

HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF BENSALEM TWP
3211 Knights Road
P.O. BOX 1101 BENSALEM PA 19020
PHONE 215-639-6575

WEBSITE www.bensalemhistoricalsociety.com

NEWSLETTER FOR JAN. AND FEB. 2021

We, the Board, hope that everyone has been well and staying safe. This newsletter will bring you up to date with the happenings at the Society. We have been open by appointment and also on Wed. and Sat. from 10-12. The rest of this letter will tell you about our visitors and what is happening.

The Flea Market was cancelled and no future date has been set at this time.

IN MEMORY OF

On August 27th, Bensalem lost one of the few "Rosie the Riveters" with the death of member Angie Romello. Angie had worked in Bristol at the Fleetwing Plant assembling wings for the Martin B-57 bomber. We will miss Angie and her beautiful smile. Our sympathy to the Romello family.



NEW MEMBERS

Jim Davis and Family

Amy Loher and Adam Konyves

NEW ADDITIONS

Pat Williamson donated pewter items, Iris glassware, 3 caned chairs, large pitcher and a large bowl.

Joe Gavaghan donated a 15 match book cover collection

The Sabatino family donated a handmade crocheted tablecloth

Herbert Clair donated a 1972 Bensalem High School Yearbook

Joe Gavaghan donated pictures from the 1992 trolley tour

Diane Brown donated a Pennsylvania Flag and John Kennedy commemorative spoon

Gordan Larson donated several items about the Bensalem High School from 1955, 1972, and 1985 and a large amount of old tools.

ED Hunkapiller donated pictures of the construction of Ashland Manor in Andalusia & a Memorial Day Parade

SPECIAL THANKS

We would like to give special thanks to Al Champion and John Catrombon for helping Jim Davis with a problem with the iron gate at the Williamson Johnson Cemetery. Jim has been working hard to clean and repair all the tombstones in the cemetery and if you go see them you will know that he is a magician...they are beautiful and now you can read them. Special Thanks Jim !!!!

Also have to thank Jim for his work making the sign that now sits by the two mile markers in front of our building. Be sure to stop and read it. Thanks again Jim for all your work.

Please notice the our large sign at the driveway and the one in front of the office. Jim Davis has repainted and repaired them. And again thanks Jim, all your work.

NEWS FROM THE PAST MONTHS

Neshaminy State Park has interested Mike Cahill who has been making a video about the Logan family. He has a wild imagination so if you check it out remember to ask what part is true???? Where to find it Youtube.com search for cathail.

We received a request from a filming company that is making a documentary about Benjamin Franklin to use Growden Mansion since Franklin and Galloway had meetings there. This film is the latest documentary being made by Ken Burns. We were set for the filming when a medical emergency happened and we are now waiting for another date. Will let you know what happens in the future.

NEW ITEMS ABOUT "OLD" HISTORY

Over the past months we have been helping a man from Croydon who is researching a German club that met on the Croydon side of the Neshaminy creek. This Deutschhorst County Club existed there back in the 1930's as an athletic club and they did fly the German Flag but under the American Flag. Does anyone have any information about this club in order to help us learn more about it?

Here is notice from back in 1935 that appeared in the Bristol Courier Times : " Cornwells Heights—Students of Bensalem Township High School are to witness a unique demonstration on Tuesday afternoon next. An autogiro, following a short air demonstration, will make a landing on the athletic field at the high school at 1:30. The pilot, William S. McCormick, Lansdowne, accompanied Admiral Richard Byrd on his second Antarctic expedition, serving as autogiro pilot for the party. He will make the trip here in the same plane he used for the jaunts at the tip of the world. Pilot McCormick will then give an illustrated lecture in the school auditorium and will tell the students of many thrilling experiences which occurred during his trip." Wouldn't it wonderful to know the stories he told?

Does anyone know who purchased the original date stone from the Andalusia School #3 that was on the Facebook Marketplace in September?

DUES ARE DUE FOR 2021

2020 has been a very different year for all of us and we hope that 2021 will be better in all ways. Unfortunately, even though we didn't have any meetings, flea markets or 50/50 drawings to raise money, our bills continued coming in but lower than normal. We hope you will continue to support the Society by mailing in your dues for 2021 in the usual amounts - Single \$15 Family \$20 Business or organization \$75. We will continue to send out the newsletter to inform everyone of the news or questions that we receive at the office and any info about when we will be able to hold meetings again.

If you have read every book in your house and need more, just call Sally (215-946-1744) so you can come to the office to check the many boxes of all type of books that were sent in for the flea market.

SOCIETY'S WANTED LIST

Looking for anyone who use to work in the Airport Grille at Buehl Field in the 1950's to be interviewed.

Looking for descendants of Rachel R. C. Ridge(Ridge Comly)Wildman about the property that she owned in Bensalem.

Photos of exterior, interior, and rear of the Red Lion Inn to be copied for our files. You will keep the original photo.

Photos of the following to be copied: Kate's Bar, Eddington Post Office on Bristol Pike 1970's, Cliff's Hot Dog Stand, Vogel's Hot Dog Stand, Blue Hill Diner, Beehive Restaurant, and Jan's Donuts on Street Road.

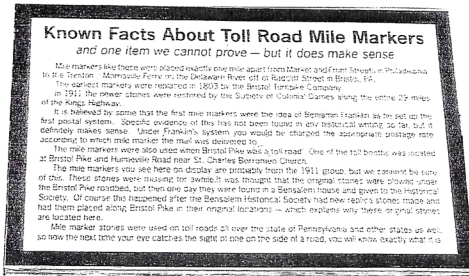
If you found any photos while cleaning closets etc. that you don't know what they are, maybe it is from our above list. Don't just throw them out, let us see them or help you identify them.

May you all have a nice Holiday Season and please remember to STAY SAFE and well.

Hope to see you in 2021

The Board

The pictures below show you the two mile markers and the new sign telling about them at our building



THREE THOUGHTS TO HELP YOU GET THROUGH 2020 AND 2021.....

NOTHING IS FOREVER IN THIS WORLD, NOT EVEN OUR PROBLEMS....

THE MOST LOST DAY IN LIFE IS THE DAY WE DON'T LAUGH.....

LIFE IS JUST A JOURNEY ! THEREFORE, LIVE TODAY !