



HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF BENSALEM TWP.

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MAY AND JUNE NEWSLETTER 2015

Our "William Penn, Themed Luncheon" organized by our famous hostess, Barbara Johnson, was enjoyed by a packed house. We enjoyed the delicious food and beautiful harp music provided by Jacklyn Ricaford during the luncheon. The auction of a print of Pennsbury Manor by Joanna Kraznansky was purchased by John McGrath. We also were treated to a concert by Dimitri, Lenore, and Justin to top off the event. THANKS BARBARA for another special event.

Lisa Waltz was our speaker at the April meeting. She spoke about the women of the Civil War era and their clothing style. Lisa will be at Neshaminy either as civilian or a nurse. She told the story of "Michigan Annie" (real name Anne Etheridge) a nurse who was wounded several times in her efforts to help the wounded. She received the Kearny Cross, a Union combat decoration awarded to soldiers for "overwhelming bravery". Thanks to Lisa for sharing this with us.

NEW MEMBER

Juanita T. Whitted

IN MEMORY OF

We extend our deepest sympathy to Carol McCloskey and family in the loss of her Mother, Alice Lane, on March 12th at 100+

We also extend deepest sympathy to Jill Freeman in the loss of her Mother, Violet, on April 5th .

CORRECTION

Silvi Dalessandro who died was a member of the Penndel Fire Company not the Trevoise Company. Sorry for the mistake.

ADDITIONS TO OUR COLLECTIONS

Linda Dedrick (in memory of her father Joseph) donated early Bensalem High School Bensalemites, Basketball letter, and a 1939 Beanie.

Robert Homolka donated a book "St. Katharine, The Life of Katharine Drexel" by Cordelia Frances Biddle.

Peg Thullen donated newspaper articles, books, Life Magazines, and Photos for our files.

Jim Rigney donated items about Neil Weintraub, killed in Vietnam, and The bridge named in his honor.

Lillian Juliff donated a Bensalem '41 class reunion booklet.

Ed and Linda Smith donated a Pennsbury Manor Cookbook 1996 and Photographs of Pennsbury Manor.

Russ Lake donated a set of Bensalem Police Cards -1999 and a book "Franklin Bi-Centennial Celebration Philadelphia 1906"

Hank Arment donated a 3x5 Pennsylvania flag.

Pa. Historical & Museum Commission donated 8 more items from the Logan estate.

Valdis Kaufeld donated 9 photographs of the farm property which is now the Neshaminy Mall. Once rented by the Ed Bloomfield family.

Charlotte Mangino donated a brass letter opener from Robert Hoff Plumbing & Heating in Cornwells Hgts.

Daniel Roffe donated a copy of his book "J.F.K. Motorcade Book"

Thanks to everyone who went to our Friendly's Night. We will have the amount raised in the next newsletter.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Flea Market is scheduled for May 9th and help is needed at the Historical Society table during the day.

During the Summer Concerts at the Amphitheater we have been asked to sell the 50/50 tickets each Wed beginning at 6:30 until the winning ticket is pulled. If you volunteer, you are free to enjoy the rest of the concert. Please contact Sally to pick the event you are interested in. They begin on June 6th.

THANKS to everyone who helped in anyway with the Civil War Encampment on April 25th and 26th. Final accounting in the next newsletter.

ANNUAL PICNIC

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR JUNE 4th AT 6:00 PM

A meat tray and beverages will be supplied and we hope everyone will bring a salad or dessert to share. This is the last meeting until our ice cream social in Sept.

NOTICE OF SUMMER HOURS

During the months of June, July, and August the office will NOT be open on Saturdays. The Office will continue to be open on Wednesday's from 9 am to 12pm. If you would like to visit the office, call either the office 215-639-6575 or Sally 215-946-1744 to make the arrangements.

THANKS to Dave Oettinger for repairing the gate posts at the Johnson - Williamson Cemetery.

CALENDAR FOR MAY AND JUNE

May 7th **“The Hunley”** **7:00pm**
 Mike Jesberger

May 9th **Flea Market** **8 - 1 pm**
 Raindate the 16th
 Call Carolyn 215-752-3673

May 21st **Board Meeting** **7:00 pm**

May 26th **Civil War Meeting** **7:00 pm**

The Office will not be open on Saturday’s
In June

June 4th **Annual Picnic** **6:00 pm**
 NOTICE THE TIME

June 18th **Board Meeting** **7:00pm**

FUTURE EVENT

On October 10th we will host a tour of some special places of interest in the Township. The entire itinerary will be shown in the July/August Newsletter.

Happiness keeps you Sweet
Trials keep you Strong
Sorrows keep you Human
Failures keep you Humble
Success keeps you Glowing
But only Friends
Keep you Going

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "The Board".