



# The Half Moon

- The Newsletter of the Newtown Historic Association -

## Welcome

The Newtown Historic Association presents this newsletter to the Newtown community with the goal of providing news and information on related historic and preservation events in our area. We welcome any suggestions for future articles.

## Officers

Barry Fleck, *President*  
William Mahler, *First Vice President*  
Brian Rounsavill, *Second Vice President*  
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Mary Callahan, *Corresp. Secretary*  
Marge Torongo, *Treasurer*

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Paul Gouza  
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Betsey King  
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Honorary Life Director – David Callahan  
Honorary Life Director – JoAnne Nardo  
Parliamentarian – Kathy Gonsalves

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## Research Center Hours

Tuesdays 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM  
Thursday 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM  
And also by appointment  
Admission is free

## New Members

We are pleased to welcome the following:

### New Individual Members

Margo Tarasov & Dudley  
Cunningham – Lawrence Twp  
Patricia McCarron & Christopher  
Small – Holland

### New Corporate Members

Monument Bank

### Upgraded to Contributing Member

Robert & Jennifer Abrahamson  
Ann and Larry Auerweck  
George & Mary Maffett

### Upgraded to Distinguished Donor

James and Donna Baniewicz  
Daniel Everitt  
William and Linda Heinemann  
David and Mary Hunter  
Joseph and Joan Jenci  
Richard & Georgia Koenig  
Grant & Sheryl Rubin-Pitel  
Richard & Bridget Speranza  
Neale Messina & Susan Thompson  
Marjorie Torongo

### Upgraded to Corporate Member

Alex and Georgia Larounis

## April 2016 - Annual Mtg

### “Show and Tell” & Annual Reports from All Standing Committees and Election of Officers

The Annual Meeting of the Newtown Historic Association will be held on **April 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM** at the Half Moon (Court) Inn. In keeping with tradition, the Annual Business Meeting reports from all committee chairmen. There will be an election

of directors whose terms have expired. Following the Annual Business Meeting we will have “**Show and Tell**” – all attendees are encouraged to bring an item and tell us something about it.

On behalf of the nominating committee consisting of Chairman Brian Rounsavill, Paul Gouza, Marge Torongo, Dave Callahan and Barry Fleck - the following names have been nominated to serve on the Board of the Newtown Historic Association beginning on April 2017.

### Officer - 1 year term 4-17 to 4-18

Barry Fleck, President

### Officers - 3 year term 4-17 to 4-20

William Mahler – First VP  
Brian Rounsavill – Second VP  
MaryJo Garner – Recording Sec.  
Marge Torongo - Treasurer

### Directors -3 year term – 4-17 to 4-20

Susan Thompson  
Carrie Wetherby

### Honorary Life Director

JoAnne Nardo

### Parliamentarian - 3 year term – 4-17 to 4-20

Kathy Gonsalves

### Other Officers whose terms are not

up

Mary Callahan – Corr. Sec. exp. 2019

### Other Directors whose terms are not

up

Keyna Crawford exp. 2019  
Paul Gouza – exp. 2018  
Bronwyn Jones – exp. 2018

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Betsey King – exp. 2018  
Jeffrey Marshall – exp. 2018  
Geno Peruzzi – exp. 2019  
David Walton – exp. 2019

### Honorary Life Director

David Callahan (Life)

Refreshments and Social Hour  
following the business meeting  
Information call 215-968-3914 or  
[dcnhh@comcast.net](mailto:dcnhh@comcast.net)



### **Spring Cocktail Party**

The invitations have gone out for our Spring Cocktail Party to be held on Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> – 5 to 8 pm at the Half Moon Inn. Come visit with your friends and neighbors and sample the delicious hor d'ourves supplied by members who bring their favorites. The Inn will be decorated for spring so come and enjoy. For tickets please contact Betsey King 215-933-9101 [betsey55@gmail.com](mailto:betsey55@gmail.com) or sign up on line [www.newtownhistoric.org/cocktailparty](http://www.newtownhistoric.org/cocktailparty)



### **May Meeting**

Newtown Historic Association presents “200 Years of Newtown Quakers - Newtown Friends Meeting House, 1817 - 2017”

