



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*
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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

New Members

We are pleased to welcome the following:

New Individual Members

Carolyn Cavallo
Mercy Ingraham
Frank & Linda Kinslow
Charlene Lindsey
Paul Salvatore
Gina Tomasello

Upgraded to Contributing Member

Robert and Isabel Godwin
William & Meg Newell
Lucinda Sanders
Bruce Stevens
David Walton

Upgraded to Distinguished Donor

Jim and Mary Jo Garner
Alex and Georgia Larounis
Morris & Janet Kaplan
Martin & Sue Sutton
Marjorie Torongo

Upgraded to Life Member

Marian Disken
Barry Fleck
Mary Dinneen Fleck
Corporate Member
Upper Makefield Business Assn.



April 2018 - Annual Mtg

“Treasures from the Attic” & Annual Reports from All Standing Committees and Election of Officers
The Annual Meeting of the Newtown Historic Association was held on April 16th at 7:30 PM at the Half Moon (Court) Inn. “Treasures from the Attic” was presented by David Callahan showing many interesting things in our archives. In keeping with tradition, the Annual Business Meeting with reports from all committee chairmen. There was an election of directors whose terms have expired.

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 2018.

Officer - 1 year term 4-18 to 4-21
Barry Fleck, President

Directors -3 year term – 4-18 to 4-21
Paul Gouza
Bronwyn Jones
Betsey King
Rick Speranza

Other Officers whose terms are not up
Mary Callahan – Corr. Sec. exp. 2019
Mary Jo Garner – Rec Sec exp 2020
William Mahler – 1st VP exp 2020
Brian Rounsavill – 2nd VP exp 2020
Marjorie Torongo – Treas. Exp. 2020

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Other Directors whose terms are not up

Keyna Crawford exp. 2019

Geno Peruzzi – exp 2019

Susan Thompson – exp 2020

David Walton – exp 2019

Carrie Wetherby – exp 2020

Parliamentarian

Kathy Gonsalves – exp 2020

Honorary Life Director

David Callahan (Life)

JoAnne Nardo (Life)



January Dinner

The January Homeowner & Volunteer Recognition Dinner meeting was held on Sunday, January 28th at 6:00 PM at the Temperance House, 5 S. State St. Newtown. Honoring the homeowners who had their houses open for the Holiday Open House Tour Public Building Stewarts and two Volunteers of the Year – Marie Larounis and Leigh Clark were honored. A good time and delicious dinner was had by all.

Trolley Tour

We will be having a Trolley Tour of historic Newtown on Sunday, May 20th beginning at the Stocking Works, 301 S. State Street - noon till 5 pm Join us to hear about interesting details of Newtown. Reservations must be made on line at www.newtownhistoric.org/trolleytour The cost is \$15.00 per person and spaces are limited.



Garden Walk

We will be having a Garden Walking Tour on Sunday, June 3, 2018. The tour will begin at the Half Moon Inn, 105 Court St. Newtown at 12:00 PM and also end there. Please arrive by 11:30 am for the two mile walk through Newtown Borough and Township to view many beautiful gardens rain or shine.

A “Good Will” Donation of \$5.00 would be appreciated. Come and bring a friend and learn something about Newtown’s interesting and beautiful gardens, buildings and history.

For more info call Mary Jo Garner 215-858-0939. No Reservations necessary, and hope to see you all there.



Fifth Grade Walking Tour

The annual Fifth Grade Walking Tour will be held on Wednesday, June 6th for children from Goodnoe Elementary, St. Bedes School and St. Andrews to walk throughout the borough and visit 10 places to learn more about historic Newtown. The children really enjoy this tour and so do the parent chaperones – everyone learns something.

Historic Walking Tour

Our annual Historic Walking Tour of one of the historic areas of Newtown to be held beginning on Friday, June 15th at 6:30 pm – weather permitting. The tour will begin at the Half Moon Inn, 105 Court St. Newtown and will be lead by Jeffrey Marshall, President of the Heritage Conservancy. Mr. Marshall is the author of “Bucks County Barns” and numerous other books regarding Bucks County history. The tour will feature architecturally significant Newtown buildings in the Borough. A “Good Will” Donation of \$5.00 would be appreciated. Come and bring a friend and learn something about Newtown’s interesting buildings and history. For more info call 215-968-3914 or see our website www.newtownhistoric.org No Reservations Necessary.



Clean Up Day

Our annual Clean Up Day was held on a Saturday morning in March and eager volunteers swept and shined the furniture and articles in the Half Moon Inn. Volunteers were Keyna Crawford, Bronwyn Jones, Charlie Ponciroli, Dave and Mary Callahan, Kevin Brooks, Paul Gouza, Barry Fleck and his grandsons, Brandon and Ethan., Joanne Nardo, Susan Thompson, Karen Groff, Carrie Wetherby, Charlie Lewis and Bruce Stevens.

The place looked really nice when finished.



Tavern Night

We are sorry we were unable to hold Tavern Night in March but it may be rescheduled later in the year.

“Presidential Assassins”

Our February meeting featured speaker Hugh Boyle, who spoke on “Presidential Assassins”. It was a very interesting meeting and we learned a lot of facts previously unknown.

Spring Cocktail Party

Our Spring Cocktail party was held Saturday, April 21st and the inn was decorated with beautiful spring flowers. Delicious food was brought by members and guests and everyone had a good time.

Behind the Scenes at the Half Moon Inn

David Callahan gave a presentation on the evolution of the Half Moon Inn from its inception back in the early 1700’s up to the present day. The building has undergone extensive renovations and changes over the years since it was acquired by the organization in 1964. It was originally two houses that were combined into one.



“Tea with Queen Victoria”

The Half Moon Inn was turned into a Victorian tea room for our Queen Victoria Tea. Alisa Dupuy portrayed the Queen in all her majesty and the attendees were treated to a British Tea with petit-fours, scones and other delicious treats.



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
- DeFrehn Roofing Services
- First National Bank of Newtown
- Mary Dinneen, Realtor
- Gilbert, Wilson & Hunter LLP
- Global Mortgage Network Inc.
- Harold Beck & Sons, Inc.
- Johnson, Kendall & Johnson, Inc.
- Monument Bank
- Wm. B. Parry & Son Ltd.
- Stuckert and Yates
- T & T Tree Service
- Upper Makefield Bus. Assn.
- Waitkus Design

Upcoming Events

- Sunday, May 20th 12:00 pm to 5 pm “Trolley Tour of Newtown Borough”
- Saturday, June 2nd 8:30 am “Garden Walk of Newtown Boro”
- Wednesday, June 6th – Fifth Grade Walking Tour
- Friday, June 15th 6:30 pm “Historic Walking Tour of Newtown”
- Saturday, October 6th 10 am – 4 pm “Market Day in Historic Newtown”

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