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A Message from the Board President

Michael Hrinyak

Spring is the time of rebirth and new beginnings. This is true across the world and transcends cultural and religious differences. It is also true of the East Berlin Historical Preservation Society. Many good things are happening which will lead to a more vigorous and stronger historical society.

Our Building Committee is working hard to start major work on several of the Society buildings, as detailed in the following article.

Our Ways and Means Committee has also been very busy, developing strategies and working on projects to strengthen the financial position of the historical society. The 1764 Fund has a new chairman and plans are underway to launch a fundraising drive. There are also other irons in the fire, including a second high tea and a bake sale, as well as increasing the society presence during Colonial Day. Again, all of these activities work best if we all work together, so make the time to volunteer.

And yes, there will be a Colonial Day, same great event, different location. The chairwoman has been working closely with the borough and her committee and I expect rave reviews when it is all over. There is still time if you want to join the planning team and you will have an opportunity to contribute your energy and talents on Colonial Day itself.

As we move to new beginnings, both the Hearth Cooking Guild Charter and the EBHPS By-laws are being reviewed and updated to better reflect the current needs of the society and to avoid problems in the future. You will be seeing more about this in the near future, and I hope you take an interest. As usual, we will be having our elections for board members and officers in November and our nominating committee will be soliciting candidates to run. Please consider this as an opportunity to help shape the future.

Speaking of change and shaping the future, we have seen change in our leadership team. Kathy Neiman has stepped down from the

Treasurer position. Thank you, Kathy, for a job well done. A relatively new member has stepped up to fill the vacant position, Nathan Smith. Nathan is a resident of the borough (some of you may have visited his home during the 2016 Christmas House Tour) and very well qualified to take on the responsibilities of Treasurer. Nathan has a Bachelor's degree in Economics from Gordon College and a Master's Degree in Business Administration from Auburn University. He is currently with Members 1st Credit Union.

One final note before I close. The historical society is nothing if not a reflection of our members and their interest in preserving and protecting the rich history of East Berlin. We very much need to increase our membership base. If you know people who are no longer active, ask what we can do to make the society reflective of their interests and needs. If you know someone new to East Berlin, explain what the society does and how it might be a good fit. If you know someone young who has never reflected on the past, show him or her the richness of their legacy. Every member should make it a goal to recruit one new member this year.

Building Report

Bill Powell, Michael Hrinyak, Mike Loges, Lucia Hrinyak, Bev Jadus and Luke Miller met with several potential contractors at the school house to survey areas of rot and deteriorated glazing in a number of the windows and to identify other areas of concern. The same group has talked with the contractors about the best way to deal with log and chinking issues at the log house in an effort to preserve it in a cost-effective manner. Schmuck Lumber and Scot Hull (father Glenn did much good work at the mill) have each looked at the buildings and the committee is expecting a visit from Sam Mckinney, who has done most of the restoration work at the NYCHAPS Dill Tavern. Others skilled at log building preservation will also be consulted before decisions are made.

It is hoped that work needed at the engine house will be done this year as well, but planning each project is time consuming and difficult for a small group of people. The greatest difficulty is in finding qualified craftspeople willing to take on the projects and do them in a timely, professional, and historically sensitive manner. Do you know someone? This is where we can **all** be involved.

Submitted by Bill Powell

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Outstanding Programs Ahead

Pennsylvania Trivia from A to Z

May 16, 7:30 p.m., Red Men's Hall

Test your knowledge of Pennsylvania trivia, as we explore a wealth of fascinating facts from state history, popular culture, and current events. You'll learn about George Washington's only battlefield surrender – and the development of the world's first electronic computer. You'll hear the stories behind the druggist who helped Mozart write his greatest comic operas; the hapless tinkerer who almost invented the telephone; and the exiled Turkish imam who runs a worldwide spiritual movement from a hideout in the Poconos. And you'll find out why Pennsylvania can proudly lay claim to America's first gas station, its oldest human settlement, its longest stone arch bridge, and its biggest shoe. You'll leave with a new appreciation for the wacky, wild, and wonderful side of the great Keystone State we call home.

John Maietta of Mechanicsburg retired from the U.S. Army in 2010, after 38 years of active, reserve, and National Guard service. He also maintained a long-time civilian career in the public relations field in south central Pennsylvania. After receiving a master's degree in Applied History from Shippensburg University in 2014, he joined the faculty of York College of Pennsylvania as an adjunct history instructor. In addition to his classroom activity, he is a popular presenter of historical programs at libraries, retirement centers, and other community venues in the region.

David C. Taylor, award winning **documentary film maker**

Presents on July 18 at 7:30 p.m.

