



The mission of the Phoenixville Area Time Bank is to provide and foster an effective local service exchange system through which participants have their needs met and their personal abilities valued by using hours as currency; the ultimate goal is the building of a strong, responsive, and connected community.

## Congrats!

Time Banker Willetta Silva will represent the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as Ms. Senior Pennsylvania, competing in the national pageant for senior women in Atlantic City in October. Good luck, Willetta!

## Changes to the Board

PATB is grateful for the many souls giving their time and energy to lead our Board and committees.

Warm welcomes to Sylvia Yoder and Muriel Kennedy, our newest board members

Immense gratitude to outgoing board members Lee Stack, Karen Alderfer, and Cara Graver. Thank you for your years of service.

## Dust Off Your Dancing Shoes!

For the fourth year in a row, "**Chico Huff & Friends**," a trio of internationally-acclaimed performers and recording artists, will be rocking out at the Annual **Dance Party and Silent Auction** for Phoenixville Area Time Bank, to be held **Saturday, October 17** from **7 to 11 p.m** at the **Moose Lodge**, 920 Township Line Road, Phoenixville.

He may be a local resident, but **Chico Huff** has far-reaching recognition. Chico has performed on electric bass in recordings with James Taylor, David Crosby, and Jefferson Starship. He also accompanied Carley Simon on a movie soundtrack. Having performed throughout Europe as well as in Japan and Morocco, Huff does frequent tours with the Celtic ensemble Solas and other Irish groups. Closer to home, he has CD's with artists Susan Werner and Liz Longley. He is joined by the Cullen brothers on guitar, vocals, and drums – also very fine musicians.

Besides **dancing and socializing**, attendees at the October 17 event will be able to enjoy **food, soft drinks**, and a **cash bar**, as well as bidding on a **Silent Auction**, with an array of attractive items, unique offers, and services contributed by local merchants, professionals, members, & friends.



Chico Huff

**Tickets** (\$30 in advance, \$35 at the door) can be obtained at Bridge St locations: Artisan's Café, Earth Mart, and New Century Bank, or via **www.pa-timebank.com**.

## New Fundraiser - Online Auction. . . Including FINE ART

Cyberworld meets silent auction to benefit the Time Bank at this year's signature fundraiser, the "It's About Time" DANCE PARTY.

While bidding for goods and services given by local donors will again be featured in a classic silent auction on-site, in addition – thanks to the extraordinary generosity of member Jack Miller – **a substantial number of fine art works will be offered in an online auction** at <http://phoenixvilletimebank.cmarket.com> with a significant portion of the proceeds to be donated to PATB.

Jack and his late wife Carmen Morin-Miller were owners of the Morin-Miller Galleries on 57th Street in Manhattan, featuring contemporary abstract and impressionist art by emerging artists. As discerning collectors, they acquired significant works by Ukrainian artist **Konstantin Bokov**, Canadian **Arnold Wood**, and Norwegian **Elling Reitan**, among others.

A limited number of pieces will be displayed for silent auction bid at the dance. Bids for most of the works will be posted online at <http://phoenixvilletimebank.cmarket.com> through **Oct 19, 2009**.

### GREAT ART IS TIMELESS

Don't miss out on a fun-filled evening at the dance, plus the chance to acquire fine art through the online auction – both great ways to benefit the Time Bank.

Just **visit the online auction website to browse the items up for auction**. When you find something you would like to bid on, just create an account and bid away – it's that easy!

View auction items online at <http://phoenixvilletimebank.cmarket.com>.

## Member Spotlight: Meet Richard Liston

**Richard Liston** is happy to tell you about **Sphere College**, an idea he began to formulate a year and a half ago. It targets the "21 year old plus" student, but it's just as relevant for career changers, artists, and others who thrive in an individualized curriculum.

"A traditional college education works for many, but I feel that there are a lot of talented people out there who would thrive in an alternative curriculum," he confirms as we chat over a cup of coffee and soup at the Steel City Café. This type of student becomes restless in a program where the correlation between cause and effect is, in their eyes, not clearly evident. Some of them have left traditional colleges; others have never attended. Richard feels that the creativity and passion of this population is going to waste at a time when we can least afford it.

Sphere College, as Richard envisions it, consists of a three phase curriculum. In **Self and Other**, each student identifies what he or she wants to achieve in life, and time is spent learning how it affects the community. Discussions with other students and faculty help clarify the original idea. In **Tool Acquisition**, the

student explores what knowledge s/he needs in order to move his/her dream forward. Each student continues to work closely with faculty mentors and engages in small group work. In **Action**, the final phase, the project is solidified, transforming the dream into reality. The student mobilizes forces in self and others required for the project to thrive in the real world.

*By Pandy Rockwell-Warner*

Sphere College has been in operation for four months now and has 20 students attending classes!! They are growing quickly, working hard to build up their infrastructure before taking on new students. Richard, a man of many distinguished degrees and a former faculty member of Ursinus College, firmly believes that learning can and should be fun! Check out the website (blog): [spherecollege.org](http://spherecollege.org).

Richard utilized PATB support during the development phase, and soon he will be using his Time Dollars to ask for help to run a fun fundraiser for the College.

