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NEWSLETTER FOR NOV. AND DEC. 2022

Fall has arrived and the trees are beginning to look so colorful. Enjoy it before the snow and ice turn everything sparkling white.

Ice Cream Social

On Sept. 1st we celebrated getting back to a “normal” routine with our Ice Cream Social with all the trimmings. We welcomed several visitors and some even became members. It is always a fun night with good friends and workers.

“ Legend of Sleepy Hollow”

Mike Jesberger never fails to draw a crowd for one of his programs. On Oct. 6th he told us the fascinating tale of the Headless Horseman which most of us heard about every October when we were children.

In the small Dutch town of Tarrytown, NY back about 1790 following the Revolutionary War, many of the Hessian soldiers and officers were buried in the local Church Graveyard and the Dutch residents did not like that. These Hessians were paid by the British to fight the Americans, They came from an area in Germany called Hussia and were related to King George III. They were taller and larger than most

Americans and were known to be fierce fighters, therefore feared by all. A Hessian General was buried in the church cemetery after his Head had been blown off by a cannon ball. He was thought to be the headless horseman in the legend. American author Washington Irving published the story about the legend of Sleepy Hollow in 1820.

In the story a young man named Ichabod Crane, the schoolteacher, was in love with Katrina Van Tassel who was very wealthy and pretty but she also had other admirers. One admirer was "Brom Bones" (Abraham Van Brunt). One day Ichabod received an invitation to a party at the VanTassel's, so he hired a horse and attended the affair. Upon leaving that evening, as he went thru the forest, Ichabod was remembering all the stories he had heard when he realized that he was being followed. The race began as he tried to get to the local church for safety but the other horseman was faster and threw something at Ichabod causing him to fall off his horse. The following day Ichabod's horse was found back home but no sign of him. Found in the forest was a smashed pumpkin along the trail. Ichabod Crane was never seen or heard from again. Katrina did marry Brom Bones....so maybe he was the Horseman and not the legendary one????

NEW MEMBERS

**Lynn Biddle Erica Elliott Donna Harthorne
Earl & Helen Meyer Julie Michalesko Erin Syczypkowski**

NEW ADDITIONS

James Kates donated the book "100 Years of the Columbus Country Club"

Sally Sondesky donated Polaroid Camera, Copier and other photo items.

John Dignam donated old telephones, cameras and other items

Erica Elliott donated copies of her 2 published books for our library

SPECIAL THANKS TO

All the following members who worked at the Sept. Flea Market which gave us \$440.05 from the Stand (\$164.50), Snacks/Pretzels(\$217.75) and Books/Records (\$57.80). THANKS to Kathy Leighton, Carolyn & Sheldon Per, Renee Kitchenman, Peg Thullen, Vicki MacDougall, Charlene Dornisch, Charles Satterfield, Amethyst Bush, Joe Sadler, Amy Konyves, John Dignam, Hank Arment, Lynn Biddle, Elaine & John Matthews, Sally Sondesky and Rob Homolka. Final amount raised by all the Flea Markets in the next newsletter.

Following the event the items remaining were taken to the Thrift Shop at Our Lady Of Fatima by Kathy Leighton, Bob Johnson, and Joe Sadler. Thanks for doing this cleanup.

REMINDER

Beginning in January Dues will be Due for 2023 unless you have already paid them. Single \$15 Family \$20 Business \$75

Also remember that in January, February and March our meetings will be held on the First Sunday of the Month at 2:00 pm

SPECIAL EVENT

We have been asked to do a program for the residents at Salem Harbor on Nov. 9th.

Bensalem Business Association

We hosted the Oct. 12th General Meeting at our office. Speakers were Rep. K.C. Tomlinson and Ryan Skoczylas, Chief of Staff for Senator Tommy Tomlinson.

Happy Holidays

The Board

CALENDAR

Nov. 3rd "Hulmeville Borough History"
By Joseph Coleman 7:00 pm

Nov. 9 th Salem Harbor Program

Nov. 12th Board Meeting 12:00 pm

Dec. 1 st "Tidy Tombstones"
By Jim Davis 7:00 pm

Dec. 10 Board Meeting 12:00pm

Notice to people under 50.....I don't know how to use TikTok, but I can write in cursive, do long division, and tell time on clocks with hands.. can you ????



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