

Coopersburg Historical Society Newsletter

February 2008

*Happy Valentines Day, Presidents Day
General Meeting is February 19th at 7:30*

Our General Meeting will be held on the 3rd Tuesday February 19th at 7:30 pm in our Borough Hall.

Our program will feature a second discussion by **Cliff Benner, VP**, to encourage and solicit your involvement in documenting your lives in Coopersburg. In this 21st 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 your parents and grandparents write it down? We need to ensure our children will know of our life and their heritage here.

Here is an excerpt from some old history, imagine this was written by your great-grandparent:

If the pioneer brought his goods in a wagon, that was his home until a suitable tract was selected, upon which, usually was a spring or through which a creek flowed. Everything was of the crudest sort, until by aiding each other they erected log cabins, often only one room, with an earthen floor. The next step was to clear land for agriculture. Each year a little more was cleared, and every foot was utilized in planting.

Now surely you can contribute even if it's just submitting a picture of your family and your house, with descriptions.

Member News: We welcome New Members! **Ken and Melissa Stappen** of Coopersburg joined the Society in January. We all look forward to meeting them at our general meeting.

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

Museum Open House: As you know, it is important to have our museum open to visitors as much as possible. We are starting a regular schedule on the **First Sunday of every month.** So on March 2nd we will have an open house and a workshop for anyone interested in helping to improve our displays or working on their family's genealogy. We are counting on our members to help improve the availability and quality of all the mementos and artifacts on display. Let's get those items out of hiding in filing cabinets. We believe there are many good projects to work on and many good people to help.

Museum Schedule is Sunday from 1 to 4 on March 2, April 6th, May 4th, June 1st, July 6th, August 3rd, and all of the following first Sundays. This is renewed focus for us. You can come to just visit if you want, but bring your neighbors too. We'd like to show you everything we have collected.

Our May Meeting will include the **Annual Dinner and Election of Officers.** We'll discuss this at our general meeting on Feb. 18th. We'll have suggestions for the location and invite you to sign up at the meeting. More importantly, if you are interested in being on the board to help our planning, please let us know at the meeting or call Colby Kent at 610-282-3138.

Archivist: Ted Rogens has been nominated to fill the position of archivist. Ted has already written some of his genealogy and donated it to the museum. Ted joined our historical society this past Community Day. We thank Ted for his interest and his assistance.

Recent additions to the museum include a 1910 Dresden China Calendar plate trimmed in gold and displaying Mount Vernon in the center. It is imprinted with the "Trumbauer General Store" on East Station Avenue. Today that brick building, located just east of the RR tracks, contains apartments. The old store is noted on page 68 in the book "Town Of Possibilities". The plate was purchased on eBay.

Christmas Ornament: Its time to consider if we want to have an ornament for 2008. If we do, lets determine the best choice to imprint on it. We still have quite a few of the old Barron House for 2007.

Lehigh County Historical Society invites us to Exhibits and Events. Currently an exhibit through June 1st is *WW II- Together in Victory*. On February 23rd, from 10am to 3pm, a *Genealogy Workshop*. Help to investigate your family roots. On March 13th, from 6:30 to 9pm, *Treasures in the Attic*. Learn to care for your family heirlooms. On March 15th at 1pm, *PA German Fraktur*. Learn about the art form. On April 12th, from 10am to 4pm, *History Expo*. Explore the importance of history. Information will be available at our General Meeting or you can call the museum at 610-435-1074.

Annual Membership payments are due on June 1st, 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 1st Tuesday of the month at Borough Hall and open to all. General Meetings will be the 3rd Tuesday, beginning in October unless otherwise noted.

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