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MAY AND JUNE NEWSLETTER 2020

This newsletter is written with the hope that all our members are well and safe in these trying times.

The Board has decided to cancel everything until our Annual Ice Cream Social in Sept. when we hope that it will be a safe time to get together. You will receive a notice during the summer with more news about this. Therefore, we have cancelled the May 7th Meeting, May 9th Flea Market and the June 4th Annual Picnic.

Here is the news since the Mar. / Apr. Newsletter:

On March 1st Joe Trucks shared his Korean War memories at the meeting. It has been called the "Forgotten War". It began in 1950 and ended in 1953. Korea was a divided country until 6/29/1950 when the North Koreans took over the Southern portion and that was the start of, "as our President declared" our involvement in the police action. We were not the only country to become involved. Over those 3 years about 33,000 men were killed. Many THANKS Joe for sharing with us this forgotten piece of our country's history.

NEW MEMBERS

Albert Wilson Family

Lynn Levy

ADDITIONS TO OUR COLLECTIONS

James Gindele donated photo of the 1958 Hilltop Pirates Champion Midget Baseball Team and booklet with the names.

Gail E. Fleming donated a copy of the "Bensalem Area" Game.

Carolyn and Sheldon Per donated a "Smarty Jones" bobble head from the Parx Casino.

IN MEMORY OF

During March we lost two long time members:

On the 4th George Anderson, a member since 1998 died. He lived on Mill Road and was very interested in tracing his Native American ancestry and loved all of Bensalem's history.

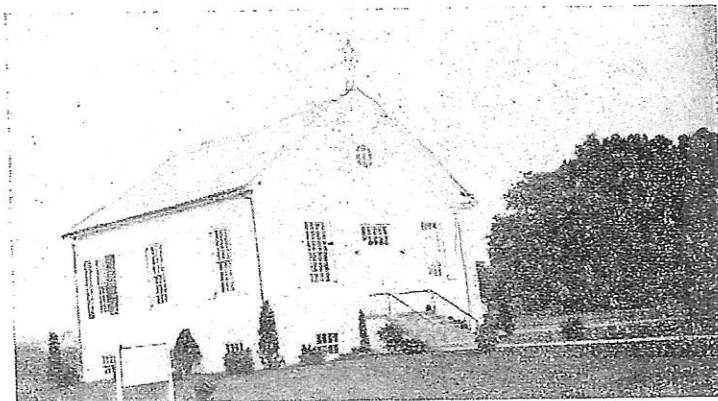
On the 23rd Alice Scheer, a member since 1979 died. Alice and Bob were always involved in our activities especially the Civil War and Flea Markets. Alice had been a secretary in our early years.

We extend all our sympathy to both the Anderson and Scheer families and will miss them both.

STILL SEARCHING FOR !

Does anyone remember anything about an "Old Mennonite Church in Trevose Heights" ? It was located in back of the Country Kitchen Restaurant on Brownsville Rd.

BUCKS COUNTY TRAVELER, NOVEMBER, 1951



Trevose Heights Gospel Mission. Outstation of Doylestown, Pa., Church

Please read this explanation of the Pledge of Allegiance given to us at the March meeting by Joe Trucks.

I, Means you, not a group, or a few, not every one else, just you.

Pledge, To make a promise

Allegiance, To give your devotion, or undivided loyalty.

To the flag, A rectangular piece of fabric of distinctive design that is used as a symbol.

Of the United States of America, A federation of 48 individual territories formed into one group.

And to the republic for which it stands, Republic means it is your country as well as mine.

One nation, A community of many nationalities, races, and religions formed into one large common bond with the care and needs of every one taken into consideration.

Indivisible, Incapable of being divided

With liberty, The positive enjoyment of various social, political, or economic rights and privileges. The power to choose the elected officers of our government.

And justice, The right to be treated fairly under the law with no distinction of income, color of skin, or your religion.

For all, For all. Which means you will be treated the same as I will, but also with that freedom comes responsibility. You must study and vote in all elections when you come of age.

On flag day 1954 President Eisenhower signed into law the Words "UNDER GOD" and since then we added two stars and two stars to our flag.

Wouldn't it be sad if that is determined to be a prayer and removed from ~~the~~ PLEDGE

Joe Trucks Secretary KWVA

We have received the schedule for the summer concerts but are not sure if they will be held. Check the township website closer to June.

We will keep the Flea Market donations for a later date.

Keep Safe and remember to laugh at least once a day.