“Captured but not Forgotten –

How US Intelligence secretly contacted Allied prisoners held in German camps during WWII and American POWs detained in the infamous Hanoi Hilton”

This program will feature clips from two of his productions, “The Great Escape” and “The Spy in the Hanoi Hilton”, with an ongoing narrative by the producer/director himself. Be sure to check the historical society postings on its web site www.ebhpspa.org for a possible change in venue location as a larger than usual attendance may be expected. *Submitted by Lucia Hrinyak*

All Aboard!

For those of you who attended the East Berlin Railroad presentation last July, I'm the guy who is trying to put together a book on the railroad. I am sorry there was not time to speak with everyone. Several offered to show me photos of RR items in which I am very much interested. Any individuals wanting to share their material with me, I would gladly accept it and try to use it in my book.

Material can be submitted to me at: Stephen Jacobs, 33 Pennwick Drive, Lititz, PA 17543. I will high Res scan the material and return it. For those wanting to submit electronic material send to ebtjake@gmail.com. A short description of the photos with the date and name of the photographer, if known, would be appreciated Any material used will be given full acknowledgement in the book.

I am currently trying to locate the four EBRR trestles, We know of three located on Pine Run, Marbles Run, and Hokes Run. Pine Run is at the Bridges Golf Course where there is a covered bridge. The other two runs I cannot find on any maps. One trestle was just north of Abbottstown but I can't identify the run. Information about the "long bridge" is also needed.

Another mystery is that in 1927 the East Berlin Coach was sold to Daniel Mummert who cut it into three sections and moved it to "Mummert's Grove" to be converted into fishermen's quarters. I would love to find old pictures of those shacks and also the Abbottstown station.

Submitted by Steven Jacobs

Colonial Day: The Tradition Lives On

This past winter I have not been sitting idly by or quietly reading by the fire. Oh no...in fact it has been one of the busiest winters I have ever known due to the preparations for this year's Colonial Day. My time was spent mailing applications and sending and receiving hundreds of emails and phone calls as well as attending never ending meetings.

Time has passed so quickly I realize signs of spring have already made themselves known. The tulips are up, the robins are nesting, and my resident squirrel is eating faster than I can fill his feeder.

Now don't get me wrong, I am enjoying every minute of this planning. I have come to know many new people as a result of it, some I am lucky to now call friends. The generosity of the local people and the business men and women who have helped me put this event together is most heartwarming. It makes me more than pleased that I call East Berlin home. A special thank you to all of you.

Submitted by Laura Ferrara

Spring Colonial Fashion Show Tea

EBHPS is hosting its second high tea at Society headquarters on Saturday, May 19, at 1:00 p.m. After receiving rave reviews from guests who attended our Autumn High Tea this past October, the Society members instrumental in planning, organizing and managing the event are eager to offer another high tea open to Society members and the public.

The theme will be a spring fashion show featuring the Society's collection of clothing spanning the 18th and 19th centuries. Our Society resident musician, Linda Clark, will again entertain us, this time with period harpsichord music.

Society volunteers are needed to serve in a variety of capacities: food and tea preparation, food arrangements for the tables, table décor, serving at tables, washing dishes, designing and printing of food and beverage menus, and fashion modeling. Volunteers experienced in the art of high teas as well as novices are encouraged to volunteer. **DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS OPPORTUNITY TO VOLUNTEER.** CONTACT: Sharon O'Connell, 717-870-1634 or sharona247@gmail.com.

Should you wish to enjoy the high tea as a guest, please contact Sharon O'Connell, 717-870-1634. The cost is \$35. Leave your name, phone number, and the number of guests in your party. Seating is limited, so be sure to place your reservation as early as possible. Once your reservation is made and confirmed, send your check made out to EBHPS to: Sharon O'Connell, 240 Third St., Hanover, PA 17331.

Submitted by Lucia Hrinyak

Hearth Cooking Guild

February 18th was a great day for hearth cooking. We had a feast of Mary Randolph's dried bean soup and chicken capilotade, which we can't pronounce but it proved to be delicious. An assortment of waffles including plain, gingerbread and sweet potato were labor intensive using HEAVY waffle irons in the fireplace. Hannah Glass's parsnips (yum) were a delight along with cornbread, butter, and honey. The dessert was spectacular with Miss Leslie's French Almond Cake adorned with fresh fruit and whipped cream. The gingerbread waffles were served with stewed pears and ginger root and a wonderful vanilla sauce which proved equally delicious on the almond cake.

Our next cooking date has not been set but the receipts we choose will be equally challenging and tasty .

Submitted by Jane Fox

Membership

Thank you to all of our members who have renewed their 2018 Membership. If you haven't yet renewed, please renew as your membership in the EBHPS is very much appreciated. Do you know someone with an interest in historical preservation or an admiration for history? GIFT them with a membership in the EBHPS. It will be one of the best gifts you will ever give someone.

Membership forms are available to print on our website at www.EBHPSPA.org or call the EBHPS office at 717-259-0822 and ask to have one mailed to you. Thank you for your continued support to EBHPS.

