

The Half-Moon

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

Greetings! Coming off a successful new fundraiser, its evident what the meaning of volunteering is all about. Through hard work and planning, Tavern night was a big hit and profitable too! Many thanks to the Tavern Night committee of Skip & Lee Gittens, Steve & Jeanne Haeckel, Jim & Terri Keane, Maureen Harrison, John Whitehead, Joe & Patty Lovi and Matt & Ewa Held. This fundraiser was just one example of what volunteers mean to the NHA, hence, the theme of this newsletter. Volunteering is the heart of the NHA and we invite all members and friends to get involved. Have a safe and relaxing summer.

ANNUAL PICNIC

Please plan to join us for our annual summer picnic at the Court Inn. This year's event is on Saturday, June 7, 2003. Social hour will start at 6:00 p.m. with dinner following at 7:00 p.m. The dinner includes steak, baked potato, salad and strawberries for dessert.

LOST?

Has anyone seen the curtains that use to hang in the Court Inn? If so, please contact Paul Gouza at 215-579-0298.

OPEN HOUSE TOUR PUBLICITY

The NHA is looking for a volunteer who would like to help us out with publicity for our annual Christmas Open House Tour. This would involve minimal time on the part of the volunteer to contact and be available for the local press. Please contact Mary Callahan for more specifics.

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

ADOPT A ROOM AT THE COURT INN

The NHA is looking for special volunteers who like challenges and keeping things neat and tidy. Anyone interested in adopting a room at the Court Inn and helping us out with maintaining a specific room, should contact Dave Callahan.

FUNDRAISING IDEAS

The NHA is constantly looking for new fundraising ideas. Each year our annual fund raising events are analyzed and an effort is made to include new ideas. Anyone who has a background in fund raising or has great ideas should contact Paul Gouza. Remember we are looking for new ideas and also volunteers to help make it happen.

COURT INN SUMMER HOURS

The Court Inn will be open this summer on Sundays from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. to the general public. We are looking for volunteers to be a host. It's not very difficult and you get to meet interested visitors from out of the area. Please contact Paul Gouza for more details and available Sunday dates.

HOME NOTES – NEWTOWN ENTERPRISE – SUMMER, 1911

Garret B. Girton, being the lowest bidder, gets the contract for the erection of the new reading room and library to be erected on Centre Avenue.

The new bell has arrived for St. Andrew's R.C. Church, and will be installed with appropriate services on Sunday, August 20th, at 3:00 o'clock. It weighs 1500 lbs. A number of priests will be present on the occasion.

A wandering colored evangelist visited Newtown on Wednesday afternoon and, regardless of auditors, discoursed on religious subjects as he walked about town. Some thought he was suffering from aberration of mind.

Owen B. Adams, a blacksmith at McGowan & Heuscher's wagon works, had the forefinger on his left hand almost severed one day last week while at his place of employment, and the injured member has since given him considerable pain. It is believed, however, that amputation will not be necessary.

County Commissioner Trego had dilapidated capping removed from the guard walls of the Centre avenue bridge and will have a concrete coping substituted for the same, the work to be done by Joseph Vansant of Langhorne.