

The Greater Dover Historical Society, Inc. -Newsletter-

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Monthly meetings are held the 3rd Thursday of every month at Calvary Lutheran Church on the Square in Dover.

May 20, 2004 – Directors meeting 6:45 pm

Regular Business meeting 7:30 pm

June 17, 2004 – Business meeting 7:30 pm

4TH ANNUAL HISTORICAL WALK

Kay Stitley will once again be conducting the tour through Dover. We will meet at the Log House on Canal Road across from the Township Building. We will begin the tour at 6:00 pm. Don't forget to invite your friends and neighbors. Refreshments will be provided; there will be an opportunity for new members to join after the walk. There will be transportation for those folks that cannot walk. For information Call Norma Botterbusch 292-7894 or Susan Forrey 292-6190.

THANK YOU

We thank Brett Pfeigler for the very informative presentation that was given on the GDHS Website, at our March meeting. If you have any information, pictures or historical items that you would like to see on the Website, contact the Society at doverhistory@gdhspa.org.

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2ND ANNUAL PICNIC

This year's picnic will be held on Thursday July 15, 2004 at the pavilion in Lehr Park. We will start serving at 5:30 pm. The park is located on the Davidsburg Road. The Society will provide Broasted Chicken, Potatoes, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw and drinks. We ask the members to bring a dessert or fruit to share. Please bring the recipe for your Dessert, (provided it is not a guarded family recipe). The picnic is open to members, spouses and children. We need to have a head count by July 1, 2004. Please call Norma or Susan or email us. Come and enjoy a relaxing evening visiting and sharing Historical memories with each other. We need volunteers to help the refreshment committee with the picnic. Please call Norma Botterbusch.

QUILT

Our quilters are busy making another quilt for the Historical Society. The women are working on the quilt in the Social hall of Calvary Lutheran Church. We will be selling raffle tickets for the quilt again. The quilt will be on display at the Dover Fireman's Fair. It will not be completed by that time, but it will be far enough along that we can display it at the Fair. Our tentative plans are to have the drawing at our 5th Annual Walk in June of 2005. Doris Burger is in charge of the Quilt Project. Our goal is to make \$3000.00 on this project.

GET WELL SOON

It has been reported to us that one of our members has broken her foot. We don't know a lot of the details, and maybe Cathie doesn't want to publicize the details, but we do give our best to Cathie Lukas and we hope she has a speedy recovery. Cathie is a valuable member of the Society, she helped to take down the Blacksmith Shop and we need her to help to rebuild later this year.

JUST A NOTE

Any news that you may have for the newsletter can be given to:

Norma Botterbusch – 292-7894

Gayle Heagy-Asst. Archivist – 292-1976

Susan Forrey-Secretary – 292-6190

The Website address for the Greater Dover Historical Society, Inc. is a follows –

WWW.GDHSPA.ORG

The e-mail address is as follows –

doverhistory@gdhspa.org

MEMORIAL

Mae A. Sager passed away on Sunday March 21, 2004 at Manor Care – North. She was the widow of the late Paul B. Sager.

Mae was born on May 7, 1935 in Dover Township; she was the daughter of the late Christian E. & Verna Neiman Spahr. Mae was a sister to society members Anna A. Byerts, Dorcas L. Myers and Grace Snelbaker. Mae was the mother to member Paula M. Zeigler. We

extend our sympathy to the Sager family. She will be greatly missed. We regret that Mae could not be with us to see the restoration of the Spahr Springhouse Mae joined the GDHS in November of 2003. You can read Mae's complete obituary on our Website.

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!!

*We welcome these children to our Historical Society. It is encouraging to see the young people becoming interested in our Society.

June A. Kinsey

Jeffrey Koch

Ian Koch*

Evan Koch*

Alyce E. Neiman

Chad Byerts"

Kyle Byerts"

Mrs. Melanie Green

Riley Runk*

Jonathan Hess

Russell Geesey

Charlotte Snyder

Taylor Lentz*

Mackenzie Lentz*

Ray L. Kinard

Carl Krause

Deb Krause

Blacksmith Shop Update – As of April 15, 2004

Blacksmith Shop – March 22 meeting with President Ron Botterbusch, Project foreman Ken Brown, Draftsman Robert Forrey. We need to grade the lumber to determine what we have and what is needed to rebuild the shop. If additional lumber is needed there is other lumber on the Spahr property we can use. The boards will then be removed from the Spahr barn to a secure site.

- Preliminary draft – original bldg was 20' x 30' with the foundation a mix of small stone and cement / the addition was 16W x 32L with a foundation of shale rock and cement / forge had a cement base and a brick column / there was a cupola on top of the original bldg.
- Roof was metal standing seam
- The original floor was stone and then a wooden floor was laid down at a later date.
- Window Panes – Glass is original – we will rebuild and refurbish the window sash and glaze the windows. Possibly use plexiglass on outside of window frame to protect the old glass.

