

# ***Coopersburg Historical Society Newsletter***

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## ***General Meeting is January 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:30***

**HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE!** We are looking forward to a productive and educational year in 2008. We wish you all the best in everything you do.

We apologize for the late delivery of this January Newsletter, but because of the New Years falling on the board meeting night of Tuesday the 1<sup>st</sup>, everything was delayed for one week.

**Our General Meeting will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday January 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm in our Borough Hall.**

We will ask our membership to vote on our recommended change in meetings, from monthly to quarterly. Please refer to the details "Meeting Changes and By-Laws Changes" shown below.

Our program will feature a discussion led by **Cliff Benner, VP**, to encourage and solicit your involvement in documenting your lives in Coopersburg. In this 21<sup>st</sup> Century, your life experience and times remembered are certainly worth noting. We want to capture your personal history and your view of our Town.

Did you know that in 1880, our newly chartered Borough Council wrote an early history of Coopersburg? It was created and then submitted to Northampton County Government seat. Cliff Benner obtained a copy of this document and he'll share a few excerpts with you at our general meeting.

The Book **Town of Possibilities** covered the years 1745 to 1979, but what has happened since to our Town and its residents? We need to ensure our children will know of our life and their heritage here.

Your **Family Biographies and Pictures** are important to preserving our history. Can you contribute by submitting a picture of your family and your house, with descriptions? If you have questions, give Cliff Benner a call at 282-1418.

**Meeting Changes and By-Laws Changes:** This is the third and final notice regarding our proposed change in the frequency of meetings. In our November newsletter we announced the change and our plan to discuss it at our general meeting. Upon your approval, we will be making the By-Law changes.

**The proposed general meeting schedule would be February, May, August and November.** In addition, we would still have **September's Community Day and December's Christmas Caroling.**

The board further recommends that we have the **museum open to visitors at least once per month**, preferably on a Saturday or Sunday. At that time, we'll conduct workshops while the museum is open to the public. Our interested members can help improve the availability and quality of all the mementos and artifacts on display or hidden away in filing cabinets. There are many good projects to work on.

The Board Meetings would necessarily continue on a monthly schedule, August through May.

**Our Annual Christmas Caroling** took off in spite of the rainy, windy weather. However, it did dampen the number of participants. This year there were about 75 people back in Borough Hall after the caroling.

We thank everyone who assisted, especially the Calvary Brass Ensemble, LaRue Wuesthoff on Piano and Allison Gillespie's Fiddler's Creek Violinists. Also, thanks to our valuable members who supplied and prepared the hot chocolate and the donated treats. We thank Larry Eisenhart for making the Santa Claus arrangements again this year. But, because of the weather, that anticipated Trolley did not participate

**Archivist:** We're asking someone in our membership who believes in preserving our history to help manage our inventory at the museum. If you can help fill the Archivist position, please contact Joe Volk at 282-1208 or Colby Kent at 282-3138 and we can describe the duties.

**Recent additions to the museum** include a Stock Certificate of the Coopersburg Telephone Company, a Die Cut 1906 Calendar from JD Knerr Store, an Ink Blotter dated 1948 from the Spring View Dairy, and a 1906 Ad for Coopersburg Jersey Cow and Bull Sale at Linden Grove. All purchased on eBay.

**Christmas Ornaments** celebrate the old Barron House for 2007. There are still some remaining, so be sure to get your own collector's Christmas ball soon.

**Annual Membership payments are due** on June 1<sup>st</sup>, the beginning of our Fiscal Year. We thank you for your support and if you are unsure about membership status, please contact Colby Kent at 282-3138.

**Membership dues-** Annual membership is \$10 for family and \$7 for single. Lifetime Membership for individuals is still only \$100 each. We now have 69 Lifetime Members listed on the Plaque.

**CHS Board Information** Board Meetings are held the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month at Borough Hall and open to all. General Meetings will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, beginning in October unless otherwise noted.

President: Ted Zapach	1 <sup>st</sup> VP: Cliff Benner	2 <sup>nd</sup> VP: Joe Volk	Secretary: Sharon Porter
Corresp. Sect'y: Sharon Porter/Peg Volk	Archivist: Position Open		Historian: Joan Stauffer
Treasurer: Colby Kent	Ass't Treasurer: Pam Page		Programs: Peg Volk
Trustees: Joyce Eisenhart, Peg Volk and Sue Gibbs			Newsletter: Colby & Marie.Kent

For news or corrections, please call Colby Kent at 282-3138 or any board member, or write to P O Box 51.

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