

# Greater Dover Historical Society, Inc.

Welcome to a new year. Jan, Feb., March, 2004

Please mark your calendars  
to remind you of the  
following important dates.

Please save this sheet for  
reference throughout the  
year.

OUR MONTHLY MEETINGS ARE HELD AT CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

On the Square in Dover.

January 15, 2004 - Regular meeting @ 7:30, Directors meeting @ 7:00

February, 19 2004 - Regular meeting @ 7:30

March 18, 2004 - Regular meeting @ 7:30, Directors meeting @ 7:00

April 15, 2004 - Regular meeting @ 7:30

May 20, 2004 - Regular meeting @ 7:30, Directors meeting @ 7:00

June 17, 2004 Regular meeting @ 7:30

June ? - Historical Walk through Dover by Kay Stitley - date to be announced

July 15, 2004 - 2nd Annual Society Picnic - Location and details to be announced

August 19, 2004 - Regular meeting @ 7:30

September 3 thru 11, Display at the Dover Fireman's Fair

September 16, 2004 - Regular meeting @ 7:30, Directors meeting @ 7:00

October 21, 2004 - Regular meeting @ 7:30

November 18, 2004 Regular meeting @ 7:30, Directors meeting @ 7:00

December, 2004 - NO MEETING - Merry Christmas

PLEASE REMEMBER to check on our website for details on events happening throughout the year. Our website address is [WWW.GDHSPA.ORG](http://WWW.GDHSPA.ORG). Let us know what you think of the website and what things you would like to see. Our new e-mail address is [doverhistory@gdhs.org](mailto:doverhistory@gdhs.org) (this is also listed on our website.)

Our Mailing address is GDHS - P.O. BOX 303 - DOVER, PA 17315

MEMBERSHIP DUES - are due by January 31, 2004. The rate has been changed for 2004 - STUDENTS - \$5.00, INDIVIDUAL - \$10.00, FAMILY(children under the age of 18) - \$25.00, BUSINESS - \$50.00. Mail your payment to our mailing address, remember to mail your membership slip along with your payment, Thank you for your support.

# Welcome

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

- Constance E. Miller
- Kenneth C. Zeigler
- Grace (Spahr) Snelbaker
- Robert Snelbaker
- Robert Byerts
- Chad Byerts
- Kyle Byerts
- Mrs. Anna Byerts
- Mrs. Dorcas L. Myers
- Mrs. Mae Sager
- Theodore Ziegler
- Paula Ziegler
- Jean Ann Myers
- Mr. Richard Banz
- Al Heagy
- Audrey Hyser
- Harry Shermyer
- Dave Guise
- Caleb Linburg

These are members that have joined since the Fall newsletter.

Please find your membership card with your newsletter. We will not be mailing out the badges, please pick them up at the meeting or at Botterbusch's in the Square in Dover

*We would like to thank the following for donations.*

- Dover Lioness - \$25.00 donation
- Shirl Markle - Vintage Clothing donation
- Charlotte Glass Estate - Donations to the Society
- Pizza Hut - Pizza boxes to be used for storage in the archives.
- Dominos - Pizza boxes.
- Richard Banz - Speaker at the Nov. meeting and for offering to help the Society.
- Jean Ann Myers - Donation of papers written by Richard Myers.

We appreciate all of the new members that Grace (Spahr) Snelbaker has brought our way.

The Officers and Directors will be installed at our Jan. 15, meeting.

### GDHS DIRECTORS FOR 2004

- JAN EISENHART - 292-7970
- GAYLE HEAGY - 292-1976
- MADELYN SHERMEYER - 292-2018
- KAY STITLEY - 292-3866
- RANDY WORLEY - 292-4997

### GDHS OFFICERS

- PRESIDENT - Ron Botterbusch 292-7894
- VICE PRESIDENT - Kay Stitley 292-3866
- SECRETARY - Susan Forrey 292-6190
- TREASURER - Bob Merkert 292-1776
- ARCHIVIST - Dr. Charles Drawbaugh 764-4307
- HISTORIAN - Norma Botterbusch 292-7894
- ASSISTANT ARCHIVIST - Gayle Heagy
- BOOKKEEPER - Joyce Law 292-6293

