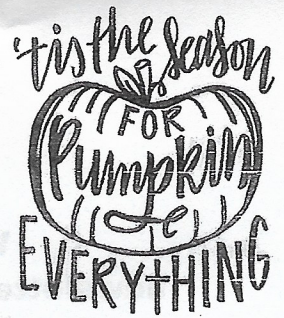


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NEWSLETTER FOR SEPT. THRU DEC. 2020

We, the Board, are writing with the hope that all our members are well and safe in these trying times. Please remember to wear your mask and use sanitizer for your hands.

The Board has decided to cancel our general meetings until 2021. By Nov. or Dec we will know how our world will be in the new year.

Here is the news since the May/ June Newsletter:

IN MEMORY OF

After the last newsletter was sent we learned about the death of long time member Jack Hansen on April 29th. Jack and Dolores joined in 1994. Many of us remember them both from our high school days. Our sympathy to the Hansen family.

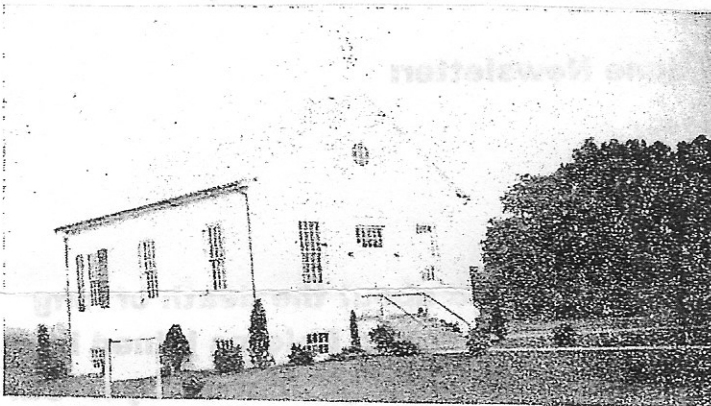
On June 3rd new member Ruth Parnes passed away. Ruth attended our meetings and was always ready to help in any way possible. We send our sympathy to her family and will miss her smile.

ANSWER TO THE LAST QUESTION....

When the picture of the Mennonite Church appeared in the newsletter I received a call from our Mayor with the answer about who started this Church. He told me that Paul Histan, owner of a tractor company near Doylestown, was the founder. Mr. Histan sold the Mayor's father a tractor and thru this became a family friend even sharing meals with the DiGirolamo family.

That evening I was talking with a friend who lives in Horsham, who's grandfather owned a large farm there. I asked him if he had ever heard of this Tractor Company and his answer was that it is still in business and he remembered his grandfather purchasing a tractor many years ago from Mr. Histan. Mr. Histan became a friend who also shared meals with his family. Apparently Mr. Histan was a very special person and a good salesman!!!! Thank you Mayor for the memory.
Sally

This building is now the home of the Slavic Pentecostal New Life Church. They purchased the building in 1998 and held the first service there on Thanksgiving 1999.



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



Just because we have been closed the emails and questions have still been coming in and here are a few of the queries:

Does anyone remember back in 1939-40 a club called the "Blackthorn Club" which was held on Gibson Road in what we call Croydon Lodge? The pictures we received are definitely the Lodge and the people in the

pictures are labeled as members...Dan Carsen; Harry M. Foos; Claire King and Russell Wood (grandfather of the writer). Has anyone ever heard of this club?

We were contacted by Allan Slutsky, who is writing a biography of Bob White, the head of the Bucks County Redevelopment Authority from 1993 - 2017, for a photograph of the old Penn Salt buildings to use in this book. This area is now the housing development called Waterside. We happen to have the only picture the original buildings. If you are not familiar with Penn Salt, come in and learn its role in WWII and why the Germans wanted to destroy it!

Tom Nally visited the office to get drawings of the Logan gardens at Neshaminy State Park that we have in the files. Tom and some friends/volunteers have started to re-discover the many brick walkways and treasures from the Logan days. He is beginning to uncover the Chess Board that Mr. Logan used with his friends. If interested you can see what Tom has done or is doing by going to Youtube and view "Toms World". Check it out! You might want to volunteer to help.

Almost everyday there is a new question.....

WISHFUL THINKING!!!!

At our July Board Meeting (with masks and 6 ft apart) we discussed the possibility of holding a flea market in October. Of course, depending on the CDC restrictions at that time.

We would check with the regular vendors to see if they are willing to bring their items. Not 40 vendors but about 20 to keep everyone apart. We know that flea markets have been held in the past few weeks. We would have our tables and would need volunteers to help there. We would not sell food and only have water or sodas available for sale. We are asking for your input about this idea. Please call the office (215-639-6575) and leave a message. REMEMBER it will all depend on the state of the Covid 19 virus at that time.

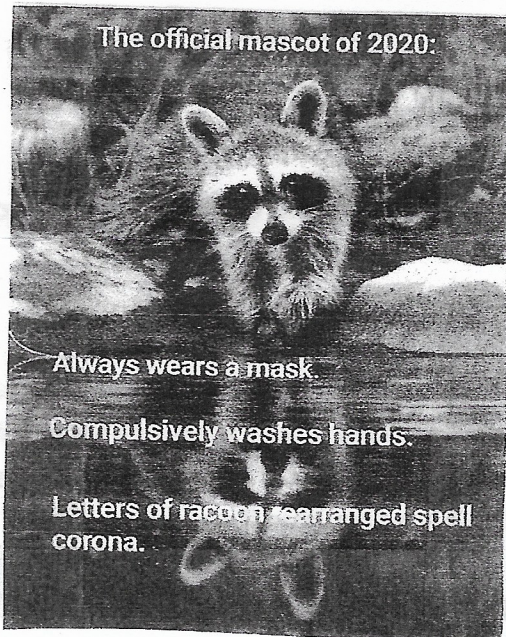
ADDITIONS TO OUR COLLECTIONS

The office has received some new items which will be listed in a later newsletter. If you have a donation, please call so someone will be available to accept it.

We are still accepting receipts from Shop Rite and Redners. We have received several checks from these stores so please remember to save them. You can mail them to the P.O. Box or stop at the office and put them in the bench by the front door. Lift the bench seat and place them in the wicker basket. Thanks and keep on saving them.

If you need to get into the office for any reason, please call Sally at 215-946-1744 to set up a meeting time.

Please everyone stay cool, safe and remember that we will meet again.....



The Board