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**Johnstown Area Heritage
Association to hold annual gala
on Saturday, April 17**

***“A Salute to Morley’s Dog” is the Gala theme; a portion of proceeds
from Silent Auction to benefit the Morley’s Dog Restoration Fund***

The Johnstown Area Heritage Association is “putting on the dog” for its Gala this year. “A Salute to Morley’s Dog” will be held on Saturday, April 17 at 6:00 p.m. at the Frank & Sylvia Pasquerilla Heritage Discovery Center.

“After all, Morley’s Dog is ‘Johnstown’s best friend,’” said Mary Ugoletti, JAHA’s development director and gala chair. “The Gala Committee chose the dog as the theme in an effort to raise money for the restoration, and also help call attention to it.”

Proceeds from some of the Silent Auction items, including a Morley’s Dog charm from John M. Clark Goldsmith of Ligonier and a framed pencil drawing of the statue by Rachel DiAndrea, will benefit the Morley’s Dog Restoration Fund established by JAHA.

Two floors of the Heritage Discovery Center will be used for the Gala, and each floor will feature live musical entertainment – a big-band version of Jazz in Your Face and Paj 3, a jazz combo. In addition, Gala

entertainment will include casino tables, allowing guests to play craps, poker and blackjack for chances to win gift baskets.

Decorations will include custom dog-themed centerpieces standing on plots of real grass, courtesy of The Flower Barn. Gin and vodka martinis, cosmopolitans, and espresso “Mortinis” will be poured from martini luges into special martini glasses with stems that light up and change colors. Beer will be served in Morley’s Dog commemorative glasses. Guests are invited to take the special martini and beer glasses home as party favors. Food will be served throughout the evening, and will include a broad selection of hors d’oeuvres, a mashed potato bar, carving stations, elegant desserts and more.

This year’s edition of the Gala’s ever-popular Silent Auction features more than 50 lots. A weeklong vacation in a luxury condominium in Jackson Hole, Wyo. is among the top items. Others include a Morley’s Dog charm from John M. Clark Goldsmith of Ligonier and two weekend getaway packages to Chautauqua, N.Y. Among the wide selection of gift baskets are dog grooming packages, a home gardening consultation, tickets to professional sporting events, handcrafted home decoration items, a handyman gift certificate, family outing packages, tickets to the Pittsburgh Steelers and many gift certificates to area restaurants.

The JAHA Gala is sponsored by the First National Bank of Pennsylvania. Cost to attend is \$80 per person, or \$160 per couple. Proceeds from the event benefit JAHA programs, and a portion of the Silent Auction proceeds will benefit the Morley’s Dog Restoration Fund. Dress is black tie optional. The public is invited to attend, and RSVPs will be taken until April 13. To RSVP, call Gwen at JAHA, (814) 539-1889.

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The Johnstown Area Heritage Association is a non-profit, membership-based organization dedicated to preserving and showcasing Johnstown’s unique history to the nation through high-quality educational, cultural and recreational experiences. In addition to the Johnstown Flood Museum and the Heritage Discovery Center, JAHA produces the FolkFest, a 3-day free music and food festival held annually over Labor Day weekend; flood commemoration events; a spring lecture series; and a wide variety of additional cultural programming. For more information on JAHA programs, museums and events, visit www.jaha.org.

