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NEWSLETTER FOR MAR. AND APR. 2021

Please check the stamp on your envelope....It says "THANK YOU" and the Board would like to thank everyone for being very generous when sending in their 2021 dues. We have also received several donations to maintain our collections.

In January, Ginny Neumann our Corresponding Secretary, resigned due to some health concerns. We wish her a speedy recovery and better health in 2021. Anyone interested in filling this position on the Board?

Thanks to the Bader Foundation for sending us a \$2000 donation.

We have been trying to open the office on Wed. 10-12 and on Sat. 10-12 to help people researching or donating items as long as the weather permits driving.

NEW MEMBERS

John Catrombon and Family

Brother Joseph Grabenstein

NEW ADDITIONS

We received more of the Logan furniture from the Penna. Historical Museum which included a drop leaf table; large Blue Willowware platter, pewter items, rocking chair, and a large painting.

Lois Juliff Finley donated a 1946 yearbook, 1908 photo of the Red Lion Inn, Railroad lantern, Cornet, leather canteen, wedding album and various small items.

Harry Garforth donated blueprints from the Bristol Train Station of the Penna. Railroad.

Ruth Nowicki donated a wedding dress, petticoat, and a dress brought in by Dottie Hardy who also donated a picture of the Bee Hive Restaurant.

Robert L. Dusablon donated a box of books, magazines and play-movie programs.

John Tyciak donated 2 bricks from the Armstrong School.

BUILDING CHANGES

Please take notice of the new shingles at the top of our building. The color is Quarry Gray. The roof will be redone as soon as the weather allows. The bulk of this expense is being made possible by the donation we received from the will of Josie Caravan. Thanks Josie and we all miss you.

A member noticed in January that the Growden Sign at the corner of Neshaminy Blvd and Pasqualone Blvd. had fallen down. The posts holding it have rotted and they will be replaced when possible.

DUES ARE DUE FOR 2021

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 information about when we will be able to hold meetings and events again.

CAN YOU HELP SOLVE A MYSTERY???

This metal object was found in a donation of tools by a local Bensalemite. It is solid metal, neither of the ends have sharp points, and there is a slot in the middle that might have held a handle (like a hammer). If you have any ideas, please call the office. We are trying to do a display of old tools and wonder just what this was used for?



STILL AVAILABLE

If you have read every book in your house and need more, just call Sally (215-946-1744) or stop at the office on Wed. or Sat. 10-12 so you can check the many boxes of all types of books that were sent in for the flea market.

SOCIETY'S WANTED LIST

We did receive two items from our last Wanted List but we continue looking for old photos etc. showing some of the lost places in the Township.

If you found any photos while cleaning closets etc. that you don't know what they are, maybe it is from our wanted list. Don't just throw them out, let us see them or help you identify them. From the Andalusia posts on Facebook we learned that there is a just published story about "Tony and Pete's Hoagie Hut". Has anyone seen it?

One of the wanted pictures was of Cliff's Stand on Route #1 and Thanks to Larry at Historic Langhorne we now have a picture of it.

Additional New Member

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A Quick history lesson..

A very self-important college freshman attending a recent football game took it upon himself to explain to a senior citizen sitting next to him why it was impossible for the older generation to understand his generation. 'You grew up in a different world, actually an almost primitive one,' the student said, loud enough for many of those nearby to hear; 'The young people of today are much more advanced than people your age. We grew up with television, jet planes, space travel, man walking on the moon and the internet. We have cell phones, nuclear energy, electric and hydrogen cars, computers, automated manufacturing, amazing technologies, ...and,' pausing to take another drink of beer. The senior took advantage of the break in the student's litany and said, 'You're right, son. We didn't have those things when we were young.. so we invented them.'

We hope that all of you are well and staying safe during these trying times.

Also hoping that we will soon be able to hold meetings and events at our building.

The Board