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A Special Invitation

The Log House pent roof has been completed with the help of generous donations and it is time to gather and celebrate. Please join us!

***Log House, July 24, 7 p.m.
Light refreshments served. Food to share is welcome.
Rain or Shine
Bring a chair if you wish.***

Hope to see many of you there,

Richard Fox

A Message from the President...

We have been busy at the Society, looking at current needs and projects. Upcoming events include participation in the East Berlin Area Community Center's Fall Festival where we will be selling funnel cakes, also a fall tea and a sandwich sale. Possible education classes include hearth cooking, chair caning, quilting, and more. We want to hear your ideas for classes and welcome your help. We are here to learn and educate.

Volunteers are the lifeblood of any charitable organization. We can survive our current situation with your help. You are the foundation, the base for success, of this Society.

The Education program needs helpers and guides with the current program, and to help us with the future advancement of programs for youth and adults!

June 5th was our annual clean up day. Volunteers Mary & Dave Titzel, Maureen & Ray Jenkinson, Erma Barnhart, Sue Hess, Winni Flynn, and Jane & Richard Fox formed a mighty force and attacked the back storage room. It has been a dumping ground, plus it had a stink. Well, it was cleaned out; things were sorted and decided upon. Most of it went back in, filed more properly, with room to spare.

The tree parts and limbs near the back of Red Men's were split and are stacked on the concrete pad. If anyone wants split maple wood contact Bill Powell and it will be available because we will need to move it otherwise!

We have a need to let our members know of short notice events, such as the education program needing help, a work party, help at a tea party or luncheon, sandwich making, and all kinds of other needs. I intend to provide a quick email post for the membership. It will be the EB WALL, restricted to Society matters, a place for quick calls and notices just like the old town wall. I hope this will provide more timely info for our members and bring in more needed help!

MANY THANKS to Nate Smith for his great work as Society Treasurer. Nate is taking on advanced training for a job opportunity and we will miss his calm, organized, and professional help. Thankfully, Hanna Furst has agreed to be treasurer. She has extensive experience with Quickbooks as well as seemingly endless energy. Welcome to the trenches!

The program July 17, "What's in Your Backyard?", well all I can say is these guys are SOOOOO EXCITED to be with us. Hope you are as well.

Submitted by Richard Fox

APRIL 27 SPRING TEA

After hosting several teas at Red Men's Hall, dedicated and hard working Society volunteers felt confident that they could provide a high quality tea for 40 guests of The Royal – tea Club. Members of the club are frequent guests at teas throughout the area and farther afield.

The challenge was to offer an event that the guests will compliment and recommend to others with discriminating palates. Hours of planning to select recipes, make tea choices, design table settings, check on volunteer availability, arrange for entertainment and then the final orchestration are required in order to pull off a seamless event. Linda Clark, an EBHPS member, provided piano background music throughout the tea. A Colonial Etiquette program brought the event to a close.

It was rewarding to be able to add \$1200 to the Society's profit statement and to hear the many compliments as the Royal –tea Club guests departed.

We look forward to a tea this fall – look for announcements.

Submitted by Lucia Hrinjak



Laura Infante, Maureen Jenkinson, and Debbie Barrick: final inspection



Richard Fox demonstrates unseemly colonial table manners.

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GIVING SPREE

Gettysburg Area Middle School

4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Consider a donation to the

**East Berlin Historical Preservation
Society**

Every dollar you give will receive a bonus from the stretch pool. That means more money for the society.

**Watch for further information for donating during
the Adams County Community Foundation's**

GIVING SPREE

Wreath Making Planned

We are going to be making wreaths for the Log House Christmas Craft Show and materials will be needed. Please be on the lookout for items to go on these wreaths while walking in your garden; gather anything that is interesting that will dry. Last year I gathered the spent pods from a lily and they were beautiful. I have collected corn fodder, a flattened pine cone, and feathers so you never know how one small thing can add to the beauty of a wreath. Take a walk in the woods or take a drive and see what's out there. Keep collecting and we will let you know when we will be making the wreaths. Contact Sue Hess at 717-259-7707; and tell her you are "in".

Submitted by Jane Fox

Building Report

Swigart's Mill: Progress! The huge replacement beam, custom cut by Klinger's Sawmill, has been delivered and now lies on the lawn at the mill, lined up with the basement door. It will be an interesting time when a crew assembles to wrestle it into the building, removes the bug-ridden one, and somehow slips the new one in its place. Can they lift it? Will it fit through the door? Do you have a hard hat? Can you help? Call Richard Fox and join the team!



Work has also been done on the steps and landing at Swigart's, areas particularly vulnerable to damage.



Log House: More progress! The pent roof fits in perfectly with the building. Scott and Julie Hull worked hard to make it just right, from the beautiful shingles to the braces beneath and now both the logs and any visitors have protection from the elements.

