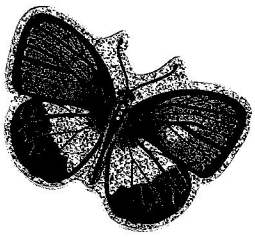

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MAY AND JUNE NEWSLETTER 2012

Our Sunday afternoon meeting in March was very well attended (42 members and many guests). The luncheon was delicious with probably enough left to feed many more. Ken Gavin was the guest speaker telling about life as a Revolutionary War soldier. His talk was excellent, holding everyone's interest as we learned what it would have been like back then.

Appraisal Day with Paula Fox was a success with a profit of $174. It is always a great learning experience to see and hear about the items that people bring. Thank you, Paula for helping the Society and the people who brought treasures for all to see.

Our April 5th program was changed to one about Emory Conrad Malick who was one of the first black pilots and a friend of Ernie Buehl. Member, Mary Groce, told how she came to know her Great Uncle Emory and the importance he played in aviation history. Visitors to this program were Rosanna Buehl (daughter of Ernie Buehl Jr.) and Mark Taylor from Montana, Mr. & Mrs. Walter Tolbert, and Roscoe Draper (Who taught flying to the Tuskeegee Airmen). It was a great lesson in aircraft history, World War II airmen and the history of Ernie Buehl who owned the Flying Dutchman Airfield. These men flew out of the airfield that was located at Street and Hulmeville Rds. If you want to read the book about Emory it is in our library.

What a beautiful capitol building we have. Our trip on April 4th began at the PA. State Museum, which houses over 40,000 artifacts. Before lunch in the capitol, Rep. Gene DiGirolamo gave us a tour of the House of Representatives chamber. Following lunch we had a group

picture taken on the main stairway, then a tour of the Senate Chamber and Rep. DiGirolamo's office before heading back to Bensalem. Many THANKS to Carol McCloskey for making the arrangements and being our leader.

NEW MEMBERS

Janet Herold Mebs Joseph Lechner Penny Hector

ADDITIONS TO THE LIBRARY

Donations from Mary Ann Michaels including class reunion program, pictures of school board, Cornwells Fire Co. article, postcard of Jim Bradley's and family pictures.

Donation from Rob Homolka – book "The Francis A. Drexel Family" by the Sisters of the Blessed Scarament

Donation from Hazel Lamon – books "Phila City Directories" for 1860 & 1870

Donations from Dot McLean of milk bottles and caps, Mason jars with lids , and Newbro's Hair product container.

Newspaper clippings showing many of the fires in Bensalem years ago

Pictures of the Revolutionary War Burial site in Langhorne

Anonymous donation of books- Phila. Then & Now, Genius Belt, Barns of Bucks Co. ,Bucks Co. Town & Country 2004

Anonymous donation of video "Discover Bucks Co", Life Mag. About Ronald Reagan, Smarty's Gift Calendar, Life mag. " FDR 60th Ann"

Four Bristol Postcards for our collection

Donation from Betty Cleveland of 48 state 3x5 U.S. Flag

NEW SALE ITEMS

Eight new styles of pottery have arrived with Bensalem 1692 on them. A great gift idea for that special occasion.

LIBERTAE TREE

The 255 year old tree at Libertae on Bensalem Blvd. has partly toppled over. The Society has a small piece of this part of history.

Left picture from 1983

Right picture from 2012

Carol McCloskey standing in both

This is an election year for the Society. If you are interested in running for one of the 5 offices, please call Carolyn Per 215-752-3673 Term of office is 2 years.

PRESIDENT
VICE PRESIDENT
RECORDING SECRETARY
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY
TREASURER

Voting will take place at the June picnic meeting.

CALENDAR FOR MAY AND JUNE

May 3rd	**"History of Fallsington " by Robin Prestage**	**7:00 pm**
May 12th	**Flea Market**	**8am to 1pm**
May 17th	**Board Meeting**	**7:00pm**
May 31st	**Special event at Texas Roadhouse (See flyer)**	**4pm –**
Jun. 7th	**Annual Picnic Bring a dish to share Also bring chairs and a folding table if possible**	**6:30pm**
Jun. 21st	**Board Meeting**	**7:00pm**

SUMMER HOURS AT THE OFFICE ——

Wednesday mornings from 9 to 12
Saturday mornings from 10 to 12
Or by appointment – call 215-639-6575

WHEN GETTING READY FOR A SUMMER PICNIC – REMEMBER THAT ONLY IN AMERICA DO WE BUY HOT DOGS IN PACKAGES OF 10 AND BUNS IN PACKAGES OF EIGHT.....

Happy Summer The Boards

May 31st 2012

Please support us

Please present this to your server when you order and Texas Roadhouse will donate a portion of tonight's proceeds to the Historical Society of Bensalem Township.

We are a nonprofit whose purpose is to educate and foster an interest and appreciation in the historical heritage of Bensalem by

- ❑ promoting the preservation, acquisition and restoration of township lands and buildings with historical significance
- ❑ encouraging research, study and publication of writings and
- ❑ gathering historical documents, artifacts and memorabilia

Our headquarters are at 3211 Knights Road. We have an extensive library that is available to the public for reading and research.

Thank you very much!