NEED THE FOLLOWING:

- People to help us grade the lumber; moving the lumber from the barn to the grading site and then loading on trailers and trucks if necessary. We will also need a generator for power to operate the saws.
- Members who have building experience to help rebuild the building – working hours will be some evenings and maybe a day on a weekend.
- Blacksmith tools and equipment to be put in building for display such as an anvil, vices, etc.
- The original cupola if possible or someone to build us one.
- Donation of nails, screws and other hardware. Members know of anyone willing to donate these items.
- Donation or a good price on the standing seam roof?
- Donation of stone for floor?
- Plexiglass to be used on the outside of the bldg – donation?
- Anyone willing to be a gopher or help with the project?

- If you can help or supply items call Susan Forrey at 292-6190 or e-mail address is forreysjr@adelphia.net.

HYSTERICAL HISTORICAL

Taken from the Metropolitan Cook Book by the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. (no date listed)

A Few Useful Suggestions
It pays to buy clean food from clean stores.

Taken from the American Automobile Digest (an advertisement from a standardized carburetor auxiliary on a 1922 Locomobile.

On the Road with any Load
Yes, O'er the Hills A-Flying
It Makes Your Car a Shooting Star
So – "MotoStill" be Buying

When Climbing a Hill You Need "MotoStill"
You Need It Where Riding is Level,
Tis Guarantee-Backed and Efficient in Fact,
And Saving is Sure as the Devil!

Taken from the papers of Dover Borough

Section 13 – That if any fire arms may be found upon any person or persons or discharge or fire off any fire arm within the Borough limits or shall cast, throw or fire any rocket or fireworks of any description within one hundred yards of any public road or street or building within the aforesaid Borough. On being convicted before a Justice of the Peace or Chief Burgess, each shall pay a fine not less than one dollar, except for shooting mad dogs, or any injurious animals, reptiles or birds.

DOVER WEBSITE

Please check out our website at www.gdhspa.org to see all the new additions that have been added. We have a list of several cemeteries, the history of most of the old churches in Dover and numerous other items. We are adding new information all the time.

VOLUNTEER HOURS

Total volunteer hours for 2003 was 3248 hours. We wish to Thank Everyone for they help.

LOST! **CAN YOU HELP US FIND OUR HISTORY?**

The Society is trying to locate many of Dover's historical items that have been misplaced, kept in a safe place, in your attic maybe, covered with dust, dirt or a tarp, or just discarded many years ago.

In this newsletter we are looking for the following items:

- Blacksmith shop items from the shop that was located at Queen and Butter Streets in the Borough.
- The World War II Honor Roll that was located for a time on the Drawbaugh property adjacent to the service station on the square. It was a wooden structure that held the veterans names.
- Any information concerning the Davidsburg Elementary School – that was located at Davidsburg and Newport Road.

BLACKSMITH SHOP UPDATE

As spring approaches we hope for cooperating weather – not like the rainy spring of 2003. The Borough has some business to conclude before they can give the approval for work to start at Ketterman Park on Butter Road, a short distance from where the original Blacksmith Shop was dismantled. As we go to press, the Project Contractor and

Draftsman have been working on final plans to be submitted for Board approval. With approval, the Society will be able to start the re-mantling of the Blacksmith Shop.

If you would be interested in volunteering some time and energy to the project; or maybe you would like to help the food committee with meals. Possibly clean up or do errands is what you like to do – any and all help is needed – please call Susan Forrey at 292-6190

We are estimating this project should take, at the most, 2 ½ to 3 months – working evenings and maybe some Saturdays.

THE SOCIETY NEEDS AN ENCLOSED TRAILER OR A SECURE STORAGE SHED/BUILDING CLOSE TO THE BUILDING SITE TO STORE WOOD AND BUILDING MATERIALS WHILE WE RECONSTRUCT THE SHOP. IF YOU CAN HELP – PLEASE CALL SUSAN FORREY AT 292-6190 OR RON BOTTERBUSCH AT 292-7894.

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PRESERVING OUR HISTORY FOR OUR CHILDREN OF THE FUTURE

CONGRATULATIONS DR. CHARLES DRAWBAUGH

In case you have not noticed Dr. Drawbaugh, (Dover Historical Society Archivist) has been getting his name in the paper quite a bit lately. Gayle Heagy submitted an article to the York Dispatch Columnist Harry McLaughlin who writes "Around Town", about Dr. Drawbaugh. This article appeared in the March 17, 2004 edition of the York Dispatch.

Dr. Drawbaugh of Weigelstown was honored at a banquet/social held at Wellsville Fire Hall sponsored by Charlie's FFA Boys, eighty four of his former students and their wives, four honorary members and four of the FFA Sweethearts were in attendance. Charlie taught at the Dover Area High School from 1953 to 1963.

Dr. Drawbaugh's complete Biological sketch can be seen on the GDHS Website. Dr. Drawbaugh is accepting memorabilia for the Historical Society (292-7894); he gets very distraught if he cannot report on any new donations at the monthly meetings. Also this is an inside joke, if you were at the last meeting you will know what we are talking about. Dr. Drawbaugh is in need of a pen; maybe someone could donate one to him.