



HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF BENSALEM TWP.

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MARCH AND APRIL 2011 NEWSLETTER

Let's hope Spring arrives early this year after all the ice and snow we have had arriving on a Tuesday or Wednesday.

In January our program on World War II explained how the war really started years before the US became involved. It was an interesting learning experience for those who lived through it. Thanks to Ken Gavin for sharing his knowledge.

Popcorn, candy dots and other goodies made our movie night fun. Special THANKS to Carolyn Per for the popcorn and to John Dignam who became the projectionist. The Bensalem tour CD made by the Oettingers and the Guys was beautiful and just like in the movie theater the second CD had a flaw so it couldn't be completely shown. A fun evening for all.

NEW MEMBERS

Suzanne V. Salfi

Josephine Maio

Carol Thompson

ADDITIONS TO THE LIBRARY

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

Robert Homolka donated newspaper articles concerning the cemetery on Galloway Rd. from 1993 and a copy of an 1805 indenture John Rodman to John Paxson.

Dave and Kathy Oettinger donated 3 Bensalemites 1934,36,37; a booklet that the class of 1938 had prepared for their reunion in 1993

Andrew Herman donated 4 photos of places in Bensalem; the Spring 1998 issue of Bucks Co Town & Country about Andalusia and Pen Ryn and 3 issues of Conervation News Magazine from 1984 & 85 about Growden Mansion

Dan MacDougall donated a Kodak Camera for the 1940's

Mary Ann Matuszewski donated an advertising brochure from the Golden Horse Inn.

Also added to our Library is a copy of "A Sketch of Dunck Williams" made for us by the Historical Society of PA.

SPECIAL THANKS

To Bob Johnson, Kathy Leighton, Rob Homolka, John Dignam and Heather Ashby for snow removal at the office.

To Bob Johnson and John Dignam for clean up at the Gibbs Cemetery and continuing to maintain this piece of history.

REMINDER ABOUT THE DUES

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

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

Having hundreds of photos has helped others and this is one reason we are trying to gather as many as possible since buildings and the township has greatly changed over the years. Recently we were asked for pictures of the early gates at the Pen Ryn entrance and we were able to supply them. Please check your personal albums for any pictures from earlier days that we can scan for our files.

ARMSTRONG SCHOOL

Recently some members of the Society were able to tour this school and we have sent a letter to the School District asking for several items to be donated to us for safe keeping. Many pictures were taken and are now in our files.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The Civil War Encampment that we sponsor is on April 30th and May 1st. Sign up sheets will be available at the March and April meetings. Help is needed both days from setting up to taking down. If you can spare a few hours, sign up with the times you are available. This is the biggest event each year for the Society and helping hands are needed to make it successful.

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

Ethan Svarczkopf completed his project to become an Eagle Scout and we thank him for all his work on the Johnson Williamson Cemetery.

REMINDER

Mothers and Fathers days are coming soon and remember that we have three Bensalem History books and copies of the Bucks Co. Courier Times Post Card book for sale at the office. For the ladies we also have special Bensalem Pottery

CALENDAR FOR MARCH & APRIL

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| MAR. 3 rd | "Korean War" By Joe Trucks | 7:00 |
| MAR. 17 th | Board Meeting | 7:00 |
| APR. 2 ND | Appraisal Day with Paula Fox | 11-2 |
| APR. 5 th | Civil War Committee Meeting | 7:00 |
| APR. 7 th | "General MacArthur's Cannon" By Walter Arch and Jim Bogan | 7:00 |
| APR. 21 st | Board Meeting | 7:00 |
| APR. 30 TH & MAY 1 ST | Civil War Encampment | all day |

over
The Board

*How old is it?
What's it worth?
What is it?*

Get answers at the
Historical Society of Bensalem Township's

APPRAISAL EVENT

featuring Bensalem resident *Paula Fox*,
accredited general appraiser and
gemology, silver and small items expert

11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Saturday, April 2

3211 Knights Road, Bensalem

\$6 per item / 3 items for \$15

limit 3 items per guest; no appointment needed

Benefits ongoing programs of the historical society