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2011



**HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF BENSALEM TWP.**

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**JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2011 NEWSLETTER**

**At our Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> meeting we enjoyed learning about the Bristol Bath Springs and the beautiful hotel there. The presenter was Clarence King. The Silver Lake area looks very different today.**

**On Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> we had a nice visit from Abigail Adams (portrayed by Kim Hanley) who told us all about the happenings she saw and experienced in her lifetime. A very informative and delightful program.**

**NEW MEMBERS**

**Margaret Hellman**

**Joe Hart**

**ADDITIONS TO THE LIBRARY**

**Each month check out the new additions to our library placed on a side table in the meeting room.**

**Newportville Historical Society donated a speaker from the Andalusia Drive In and a copy of their new book "Newportville On The Neshaminy"**

**Dee Bader donated a World War II Ration Book**

**Lou Iatarola gave us two pictures showing the old City Line Bar and the Torresdale Terminal of the Route 66 Trolley**

**Vicki MacDougall donated two cameras to our collection**

**Shirley Lehr donated a Commemorative Mug from the Church of the Redeemer 150<sup>th</sup> celebration 1860-2010**

**Hank Arment donated a Cliff's Hot Dogs matchbook, photos of the Trevoze School and the Train station**

**Andrew Herman donated 16 photos of various locations in Bensalem taken in 1982-3**

**Sally Sondesky donated a large picture of the VanSant Farm on Bristol Rd.**

**Don and Gloria Guy donated a copy of the Bensalem Methodist Church 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration 1810-2010**

**Dan MacDougall thru his daughter Vicki donated several Evening Bulletin newspapers and one Los Angeles Examiner concerning World War II dated 1945**

**Stephanie Keefe donated an 1893 picture of the Kline Family who lived at 1919 Bristol Pike.**

**Robert Homolka donated the playbill from "Annie Get Your Gun" presented by the Bensalem Twp. Recreation Board about 1976**

**From the Bensalem School District via Carolyn Per we received a large aerial picture showing the Armstrong School and vicinity.**

**Copy of the report concerning the Whelan Homestead from David Fackler the present owner.**

**Many people have donated things to us and we in turn have donated items that do not pertain to Bensalem to our neighboring historical societies.**

**A large picture showing the Elks organization in a parade to the Morrisville Elks Club.**

**A picture from Woodrow Wilson Jr. High in Phila. dated 1933 to their present school archives.**

**Newspaper clippings and book about the Fidelity Bank were donated to Bristol.**

**Donated an 1914 George School yearbook to their archives**

## **DUES**

**For the first time in many years we have increased our membership dues to the following amounts-**

**Single \$15                  Family \$20                  Business \$75**

**These changes were voted upon at the November meeting. When you pay your dues, please complete the sheet that is attached to this newsletter so our files can be updated. Please send this form back to the Society (P.O. Box 1101, Bensalem PA 19020)**

Continue to save Shoprite and Redner receipts. The only Shoprite receipts that we can use are from the store at Bristol Road and the one in Fairless Hills. Both are owned by the Brown family.

### **BENSALEM BOOK III "THE JOURNEY CONTINUES"**

The Library of Congress receives between 11,000 and 14,000 volumes a day but only accepts 4% of them with the remaining given to local libraries. We are very pleased that our book has been accepted by the Library of Congress.

### **EVENTS GIVEN BY THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

On Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> the Girl Scouts from Troop #21453 and several parents learned about Bensalem and especially Growden Mansion when they visited our facility. Carol McCloskey and Sally Sondesky hosted this event.

On November 16<sup>th</sup> Sally Sondesky and Vicki MacDougall were invited to the School Lane Charter School to give a presentation to the second grade classes. They wanted to know about the history of Bensalem and their school. The children were enthusiastic and asked very interesting questions. We received delightful thank you notes from the students.

### **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

In case of inclement weather on our meeting night, you can call the office to check if we will hold the meeting.

### **EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT**

Ethan Svarczkopf worked during December to earn his Eagle Scout ranking. He set up a work schedule, gathered the needed materials, and had some friends help him doing work on the Johnson - Williamson Cemetery in the Glen Ashton section of Bensalem. More about this project in the next newsletter.

## Photograph List

### List of Photographs needed by the Historical Society of Bensalem Township

- 1.) Old photographs of Warner's Candies
- 2.) Old photographs of Eddington Firehouse (especially during construction)
- 3.) Old Photographs of Kate's Bar located at Street Road and Rt. 13 before I-95 was built
- 4.) Old Photographs of Bensalem post office that burned down when it was located on Rt. 13 in the 1970's (Where East Coat Cycle is now located.)
- 5.) Old photographs of Buehl Field, Airport Grille, and Buehl's House or Buehl Himself
- 6.) Old Photographs of Bensalem related Train Stations and/or Trolleys
- 7.) Old Photographs of Sarobia (especially front gate with cats on post)
- 8.) Old Photographs of Butch's Auction
- 9.) Old Photographs of Bradley's Bar in Eddington (Street Road & Hulmeville Road)
- 10.) Old Photographs of Cliff's Hot Dog Stand in Trevoise on Route 1
- 11.) Old Photographs of Vogel's Hot Dog Stand at Route 1 and Old Lincoln Highway
- 12.) Old Photographs of the Blue Hill Diner on Route 13 across from Holy Ghost Prep
- 13.) Old Photographs of the Beehive Restaurant on Route 13 - "Bring your Honey!"
- 14.) Old photographs of Red Lion Inn during the 1950's or 1960's era
- 15.) Old photographs of the Penguin Flyer (formerly located at Bristol Pike & Mill Road)
- 16.) Old photographs of Jan's Donuts (2214 Street Road across from Armstrong) was located there in the late 1950's and early 1960's
- 17.) Old Photographs of Gendek's Ice Cream Store/Shop
- 18.) Old photographs of the Andalusia Drive Inn

### **CALENDAR FOR JAN. & FEB.**

<b>JAN. 6<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>"World War II-A Conflict to Acquire Land"</b>	<b>7:00</b>
	<b>By Ken Gavin</b>	
<b>Jan.20th</b>	<b>Board Meeting</b>	<b>7:00</b>
<b>Feb. 3rd</b>	<b>Two short DVD's -"The Bensalem Tour on 9/11 And "Mansions on The Delaware"</b>	<b>7:00</b>
<b>Feb.8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Civil War Meeting</b>	<b>7:00</b>
<b>Feb. 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Board Meeting</b>	<b>7:00</b>

**NOTE: Check out a Five Dollar bill to see if all 50 states are listed across the top of the Lincoln Memorial on the back of the bill. That is, if you have five dollars after the holidays!!!!!!**

*The Board*

**Name**.....

**Street Address**.....

**City & State**.....

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**Prefer to print the newsletter from the website and not have it mailed ....Yes .....No**

**QUESTIONS:**

**Are you interested in a Bensalem Tour for a nominal price? ....Yes .....No**

**Have a program to share with the members or have suggestions for programs....Yes  
.....No**

**I will bring refreshments to a meeting**

**Needed are photos or items to be donated or scanned for our files.**