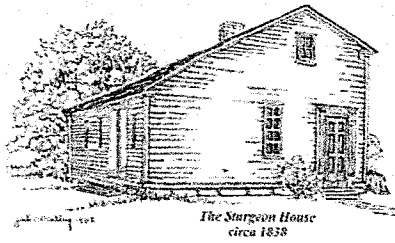


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FALL NEWSLETTER 2017

Message from the President

Another busy summer has ended, though this was a little different from 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 40th anniversary with cupcakes and ice cream inside while a yard sale went on in the west 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 quite a few 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 seeking ways on 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 14th 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 came from a special grant.

A new department store, Boscov's, 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. Non-profits are selling them and are able to keep 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. Many say it reminds them of the Boston Store.)

In wrapping up, four members of our board are either up for re-election or their 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 a timetable for when they need to be done to guide whoever fills the position. 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 20th meeting. We also have lists for those willing to serve as hosts at events, bake cookies, help clean, help with the yard work, etc. Where can *you* help?

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

And finally, this nice item: owners of the old Manchester School have devised a Christmas ornament of their building and FAHS will benefit from the sales.

Thoughts and comments are always welcome.

Kay Lynn