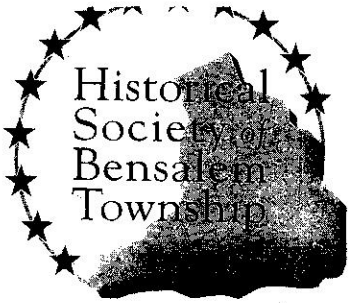

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SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER NEWSLETTER 2015

The Board regretfully announces that President Robert Homolka has resigned this position. He will be returning to college and we wish him well with his studies and thank him for his service to the Society. We will be seeking someone to fill the empty position.

Hope everyone has had an enjoyable summer and is ready to get back into the Fall routine.

NEW MEMBER

Daniel Eustace

ADDITIONS TO OUR COLLECTIONS

Bensalem High School Alumni donated a 2015 Yearbook

Dot McLean donated her large doll collection (more about this later)

Marge Strange donated a copy of the 25th Anniversary of the Township Police Force, pictures of the installation of a mile marker, invitation to the ribbon cutting of Hist. Society, article about Richard Gibbs and a Tricentennial Calendar.

Leander Tori donated a large glass display cabinet and a tall upright cabinet.

Tom McLaughlin donated a Frankford Trust Co Personal Phone Book from the Eddington office.

Charlotte Calagero donated a post card showing Jim Bradley's Beef and Ale House at Street and Hulmeville Roads.

As mentioned in the list of additions is the gift from Dot McLean of her doll collection which included a doll house, furniture, stroller, carriage, over two hundred dolls, teddy bears, clothing, books on collecting etc. The Board decided with Dot's permission, to hold an auction of most of the items. This was done on Aug. 2nd with the help of Chris and Elaine Doerner from 21st CenturyAntiques and Dolls. The rooms were arranged to show off the items for the sale. Helping during the sale were Charles and Marguerite Satterfield, Vicki MacDougall, John Dignam, John Tyciak and Sally Sondesky. After two hours of constant selling to the rather small crowd of collectors, the total sales amounted to $949.00. Our cost for this event was $120 so our profit, so far, is $829. A decision will be made about the remaining items so a larger profit will be realized. MANY MANY THANKS TO DOT FOR THIS VERY GENEROUS GIFT.

During the Summer Concerts at the Amphitheater we have been selling the 50/50 tickets and the Society receives $100 for each concert. Thanks to the following people for their help, Jill Freeman,John Tyciak, Carol McCloskey, Barbara and Bob Johnson, Marguerite and Charles Satterfield, Dolores Hansen, Warren Goll, Sheldon Per, Nick and Gay Medvedeff, Kathy Leighton and her friend Terri, Clara Anderson and Sally Sondesky.

On July 11th a group of 8 people from the Bensalem AME Church toured the grounds and learned the history of the Growden Mansion. Very soon the mansion will have a new tenant and we hope he will be happy there.

On July 20th Vicki MacDougall and Sally Sondesky shared memories with the children at the Teddy Bear Academy. These youngsters asked many questions , enjoyed seeing an old camera and telephone, along with other items used back in the 1940-50's. This is the second year we have been asked to share some Bensalem history with them.

To spruce up our building several members gathered to clean out the thistle, cut back the shrubs, fix the sidewalk and clean up the grounds. Among the workers were Bob Johnson, Warren Goll, John Dignam, Charles and Marguerite Satterfield and Sally Sondesky. Great Job done.....

NOTICE OF DATE CHANGE

The date on the Vendor/Craft flyer you received in the last newsletter has been changed to Sept. 19th with the raindate of the 20th. The time is correct.

September Flea Market

Vendors are needed and also items for the Society tables. Remember if you wouldn't buy it we can't sell it. Bring items to be sold either on Wednesday, the 9th or to the meeting on the 3rd. Our space is limited so closer to the event is a better drop off time.

Volunteers Needed

The Fall Festival is scheduled for Oct. 3rd and volunteers will be needed for the office and our table. If you can spare a few hours that day, please contact the office or sign up at the Oct. 1st meeting.

TOUR

The Oct. 10th tour of Bensalem will stop at the following places, Holy Ghost Prep School, the area around the Cornwells Fire Co. and the building itself; lunch then on to the Bensalem AME Church for it's history; and the final stop will be at the Buddish Temple near the office. At the Temple the two customs we will be asked to recognize are that you will be asked to remove your shoes, so please be prepared for this and the Monks do not

shake hands. Cost of the day is $50 (including lunch and gratuities) so call Carol 215-245-4856 to reserve a seat.

CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER

Sept. 3rd	**Ice Cream Social**	**7:00 pm**
Sept. 12th	**Flea Market** **Raindate 13th**	**8am-1pm**
Sept. 17th	**Board Meeting**	**7:00 pm**
Sept. 19th	**Vendor/Craft Faire** **Raindate 20th**	**8am-1pm**
Oct. 1st	**"The Legend of Sleepy Hallow"** **By Mike Jesberger**	**7:00 pm**
Oct. 3rd	**Bensalem Fall Festival**	**all day**
Oct. 10th	**Bensalem Tour**	**9am-5pm**
Oct. 15th	**Board Meeting**	**7:00 pm**

QUOTE FOR THE DAY..

Don't be afraid to give your best to what seemingly are small jobs. Every time you conquer one it makes you that much stronger. If you do the little jobs well, the big ones tend to take care of themselves.

Dale Carnegie

The Board