



HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF BENSALEM TWP

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MAY AND JUNE NEWSLETTER 2017

During March we learned about the death of our fellow member Frank Reighter on Feb. 2nd. He will be missed and remembered for his love of the 3 Stooges.

In March we lost 2 other members, Jean Ann Dunn Salsburg on the 11th and Josie Caravan on the 19th.

Jean Ann was a Bensalem graduate (1951), sister to William and Lorraine Dunn. We extend our sincere sympathy to the family.

Josie was the wife of Joe, who died several years ago, and they were early members of the Society. We also extend our sympathy to the family.

At our March meeting we learned about the Civil War Nurses from our guest speaker, Jane Peters Estes. She gave us tips about the natural medicines used which we might find useful today. Nurses back in the 1860's had to be 35 years old, strong, healthy, sober and not too pretty. They dressed in plain clothing, no ornaments of any kind. They did receive food and lodging along with 40 cents a day. Really an interesting program.

Our speaker for April had to cancel, so Kathy showed the Logan slides to let people know about the area where the Civil War Encampment will be held on April 29-30th.

NEW MEMBERS

Madeline (Lynn) Levy

Francis Frederic

ADDITIONS TO OUR COLLECTIONS

Ellen Connell donated 2 cast iron corn bread baking molds.

Clara Anderson donated various Bensalemites, reunion memorabilia, commencement programs, and several maps all in memory of her brother George Funke

William Dunn donated 2 Bensalemites and yearbooks from 1949, and (2) 1951.

SALE ITEMS

Tee Shirts and License Plate Holders celebrating Bensalem's Birthday and History are on sale. For a tee shirt contact Barbara Johnson (215-757-7249) for more details. Order now for our group picture at the picnic in June.

For a license plate holder call the office (215-639-6575) for more information.

EMAIL ADDRESSES

If you would like to receive the Newsletter via email, please call the office with your address (215-639-6575).

UP COMING EVENTS

Our May 13th Flea Market will be held from 8-1. Volunteers are needed to man the tables and to help with selling the refreshments. If you can spare some time on the 13th, please contact Carolyn Per or a Board member. If you have a donation for our tables, please bring it either on a Wed. (9-12) or Sat (10-12). Your help is needed to make the day a success.

For the Memorial Day Parade on May 29th we have hired a trolley and will be putting banners celebrating the 325th Anniversary of the Township on both sides. Call Carol McCloskey 214-245-4856 if you would like to ride in the trolley. Meet at the Office at 8:45 as we leave at 9am and need to put the banners on. Openings for 14 more people, so join the fun.

On June 1st we will hold our Annual Picnic at our building. We will supply the entrée, rolls, and beverages. We hope that the members will bring their favorite salad, dessert or snack item. Remember that we begin at 6pm.....Don't forget to wear your special tee shirt.

June 3rd trip to visit the new Museum of the American Revolution in Philadelphia. Cost \$35 per person. Call Carol McCloskey at 215-245-4856. Meet at the office at 8:15 as we must leave at 8:30. Tour is scheduled for 9:50 and we must be there by then. Need 13 people so it is open to everyone, member or non- member.

We will again be selling the 50/50 tickets on Wednesday nights for the summer concerts. If you are willing to help, please call Sally 215-946-1744.

DUES ARE DUE FOR 2017

SINGLE MEMBERSHIP \$15 FAMILY MEMBERSHIP \$20

Payable at a meeting or mail to P.O. Box 1101 Bensalem,PA 19020

CALENDAR FOR MAY AND JUNE

May 4th	“Colonial Herbs in the Time of William Penn” by Mercy Ingraham	7 pm
May 13th	“Spring Flea Market”	8am -1pm
May 18th	Board Meeting	7:00 pm
May 20th	Flea Market Raindate	
May 29th	Ride the Trolley in the parade	8:45 am
Jun. 1st	Annual Picnic	6:00 pm
Jun. 3rd	Trip to the American Rev. Museum in Phila.	8:15 am
Jun. 15th	Board Meeting	7:00 pm

SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL THE WONDERFUL BAKERS THAT ALLOW US TO ENJOY ALL THEIR DESSERTS AT THE MEETINGS.

THOUGHT TO REMEMBER: Nothing is more rewarding than to watch someone who says it can't be done get interrupted by someone actually doing it.

*Enjoy the Summer
The Board*