



HISTORIC WRIGHTSVILLE, INC. NEWSLETTER



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From Our President . . .

Historic Wrightsville wishes all of you a Happy and Prosperous New Year!

If I might, I would like to reminisce a little. I think we had an active and worthwhile year in 2014. Why? I can think of three great reasons. The first is the dedicated service of the members of the Board of Directors. Each has his or her own expertise and they put it to good use. Second, I would also like to thank the many volunteers that assisted the organization—we need YOU to carry out our activities. Along this same line, we thank the other community organizations and workplaces that contribute money and time to the society. And lastly, we need our citizens to participate in and attend our various events to make it all worthwhile.

At our annual meeting in November the membership voted to retain the same Board of Directors, along with the same line of officers for the ensuing year-2015. The complete listing of the Board and Officers appears in a box at the bottom of the reverse side.

Elected to the Board for another three year term were Vicki Cumming and Joyce Heiserman.

How about 2015? ? ? I think it looks great with our own 2015 Calendar of Events, stated elsewhere in this newsletter. We will again be participating with Lower Windsor Area Historical Society and Kreuz Creek Preservation Society in planning an agenda that includes some joint events for the year. Hope to see you at one or more of our events, and don't forget to look for our annual fund raising activities, including sub sales in February and October.

Please keep Wrightsville in your heart and mind.

Ken Stoner-President

Membership Drive . . .

Our 2015 Membership Drive is now in progress. Please read the enclosed letter and return the form with your annual dues. If you have an x or xx on your mailing label, you and/or your spouse are a life member. You will not receive a renewal letter. Your membership is valid.

We value both our life members and our annual members. Thank you for your continued support. (If anyone wishes to make a donation, donations are always greatly appreciated.)

We Remember . . .

We regret the passing of Mary Jane Bamberger, Betsy Erickson, and Mary Kuhlman. Our sympathy and condolences to their families.

Museum Happenings . . .

Historic Wrightsville Museum welcomes one and all to "Wintertime in Wrightsville." Come see how your parents, grandparents and great grandparents passed the long dark cold days and nights. From skating on the frozen canal and driving cars across the frozen Susquehanna to shoveling lots of snow and watching the ice jam. Come see how local townfolk celebrated life, endured hardships and thrived.

What activities needed to be done in the home? How did folks stay warm? How did they pass the evening hours? And it wouldn't be winter time without Christmas, too.

Join us. Take a stroll down memory lane as you experience "Wintertime in Wrightsville."

Conestoga Visit . . .

It was a beautiful fall day. There was a hint in the air of the cold weather that had been forecast for later in the week. However that did not deter the travelers in the caravan of both vans and cars that left Wrightsville. Destination: the Conestoga Area Historical Society.

The group, comprised of both Lower Windsor and Historic Wrightsville officers and board members, was met by Kenneth Hoak, CAHS president, who conducted a personal tour of the museum, located in Erlich Park in Conestoga Township. The main museum building is a restored 1865 tobacco shed with additions of a restored 1733 log cabin, an active blacksmith shop, a restored stone house, a squirrel tail bake oven, five craftsmen shops, a turnpike toll house, and a meeting hall.

At the conclusion of their tour, agreeing among themselves that one visit to the site is not enough to absorb all that the museum has to offer in buildings, and both authentic and reconstructed items, the travelers decided to make another trip to the Conestoga Area Historical Society in July, and they encourage their respective members to join them.

More information about the July excursion to the Conestoga Area Historical Society will be forthcoming in future mailings.

Tree of Remembrance . . .

Thank you for a tremendous response to our Tree of Remembrance. A listing of the names of the donors and their honorees is included in this mailing. Historic Wrightsville, Inc. is most grateful to those who have chosen to pay tribute to others through their donations to the Tree of Remembrance.

Olde Town Night Speaker . . .

Mark your calendar for March 13. It's Olde Town Night, and our guest speaker this year is Bob Heiserman. Bob's topic is "Wrightsville's Architecture and Related Tidbits."

Bob is the Broker/Owner of Donegal Real Estate in Marietta. He is also a State Certified Appraiser for Residential and Commercial Properties as well as a former American History teacher, who taught at Columbia High School.

Bob successfully has combined these two professions and has written several courses on Historic Residential Architecture. He also offers these courses to appraisers and realtors.

Join us for the evening as Bob identifies architectural styles and features found in Wrightsville, and our local historians, Bonita Emenheiser and Lisa Burk, provide some related tidbits.

PLEASE NOTE THE BOX TO THE RIGHT FOR MORE DETAILS.

Do You Know . . .

The kitchen in the museum has had a "face-lift." Under the ever-watchful eye and skilled hand of Arthur Faircloth (Chairman of the Building and Grounds Committee), the kitchen at the museum has taken on a new look to meet the demands of current museum activities and the anticipated demands of future museum happenings.

2014 saw some other improvements including a new roof on the back portion of the museum as well as major repairs to the main part of the building.

PLEASE VISIT US !!!

WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR VISIT AND WELCOME YOUR COMMENTS.

We Join Forces Again . . .

The three local historical societies, Kreutz Creek Preservation Society, Lower Windsor Area Historical Society, and Historic Wrightsville, Inc., will be sponsoring joint activities again this year. Information about the events will be made available in museum newsletters, bulletins, area newspapers, and community fliers.

We look forward to your continued support and value your thoughtful suggestions and recommendations.

HISTORIC WRIGHTSVILLE, INC.

was organized in 1977 to promote interest in the history of the community; to identify, acquire, restore and preserve historic sites, and to promote community spirit by enriching the social, educational and cultural life of Wrightsville Borough and the surrounding area. Meetings are held on the fourth Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m. at the Wrightsville Historical Museum, 309 Locust Street. Phone 717-252-1169.

OFFICERS: President - Ken Stoner; First Vice President - Mickey Willy; Second Vice President - Rick Schmidt; Secretary - Suzanne Moore; Treasurer - Edward Sipes; BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Don Bair, Vicki Cumming, Arthur Faircloth, Joyce Heiserman, Carol Reinhold and Sharon Young. CO-HISTORIANS: Bonita Emenheiser and Lisa Burk.

Webpage: www.historicwrightsvillepa.org

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OLDE TOWN NIGHT

Friday, March 13, 2015

6:00 P.M. Social Hour

7:00 P.M. Program

Speaker:

Bob Heiserman

Subject:

***Wrightsville's
Architecture & Related Tidbits***

Wrightsville Hope United

Methodist Church

314 Locust Street

Please bring a dessert to share.



***A pocket size 2015 Calendar of Events
is included in this mailing
for your convenience.***

Museum Acquisitions & Donations

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Thank You!