

The Half-Moon

The Newsletter of the Newtown Historic Association, Inc.
February, 2003

Greetings! The Newtown Historic Association gears up for another busy spring schedule. Scheduled fundraiser events include a unique Tavern Night in March and our annual Spring Cocktail party in May. Check our schedule of events and mark your calendar. Please plan to join us!

TAVERN NIGHT

Please plan to join us for a fun filled night at the Court Inn. An NHA fundraiser called Tavern Night is scheduled for Saturday, March 29, 2003, which will feature tavern and colonial foods. There will also be colonial music and games. Colonial dress is welcomed. Further details will be mailed to all members and friends.

CLEAN UP DAY AT THE COURT INN

Attention members and friends, the NHA's annual cleanup day is scheduled for Saturday, March 1, 2003. Please plan to attend and help make Court Inn shine in 2003. Bring your cleaning gloves and meet at the Court Inn at 8:30 a.m.

RESEARCH CENTER EXPANDS

The NHA Research center continues to grow with the help of many volunteers and some new equipment. Under the direction of Harriet Beckert, volunteers have been inputting and cataloging historic Newtown records and data on to the NHA computer network. The volunteers include: Mike Donovan, Dave Callahan, Dolly Gish, Richard Mansley, Heinz Heinemann, Dottie Soden, Mary Foster-Quinn, Justine Bishop and Teena Hanlon. The computers were donated by Princeton University.

KITCHIN DEDICATION

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Kitchin's photographic collection was recently dedicated with a plaque at the Court Inn. The NHA remembered the Kitchin's and honored them along with their daughters, Sandy and Betty, and their families with a short ceremony and photograph exhibit. The event was well attended by the Newtown community. Thanks to Dave Callahan for spending countless hours preparing the exhibit. Future Kitchin exhibits are being considered at this time.

OPEN HOUSE TOUR REVIEW

The NHA's 40th Christmas Open House Tour was held in December following Newtown's first snowstorm. Six hundred and twenty five people braved the cold weather and snow covered sidewalks. Despite the weather, patrons were treated to seven houses and five public buildings, both in the borough and the township. The NHA thanks the homeowners for their hard work and beautiful decorations. Gift baskets from McCaffrey's were given to the homeowners in appreciation for their willingness and gracious hospitality in opening up their homes. Many thanks to all the individuals who contributed their time and talents to the tour this year. Special thanks to Lois Molloy for chairing the tour for the past two years.

HOME NOTES – NEWTOWN ENTERPRISE – FEBRUARY, 1903

A newly married couple living on North Congress Street were tendered a calithumpian serenade on Monday evening by a party of the groom's friends.

William Stuckert, a young attorney who was recently admitted to the bar of this county, may locate at Newtown. He was here a few days ago looking for a room suitable for use as an office. He is a nephew of William and John C. Stuckert, well known lawyers.

"My Awful Dad" will be presented at Newtown Hall, on Saturday evening, the 21st, by the Park Comedy Company, under the management of Frank H. Platt. The Carroll Sisters will also appear in specialties. A full house will no doubt greet these performers, as is usual when they come to Newtown.

N. Fretz's Sons held their initial sale of horses at the Brick Hotel on Monday. Nine head were disposed of at an average price of \$155. Four horses were also sold at private sale on Tuesday.

MARKET DAY COMMITTEE OPENING, INTERESTED CALL 215-579-0298.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Saturday, March 1, 2003
Annual Clean Up Day
at the Court Inn 8:30 a.m.

Saturday, March 29, 2003
Tavern Night Fund Raiser
at the Court Inn 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Proceeds benefit the Newtown Historic Assoc.

Saturday, May 18, 2003
Annual Spring Cocktail Party
at the Court Inn & gardens
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General Membership Meetings:
Monday, February 17, 2003, 8:00 p.m. at the Court Inn

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Monday, April 21, 2003, 8:00 p.m. at the Court Inn
Annual Membership Meeting