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## FALL NEWSLETTER 2017

### Message from the President

Another busy summer has ended, though this was a little different than in the past. We elected to have more events rather than being open Sundays Noon to 4pm. We began with three different re-enactor groups and an inside display remembering the 100th anniversary of World War I. In July we celebrated our own 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary with cupcakes and ice cream inside while a yard sale went on in the north lawn. The yard sale is something we are thinking of doing again next year. August showcased old and unusual kitchen implements plus the apron collection of our own Jane Hess. This was received very well with more than several members and visitors modeling their own family aprons and items. People stayed to talk and reminisce with a few adding to our membership. We also had our annual picnic at the Brugger Home at Avonia. The day was perfect for a picnic and we got new volunteers for some of our ongoing chores.

While investigating how to invest our recent bequest Mike Gallagher approached the Erie Community Foundation, which proved to be a good choice. What followed was our name included in the Erie Gives program. As a result we received more than \$350. A special thank you to those who contributed. Remember next August 14<sup>th</sup> for ERIE GIVES.

During the next twelve months we have quite a few maintenance and repair projects at the house. The fireplace needs attention, cleaning, etc., the Yankee gutters will need replaced. We will need a new furnace and we are hoping to install air-conditioning in the house at the same time. Also, the bank of Trout Run is being stabilized as I write this. The bank restoration was a

special concern of Barbara McLaughlin and others and monies for this project comes from a special grant.

A new department store, Boscov is coming to the Millcreek Mall and has offered a fundraising opportunity to non-profit organizations. The store plans a special open house featuring a free gift, special prices, entertainment, food and door prizes. Anyone attending on that day, October 5, needs a ticket. Tickets are \$5 each and non-profits are selling them and keeping the money from the sales. WE have tickets, if you would like to attend this event. (The store began in Reading, PA and those who know about it seem very excited to have it come to Erie. It reminds me of the Boston Store.).

In wrapping up, four members of our board are up for re-election or a position must to be filled. These are vice president, treasurer, maintenance and ways and means. I have requested that each board or committee member prepare a descriptive file of duties and when they need to be done. We also have lists of those willing to serve as host/hostesses at events, bake cookies, help clean, help with the yard work, etc. If you are interested in serving in any of these positions, or would like to serve on the nominating committee, please call me, 866-1203 before the September 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Our 2017 Christmas Open House will have a Swedish/Scandinavian theme. If you have something you would like to share or with decorating please call me. Here's an idea for 2018 - Nutcrackers.

Thoughts and comments are always welcome.

*Kay Lynne*

## ***Our Fall Schedule –***

### ***September -***

Wednesday, September 20, 7 p.m. (NOTE TIME CHANGE)

First meeting of the fall season. Speaker: historian Melinda Meyer. Program: Flight to Freedom: The Role of Northwestern PA in the Underground Railroad.

More on the meeting – This region served as a vital segment of the Underground Railroad, a network of free and enslaved blacks, abolitionists and Quakers who provided support to enslaved persons seeking freedom. Freedom seekers found friends throughout the region, including Corry, North East, Girard, Wesleyville and Harborcreek. The presentation will review the historical facts and folklore that form northwestern Pennsylvania's Underground Railroad story.

### ***October –***

Wednesday, October 18, 7 p.m.

Speaker: Jack Rosenberg, Collector. Program: Looking at Your Glass and Pottery.

More on the meeting – Jack and Jerry Rosenberg of Erie, PA are life-long avid household sales “gleeners.” Their specialty has been old glass and pottery or china (in particular. flow blue). Jack will be bringing samples to show and discuss and invites everyone to bring in a favorite piece as well. Jack will do his best to appraise and identify. Reference books will also be available.

Monday, October 23, 7 p.m. **CALENDAR PARTY!** This fun and fundraising event will be held at the Methodist Church at 4601 Avonia Road.

The party begins at 7 p.m. and will feature punch, wonderful desserts, a Chinese Auction, and a program (to be announced). Coffee and tea provided also. Tickets are \$10 each. If you don't know which hostess still has tickets, please call Pat Linkoski, 474-3129.

### ***November –***

**No meeting in November.**

### ***December –***

***Christmas at the Sturgeon House*** will be Saturday, December 2 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, December 3, from Noon to 4 p.m. The house will be decorated in a Scandinavian theme. The Misery Bay Dulcimers will return to play seasonal music. The fireplace will be glowing. Cookies will be delicious, as will the wassail. Pre-ordered wreaths will be available for pick-up. And as always, admission is free.

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### ***The 2017 Quilt -***

Our new quilt is king-sized and beautiful. Enclosed in this mailing are six tickets, priced at 6/\$5.00. Sale of quilt tickets is one of our annual fundraisers, which goes to regular maintenance, operation of the house (such as utilities) and extra expenses for unusual repair. Your support is very appreciated. And, don't forget the every-other-year Calendar Party.



Notice: renewal notices will be sent with the January newsletter.