Join the College on **Sun Sep 20 at 2pm** in the **Colonial Theatre** as they sponsor "**2001: A Space Odyssey.**"

## When the Going Gets Rough...Look to the Time Bank

At a time when the traditional economy is not strong and money is hard to part with, our alternate time banking economy becomes even more important. Our currency is non-monetary and available to all. Its value is not just in the services we give and receive, but in the support we provide each other and the community we build.

Some of our members are facing the challenge of unemployment. The Time Bank can be a resource of assistance. There are offers by our members for help with resume writing/editing, rides to job interviews, and small business coaching. There are counseling services and companionship activities. In what other ways could we help each other?

The Time Bank has monthly socials. These are opportunities to network with others in the Time Bank. Maybe someone will have information you need, or you'll find a friend in your corner.

Job hunting can be draining. Volunteering to help others is energizing. Answer someone's request for help, and ride the buzz that comes from making a new connection and giving your time.

The Time Bank is here to help. Our community is 162 strong! Within our ranks is a wealth of knowledge, skill, and support to rely upon.

*By Laura Koetter*

### Did you know?

*Jeff Kofsky gave a class on Entrepreneurship and Business Development this past spring, for time dollars?*

*Karen Polis launched a new career and used time banking to help grow her business?*

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## Exchange!

### Tips and Tricks

If you submit a request to the Time Bank, and you don't receive any responses to meet your need, ask Margo to post your request again. **Often, 2nd postings yield a match!** Realizing you haven't found a helper, a second posting may inspire someone to dive in.

### Highlights - Recent Offers and Requests

- Do you love science? An 8<sup>th</sup> grader is looking for a tutor.
- Do you know someone with a goat? – Believe it or not, a member would love to borrow a goat! The goat receives a tasty treat!
- Are you a Civil War enthusiast? A fellow member offers to take you to sites.

### A New Organizational Member – The Clinic!

The Clinic has joined Phoenixville Area Time Bank! The Clinic, which is privately funded, provides quality health services to more than 9,000 under- and uninsured area residents each year.

The Clinic will provide development and grant writing assistance, Wellness seminars, and CPR classes as services to Time Bank members in exchange for Time Dollars. Already six Time Bank members have enrolled in the Healthy Weight group, which begins September 17<sup>th</sup>. The group will be lead by our own Cara Graver, who also volunteers at The Clinic.

Sylvia Yoder, a volunteer and patient at The Clinic and a member of Phoenixville Area Time Bank, will provide orientation and coordination services for The Clinic and

volunteers who participate.

To learn more about The Clinic, please visit their website at [www.theclinicpa.org](http://www.theclinicpa.org).

If you are currently volunteering at The Clinic, please contact Sylvia at 610-647-1306 or at [yoderse@verizon.net](mailto:yoderse@verizon.net).

### Don't forget to post your exchange hours

It's important to log your exchange hours on the Time Bank web site. Our web site keeps track of all our time balances. Logging exchanges is evidence of our vibrant, active community. Active exchanges are valuable in promoting our Time Bank and pursuing non-profit grants.

**Slide Shows**  
Click on an image below to see a slide show of that artist's work

## Raise Some Fun(ds)!

**PATB raises funds to support our operational expenses. Please consider helping our fundraising efforts!**

### 1. Fundraiser coming!

- **Dance & Silent Auction - Oct 17** at the Moose Lodge
- **Online Auction - 9/15 to 10/19** featuring fine art

### 2. You can help - It's easy!

- **Forwarding to friends the emails** you receive from "**Auction Central**" - Wow!
- Plan to **come to the dance** - Tell a Friend
- Tickets Available:
  - Stores on Bridge Street - Artisan's Café, Earth Mart, and New Century Bank
  - Buy using PayPal - through link on our website at [www.pa-timebank.com](http://www.pa-timebank.com)
- **Put up posters** (contact [timedollar@verizon.net](mailto:timedollar@verizon.net) for as many as you need )
- **Talk to your local shops about donating items** (tell them to look at cMarket - there's a "Donate Item" button)
- **Donate an item** yourself!
- Call Judy at 610-935-2127 to offer to **help with the Dance Party\***
- **Solicit sponsors**, including where you work - call Joel at 610-220-6172.

**\*If you would like to earn your dance ticket, please contact Margo at 610-608-9281.**

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*A Local Community Exchange where TIME is the Currency*



Come meet other Time Bank members at Artisans Café & Gallery on the **first Sunday of each month at 4!**

Orientations – 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays at 7 pm – Call-610-608-9281.



**We're on the Web!**  
See us at:  
[www.pa-timebank.com](http://www.pa-timebank.com)

## Quizzo Fun

### Questions

- 1) What is the date and location of this year's "It's About Time" dance?
- 2) How many new members have joined our Time Bank since January 2009?
- 3) What exciting new fundraising tool will we be using in conjunction with our annual dance?
- 4) Who is our newest organization member?
- 5) What animal has one of our time banker's requested to help her out?

**Benefit Dance Party**  
Buffet Dinner and Silent Auction  
October 17<sup>th</sup>. Moose Lodge, 7 to 11 pm  
Tickets: [www.pa-timebank.com](http://www.pa-timebank.com)

### Answers

- 1) October 17<sup>th</sup> at the Moose Lodge in Phoenixville
- 2) 62 (Wow!)
- 3) An Online Auction, showcasing fine art
- 4) The Clinic
- 5) A goat!

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