*It is with mixed feelings that I write this update to you.*

As you know, our main concern was and is today to preserve the building and list it on the National Register of Historic Buildings. In order to accomplish that the work must be done in phases. Phase 1 was started Saturday, October 25. A number of volunteers spent many dirty and dusty hours cleaning and clearing out the Springhouse/Distillery building. A lot of old, some historical items were found, but mostly we found a lot of sentimental items that belonged to the Spahr family from long ago and present day. When it was determined that the building was shifting – ever so slightly – we stopped working and placed the recovered items in the building temporarily until we could re-enter at another time safely. Shortly after Saturday, I guess the temptation was so great - the items we had placed inside the building were removed. The Northern York County Police Department considers it theft. That is what the police report states when it was filed Tuesday, October 28. The Police are actively pursuing this theft and have and will be interviewing people who possibly could have ties to this theft. The worse part of this entire ordeal is that these people felt they had to destroy historical property, such as kicking doors off the hinges and leaving the hinges bent and unusable or taking the window frames and glass panes. When you think that this building sat – undisturbed for thirty plus years – and in a span of a few days – these people removed and destroyed a part of this Township's history for - GREED! Hopefully these persons will be seeing the year 2004 behind bars.

To date, the building is shifting due to all the rain we had this year. The outer wall facing the Davidsburg Road as well as the front wall has buckled and the roof has shifted to the right. The summer beam is holding no weight, so therefore all the roof weight is on the stones. We are trying to correct this, but it takes many volunteer man-hours to help our two experts save this building. If you ever wondered where a part of your membership fee is spent – look no further! Thank you for your support in the past and in the future. Hopefully winter will be kind to our old building and 2004 will have some dry weather.

*Susan Forrey, Secretary*

### WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO VOLUNTEER?

Volunteers are the glue that keeps a community together. Volunteers fill in the gaps. If these gaps were not filled, our communities would suffer. Volunteers do many things in many different ways, such as helping to clean up our community, tutoring or helping an organization achieve its objectives. Without volunteers, many jobs would not get done. Imagine what your community would be like without the help of volunteers. When you volunteer, you will be taking an active part in making your community a better place. You give something back to your community. And when you give something back, you will also get something in return. You get the rewards that come from making a positive difference in the lives of others in your community. A volunteer is a good neighbor who builds a community by choosing to help others and by improving their surroundings. Many people do not know what volunteer work they would like to do. Ask yourself these few questions – How much free time do I have to do volunteer work? How many hours a month would I like to volunteer? How long am I able to volunteer? What type of volunteer work would I like to do? Remember – A volunteer offers time and energy of their own free will. Volunteer service is offered by choice, it is not mandated nor coerced. If you think you would like to volunteer for the Society – even on a trial basis – please contact President Ron Botterbusch at 292-7894 or Secretary Susan Forrey 292-6190.

## REPORT ON OCTOBER & NOVEMBER MEETINGS.

Gayle Heagy, Our Assistant Archivist, informed the members that she and Joyce Law are continuing to update the Archive and amend information so that it may be posted on the website.

Brett Pfeleger gave a website report, a lot of info has been added to the website, such as, Map of Dover: Dover's involvement in the war of 1812: Biographies and Biographical sketches and a cemetery list, this is just to name a few.

Mr Richard Banz was our guest speaker at the Nov.20th meeting. He spoke about the importance of the Archives and how to collect and preserve donated items. Mr. Banz is Curator of the York Heritage Trust. The Society wishes to thank Mr. Banz for attending our meeting and sharing his knowledge with us.

Before the regular meeting Ron Botterbusch presented Dr. Drawbaugh with a cane that was found at the Spahr Springhouse/Distillery (Dr. Drawbaugh has a collection of canes.)

Dr. Drawbaugh, our Archivist, introduced Jean Myers, wife of Richard Myers to the attending members. Jean donated Richard's collection of papers that he prepared while living in the Dover Area. A Biographical sketch is listed on the website under the "OUR TOWN CHARACTERS" heading. The Society thanks Jean for these donations, they are greatly appreciated.

### CHARLOTTE GLASS ESTATE

The estate of Charlotte Glass donated a glass showcase to the Society. The Township has given us permission to set the showcase up in the lobby of the Dover Township Municipal building on West Canal Street. We are displaying some of the artifacts that have been donated to the archives. Madelyn Shermeyer has set up this display. If you have any interesting items you would like to display, please call Madelyn.



### -AROUND TOWN-

We guess by now everyone has seen the new additions to the telephone poles in our town. We have received many great comments on the banners that have been put up on the poles. Our Mayor - Justin Jackson and secretary Janet Shirey have spent many hours working on this project. We appreciate Justin and the Borough employees installing the banners during the cold weather. The banner for the GDHS is located on East Canal Street.

We have also received many comments on how beautiful our Square looked this year with the Christmas tree and the decorations. FYI - The tree was donated by Mr. Dan Cupp from his front yard on Queen Street in Dover. We have been informed by our assistant Archivist Gayle (Emig) Heagy that her mother planted this tree and that she played in that tree as a child