Submitted by Bill Powell

1764 Fund Campaign

We solicited donations last year for funds to aid us in the repairs of our historic buildings in East Berlin and will do so again. The letter to community businesses will be mailed shortly. We are the caretakers of these buildings and without our major fundraising event (Colonial Day) we need help to accomplish our mission. Old buildings are needy and you cannot put off even small repairs because they can turn into big ones in a short time. If any member would like to contribute to this fund it would be much appreciated as well. Contact Debbie Barrick and Jane Fox, 717-873-5335, or leave a message on the EBHPS phone at 717-259-0822. You can also mail a check to the Society payable to EBHPS or include it with your membership renewal.

Submitted by Jane Fox

Revised Bylaw Vote: November 20 General Meeting

Committee members, officers and directors have worked for many months to revise the Society's founding document, which includes its mission statement and outlines the group's basic structure and procedures. Most changes create a more organized document, others state items overlooked long ago such as clear prohibition of self interest, still others align the document with current practices such as frequency of meetings.

The Board of Directors will ask for a vote of approval from members in attendance at the November 20 meeting. **Members will be mailed a written copy of the revised document** to arrive at least ten days prior to the meeting. The current bylaws will be posted online at ebhpspa.org in coming months.

Please plan to attend the November meeting to participate in the annual elections and the bylaw revision process.

***Revision Committee: Carol Carlson,
Sue Hess, Erma Barnhart, Winni
Flynn, Bev Judus***

April 3 Sandwich Sale — The planning, supply ordering and purchase, the solicitation and collection of monies had been completed. Today a group of society volunteers gathered to put together the pretzel, cheese, and meat sandwiches at Red Men's Hall and deliver the orders to more than a dozen area businesses as well as to hand out the sandwich bags to those members who had also placed orders.

The Sandwich Sale fundraising event is easily accomplished and can be scheduled several times during the year. The sale raised well over \$300. The goal of the Ways and Means Committee is to expand the advertising for this fundraiser and increase the number of buyers, thereby increasing our profit.

Submitted by Lucia Hrinyak

This September's sandwich sale will offer two types: turkey and provolone on a pretzel roll and ham and white American cheese on a pretzel roll, condiments included with both.

Sandwiches are \$5.00 each, to be paid for at the time of ordering. Orders will be accepted from September 9th through September 20th. Sandwiches are to be picked up at Red Men's Hall at 11 a.m. on September 25th.

To place your order please contact Sharon O'Connell at (717) 870-1634.

Submitted by Sharon O'Connell

What's Up Next?

*****All Programs at Red Men's Hall, 332 W. King St.*****

The **7:30 p.m. general meeting on July 17** is offering the membership and public an exciting interactive program, "**What's in Your Backyard?**" Andy Snell and Nate Keister of Lost Boys Recovery will share the area treasures they have unearthed with their metal detecting equipment and give us a view of their business from the inside. Will they have some tales to tell? Come and find out and bring along your backyard treasures!

Fact versus Fiction Wednesday, September 18

Have you ever wondered whether war movies from Hollywood have the events historically correct? If so, come join us for an evening of setting the record straight as John Maietta will separate fact from fiction in 20th Century Fox's movie THE MONUMENTS MEN. ***Even though it is not necessary to have seen the movie to attend the lecture it may enhance your participation in this event.***

Becoming Santa Claus Wednesday, November 20

Sharon O'Connell will share the interesting and fascinating history of how Saint Nicholas became secularized into the Santa Claus we know today.

Quilting in the Fall

We will be quilting again at Red Men's Hall this fall. We will announce when we will be starting so get those thimbles and scissors ready and think about joining us for a few hours a week. It will get you out of the house and be fun at the same time. You don't have to be a quilter to join us but you could become one! Contact Winni Flynn at 717-979-2456.

East Berlin Fall Festival at EBACC September 14

The Historical Society will be having a funnel cake stand at this event. Volunteers will be needed to help the evening before to set up the stand. Funnel cake helpers will also be needed on the day of the event. Please call Richard Fox 717-515-3093 if you want to have some fun and also help our Society with this fundraiser. ***Remember - many hands make the work light.***

Submitted by Jane Fox

2019 Calendar of Events

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
July 17	Board Meeting	6 p.m.	Red Men's Hall
	General Meeting	7:30 p.m.	Red Men's Hall

The Lost Boys Recovery Team: "What's in Your Back Yard?"

August 21	Board Meeting	6 p.m.	Red Men's Hall
September 14	EBACC Fall Festival	TBA	EBACC
September 18	Board Meeting	6 p.m.	Red Men's Hall
	General Meeting	7:30 p.m.	Red Men's Hall

John Maietta "The Monuments Men - Historical Accuracy?"

October 16	Board Meeting	6 p.m.	Red Men's Hall
November 20	Board Meeting	6 p.m.	Red Men's Hall
	Gen. Meeting/Election	7:30	Red Men's Hall
	Vote on Revised By Laws		

Sharon O'Connell "Becoming Santa Claus"

Nov. 29- Dec. 1	Log House Craft Show	10 a.m.-4 p.m.	Log House
December 14	Holiday Dinner	6 p.m.	Red Men's Hall
December 18	Board Meeting	6 p.m.	Red Men's Hall