAIL HOOVER'S BIRTHDAY BASH!

March 11th, FACT partnered with the Gail Hoover Foundation to host her Birthday Bash after the hiatus from COVID at Allentown's Community Music School. Gail Hoover, after whom the foundation is named, is also a FACT board member. This year, half of the money raised went toward providing canine officers for the Allentown Police Department, and the other half went toward supporting FACT. We give our thanks to Cunningham & Associates who provided excellent musical entertainment for the evening and to all the vendors who provided food. More information about the Gail Hoover Foundation can be found at www.gailhooverfoundation.org.

BOARD MEMBERS WANTED!

FACT is always looking for new members to serve on our board! If you would be interested in serving on the board of FACT, please contact, FACT by phone at 610-820-5519.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

FACT is an organization of concerned people committed to raising money to assist individuals and families affected by HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, and to conquer the HIV/AIDS crisis within the Lehigh Valley and surrounding communities. FACT identifies, supports and monitors programs that provide direct and educational services within the communities. FACT's mission is to alleviate suffering and reduce the spread of HIV/AIDS and to provide an improved quality of life to those affected by HIV/AIDS.

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FACT is a registered not-for-profit 501(c)3 organization. The official registration and financial information for Fighting AIDS Continuously Together may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll free (within PA) 1-800-732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.

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WORDS OF WISDOM....

Life is like a sea. We are moving without end. Nothing stays with us. What remains is just the memories of some people who touched us as waves.



Cupcakes courtesy of Virella's Bakery.

**NEW YEAR NEW MEMBERSHIP!
HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR FACT
MEMBERSHIP FOR 2023???**

Fun *fact* (pun intended): Did you know that April used to mark the beginning of the New Year? No? Well, here's your reminder to renew your FACT membership for 2023! Renewing your membership helps FACT to continue our mission, and it ensures you are notified of up-coming events, news, and items of interest. Our membership card is at the top of the last page. Please look and renew today!

SPRING FLING BINGO

Mark your calendars! Bingo has returned! Our Spring Fling Bingo will be hosted April 30th at the Rosemont Lutheran Church. The entrance fee is \$25, and that includes ten games of Bingo with a boxed lunch. As always, there are prizes, so make sure to come join us! There will a second bingo scheduled for a tentative date in the Fall.

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Spring Fling



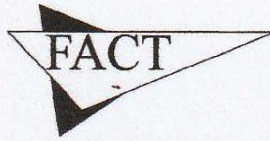
APRIL 30, 2023

ROSEMONT LUTHERAN CHURCH
1705 W. Broad Street
Bethlehem, PA 18018

\$25 ENTRANCE FEE INCLUDES:
10 Games of Bingo • Box Lunch
Wine & Beer (donation) • Cash Prizes

DOORS OPEN @ 1 PM • BINGO STARTS @ 2 PM

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\$15 General Membership

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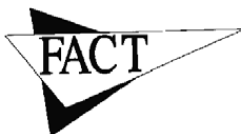
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