Submitted by Mary Titzell

Education Report

Hello Spring!! And welcome to East Berlin! We have been waiting for you to arrive! And with the arrival of spring, we once again start hosting field trips with local school students. York Country Day School will visit us for a tour on May 3. Their third and fourth grade students along with teachers and chaperones will visit and rotate between Red Men's Hall, the Log House and our Church Schoolhouse. We are excited that they are returning this year and look forward to showing them life in early America. The hands-on activities that they participate in at each building will hopefully give them a new found appreciation for their ancestor's daily life.

I am also hoping to have a group of home schooled students from York County attend our program as well. We are working on this and hope to have a date scheduled soon.

We are always looking for new volunteers. Anyone interested in helping on that day, or preparing the buildings and supplies needed for their tour can contact us at (717) 259-0822. We are in great need of someone who can demonstrate spinning. We have a spinning wheel so it would not be necessary to bring your own. We are also looking for a few items to add to the student's experience. We are in need of light colored cotton fabric to cut in 9" X 9" squares to use as garni bags in our Log House program. We also need large buttons to use for the humdinger toys that are given to each student at the end of their lessons in our Church Schoolhouse. If you can supply our program with any of these materials, just call and we will gladly arrange to pick them up!

Submitted by Karen Sheaffer

Bakers and Volunteers Are Needed!

If you love to bake cookies, bar cookies, marshmallow treats, small sweet breads, cupcakes, and/or fudge then the East Berlin Historical Preservation Society would love you to participate by making treats to be sold at the annual Bake Sale which will be held on Saturday, April 28th from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. on North Avenue across from the EBACC.

If you are not a baker but would like to help out we also need volunteers to man the Bake Sale tables for each shift. The shifts are as follows: 8-10 a.m. , 10-noon, noon-2 p.m.

We are asking that the baked goods be dropped off at Red Men's Hall on Friday, April 27, between 1-4 pm.

If you are interested in providing baked goods and/or volunteering for a shift then please email or call Sharon O'Connell at sharona247@gmail.com or (717) 870-1634.

Thank you for your help!

Submitted by Sharon O'Connell

2018 Colonial Day Quilt

The 72-block "Churn Dash" quilt in shades of green with a bit of gold and pops of red is well underway with Society quilters including Erma Barnhart, Winnie Flynn, Bev Jadus and me. Work has advanced to the second row of blocks...only 8 more to go! Erma has completed two matching pillows which may become second prize this year.

Quilting hours are usually Monday and Thursday, 1-3 p.m. Stop in, see this masterpiece, and join us for some East Berlin gossip; it makes the time pass quickly.

Submitted by Carol Carlson

June 9: Cleanup and Pot Luck Day!

We are cleaning the third floor of Red Men's and will need lots of willing hands, but once the work is done we will retire to the first floor to share stories and the food and drink we all bring. Come at 1 p.m. and share your cleaning skills as well; it is actually fun to work together and admire the results.

Submitted by Bev Jadus

2018 Calendar of Events*

*General Meetings are free. The public is *welcome and encouraged to attend.*

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
April 18	Board Meeting	6 p.m.	Red Men's Hall
April 28	<u>Bake and Hot Dog Sales</u>	8 a.m.-2 p.m.	North Avenue
May 16	Board Meeting	6 p.m.	Red Men's Hall
	General Meeting	7:30 p.m.	Red Men's Hall

Speaker: John Maietta “ Pennsylvania Trivia From A to Z”

May 19	<u>Colonial Fashion Show Tea</u>	1 p.m.	Red Men's Hall
June 9	<u>Building Cleanup</u> and pot luck	1 p.m.	3 rd floor, RMH
June 20	Board Meeting	6 p.m.	Red Men's Hall
July 18	Board Meeting	6 p.m.	Red Men's Hall
	General Meeting	7:30 p.m.	VFW Post 8896, East Berlin

Speaker: David C.Taylor, Independent Documentary Film Maker

”Captured But Not Forgotten – How U.S. Intelligence secretly contacted Allied prisoners held in German camps during WWII and American POWs detained in the infamous Hanoi Hilton”

August 15	Board Meeting	6 p.m.	Red Men's Hall
September 8	<u>COLONIAL DAY</u>	8 a.m.-4 p.m.	Everyone participate
September 19	Board Meeting	6 p.m.	Red Men's Hall
	General Meeting	7:30 p.m.	Red Men's Hall
October 17	Board Meeting	6 p.m.	Red Men's Hall
November 21	Board Meeting	6 p.m.	Red Men's Hall
	Gen. Meeting/Election	7:30	Red Men's Hall
November 23- 25	<u>Log House Craft Show</u>	10 a.m.-4 p.m.	Log House
December 9	<u>House Tour</u>	TBA	TBA
December 15	Christmas Party	6 p.m.	Red Men's Hall
December 19	Board Meeting	6 p.m.	Red Men's Hall