



HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF BENSALEM TWP.

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SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER 2010

Hope everyone has survived all the hot weather and is ready for some cooler times.

On May 8th Twenty one people enjoyed the “Taste of Philly” tour. It was a fun time with plenty of food and we learned about soft pretzels, steak sandwiches and the other Philly traditions we enjoyed that day.

May 15th was our first Scanathon. We did get a few pictures but would like to try it again with more publicity.

May 19th was our evening at Friendly’s and our profit was \$360.45. We are doing this again on Sept. 15th and hope more people will decide to have dinner or dessert out that evening. We will receive a percentage of all the profit that evening between 5 and 8, so join us for dinner and some ice cream.

June 5th several of the members met at the “Holly House” for a chance to see this old home. The new owners, the Lawsons, are working to renovate and restore it and treated us to a wonderful tour.

Our June picnic was a success even though it was held in the meeting room. As usual there was plenty of good food and even some guests from another Historical Society in the area.

REMEMBER TO GET YOUR REDNER’S CARD SO WE CAN TURN IN THE RECEIPTS JUST LIKE WE DO FOR SHOPRITE.

NEW MEMBERS

Laureen Grace

William Severns

Change of Address for Katherine Pitluck

Pat Robinson (daughter of Evelyn Crawford)

Sadly, we have lost another member with the passing of Evelyn Crawford. We will always remember her wonderful smile and all her help with the Easter Egg Cakes.

Thanks to Volunteers

Over the summer months we have had a group of men dedicated to improving our grounds. Many THANKS to Bob Johnson, John Dignam, Rob Homolka and Hank Arment for all the hours they spent weeding, clipping, digging and watering.

At last the TEACHERS List has been completed and given to the Alumni Association. It contains all the High School teacher's names and subject taught from 1925 thru 2010. THANKS to everyone who helped in this project and if you can't remember a teacher's name just check the printout.

LIBRARY AND MUSEUM ADDITIONS

Heather Ashby – copy of her college report on Growden Mansion

Rob Homolka - donated an 1805 Bensalem Deed listing John Rodman and

John Paxton

Estate of John Tafel thru his daughter Beth –Bensalem High School Yearbooks
1953; 1957; 1961-64; 1966;1968-69; 1980 and other Bensalem Owl
souvenirs. Also a copy of the High School Course Selection Guide.

250th Anniversary- the Phila. Contributionship for the Insurance of Houses from
the loss of fire 1752-2002. Book donated.

Cornwells – A Celebration of the Centennial of the Holy Ghost Fathers at
Cornwells Heights by David A. Breen 1998 Book donated

Collection of many items from the Eddington Barn which are being catalogued.

We have purchased a new banner for use at the Encampment and other functions
to make sure everyone knows who we are.

We have donated Bensalem postcards for the new book published by the Bucks
Courier Times due out in late September. Check out this book in our library in
October.

KING LIBRARY FUND RAISER

On Sunday, Sept. 19th from 1-4:30 at the Maltese Room (behind the Cornwells
Fire Company) a luncheon and auction will be held to raise money for the
restoration of the King Library. This on- going project has just had a new slate
roof installed but many things still need to be completed. Tickets for this event
are \$25 per person. Tickets for the Chinese Auction will be sold there. Come out
and support this time of fun and food to help preserve a special piece of
Bensalem's history. Tickets will be available at the Sept. meeting.

TOUR OF BENSALEM

The Society is running a bus tour of Bensalem on Sept. 11th with visits to the
following places: Growden Mansion; Bensalem United Methodist Church;
Lunch at Pen Ryn; Andalusia; King Library; and Sisters of the Blessed

Sacramento. The tour leaves at 9 from our office returning about 5. Price per ticket is \$50 which includes lunch, bus, and gratuities. Limited seating so please contact the office (215-639-6575) for a reservation.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Sept. 2 nd	“Ice Cream Social”	7 pm
Sept. 11 th	“Tour of Bensalem”	9-5
Sept. 15 th	Friendly’s event	5-8
	Fund Raiser – come out for dinner and ice cream	
Sept. 16 th	Board Meeting	7pm
Sept. 19 th	King Library Fund Raiser	1-4:30
Sept. 25 th	Ancestry Faire at Visitor Center	9-7
Oct. 2 nd	Fall Festival (raindate 3 rd)	all day
Oct. 7 th	“The American Flag- A Work In Progress”	7pm
	By Michael Axelrod	
Oct. 21 st	Board Meeting	7pm

As we get ready for another year of volunteering for the Society here is something to think about.... Who’s Job Is It?

This is a story about 4 people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody. There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that, because it was Everybody’s job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn’t do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.

Let’s all pull together to have another great year for the Society.

The Board