Our meeting will be held on Monday May 8, 2017 at 7:30 pm at the **Newtown Friends Meeting, 219 Court St. Newtown.**

Newtown Friends Meeting was formed in 1815, and the meetinghouse opened two years later. NHA member Bill Heinemann, a member of the Meeting and a resident of Newtown Borough, will talk about the history of Quakerism in the area prior to creating Newtown Meeting, why that didn't happen sooner, and the important role of Edward Hicks. His presentation will describe how Quaker beliefs are reflected in the building's architecture, how the meetinghouse has expanded and adapted to meet the needs of the growing community, and the nearby Quaker schools and retirement communities connected with the Meeting.

Everyone is invited - No Reservations Needed - This will prove to be a very interesting and informative meeting.

### **January Dinner Meeting**

The January Homeowner & Volunteer Recognition Dinner meeting was held on Sunday, January 29th at 6:00 PM at the Temperance House, Newtown. Homeowners who had their houses open for the 2016 Open House Tour were all honored along with public building stewards. Our volunteers of the year were Brian Titus, Webmaster and Rick Speranza, Half Moon Inn

Technology Director. It was a delicious dinner and everyone enjoyed themselves.



### **February Program**

“George and Martha - a Love Story” was presented by Alisa Dupuy, a NHA member who portrayed Martha Washington and Sam Davis who portrayed George Washington. They went into details of their courtship and life together and it was a very interesting program. Refreshments were served and we had about 50 people attend.



### **Clean Up Day**

We had a host of volunteers for Clean Up Day – the morning of March 18<sup>th</sup>. Barry Fleck and grand-daughter Veronica, Kevin Brooks, Bronwyn Jones, Len and Marilyn Franckowiak, Keyna Crawford, Carmel Lanzilotti, Paul Gouza, Charlie Ponciroli, David and Mary Callahan and Paul Gouza.



## **March Program**

### **“Morell Smith Revisited”**

was held at the American Legion Post #440 on March 21st with a program presented by Jon Guy, a NHA member and volunteer who went into the history of Morell Smith’s service during World War I and the repercussions on his family. He was a Newtown resident and the only person from Newtown killed during this war. A tragic tale.

## **Tavern Night**

Our annual Tavern Night was held on Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at the Half-Moon Inn. It was a wonderful event, which had lots of colonial cheer. The evening featured 18th century music, dancing, along with delicious food catered by Joseph's Garden Grille, accompanied by outstanding side dishes. Singing, dancing and merriment carried on until around midnight, and a good time was had by all!



## **Dues Notices Sent Out**

Annual dues notices have been mailed, so please don’t forget to pay them. It is only through the financial help from people like yourselves that the NHA can continue its efforts to preserve Newtown’s unique heritage

## **Corporate Members**

We are proud to highlight our corporate members:

- A. L. Patterson
- David J. Witchell Salon & Spa
- DeFrehn Roofing Services
- First National Bank of Newtown
- Mary Dinneen, Realtor
- Friends Home and Village
- Gilbert, Wilson & Hunter LLP
- Global Mortgage Network Inc.
- Harold Beck & Sons, Inc.
- Johnson, Kendall & Johnson, Inc.
- Alex & Georgia Larounis
- MeMaMates
- Monument Bank
- Wm. B. Parry & Son Ltd.
- Robert Small & Associates
- Stuckert and Yates
- T & T Tree Service
- Waitkus Design
- Zlock & Coverdale PC

## **Upcoming Events**

- **“Show & Tell” Annual Meeting** Monday, April 18<sup>th</sup> 7:30 pm
- **Spring Cocktail Party**, Saturday, April 22nd 5:00 to 8:00 pm
- **“200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Newtown Friends”** Monday, May 8th 7:30 pm
- **Fifth Grade Walking Tour**, June 7th 9:30 am to 2:30 pm
- **Historic Walking Tour”** Friday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> 6:30 pm
- **Market Day**, October 7th 10:00 am to 4:00 pm
- **Sept, Oct. & Nov. Meetings** to be determined
- **Open House Tour**, December 2nd 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

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