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November General Meeting Location Change

PLEASE NOTE: The November 20, 2013 General Meeting will be held at 7 p.m. at the Dillsburg Tavern in Dillsburg, PA. The meeting will consist of the election of new Board Members and new Board Officers. There will be a tour of the Dillsburg wheelwright shop with demos of paint making, blacksmithing and tinsmithing. The historic barn and tavern will also be open to tour. □

Newsletter New Format & On Website

Hopefully you have adjusted to the new format of the newsletter. We will always post the next Society General Meeting on the cover page, to the right of the return address information. The back page will provide reminders of upcoming events, including the next Society General Meeting. An electronic version of The Berlin Informer will now be posted on the Society’s website soon after it has been mailed to members. Look for the shortcut in the brown banner on the home page for September’s newsletter. □

Log House Christmas Craft Show & Sale

Jane Fox and Connie Rogers have another great Log House Christmas Crafts Show & Sale planned for this year. There are currently approximately ten vendors who have agreed to sell their traditional holiday crafts at the Show. The Show & Sale is one of the Society’s three annual fund raisers to support the expenses of the Society. Please plan to attend the Show & Sale, as it is a great time to buy holiday gifts for friends and family and, at the same time, support your Society. Dates and hours of operation are on the back cover of this newsletter. □

When Your Email Address Changes

If you have a change in your email address throughout the year, please remember to email us your new address at ebhpsmembership@gmail.com . This way you will be sure to receive important Society information in a timely manner. □

Message from Board President – Bev Jadus

September 14, 2013....what a day! Mother Nature tried her best to make up for last year's terrible Colonial Day storm by sending us the best of everything, cool breezes and sun. The crowds came to shop. As the day went on, the people making their way back to the Society parking lot were carrying multiple bags, a number having to make several trips to carry off their finds. The food stands were busy and were selling late into the event. It appeared to be a successful day for craft and food vendors alike.

The U.S. Army Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps and the Central York Fife and Drum Corps were a huge draw. There were many inquiries during the week before from people planning their trip here around the performance times for these two groups. Both units appear at many events during the year but seem to especially enjoy their time here.

Once Colonial Day is underway it seems to generate its own energy, but whenever I think of the event, what I see is the tremendous amount of work put in by the wonderful volunteers who make it all happen and then clean it all up once it's over. I cannot possibly name everyone who helped but I am especially thankful for those who took on the responsibility of planning and running the Society's booths:

Funnel cakes	Brian Oswald
Information booth	Clair and Peggy Bange
Museum booth	Clair and Peggy Bange
Red Men's food	Joe Galuppo and family
Red Men's beverage	Doug Orris and family
Pig roast	Michael and Lucia Hrinyak
Root beer	Matt Konvel and family
Quilt raffle	Mariam Bechtel
Hearth dinner demo	Jane and Richard Fox, Linda Zeigler
Entertainment	Jane Fox

During the September 18 general meeting we shared ideas about how to make the 2014 Colonial Day even better. □

Colonial Day

We would all like to thank Bev Jadus for again chairing this year's Colonial Day. Without her leadership, the event would not have happened. We are all looking forward to Bev chairing the event again in 2014, which should be a grand Colonial Day as it will occur in the 250th anniversary year of the founding of Berlin (East Berlin). Please visit the Society's website for pictures of this year's Colonial Day. (Photos do not print well in our newsletter.) □

Society Membership

Contributor: Peggy Bange, Membership Chairman

We would like to welcome new members Lise Shehan (from Dover, PA), Dianne Hollinger (from York, PA), and Judy and Bob Boyer (from Westminster, MD).

Your membership in the Society is based on a calendar year and membership dues are due in January of each year. For 2014 membership dues, we are changing the timing of contacting you for your renewal. **Enclosed with this issue of *The Berlin Informer*, you are receiving the renewal application for dues for the calendar year 2014.** We expect you to pay your dues as soon as possible and definitely by the end of January to prevent us from having to contact you multiple times for your renewal. Please make sure you include your current email address on the membership form.

We had an early renewal Colonial Day Special for all members who provided email addresses, and we received 17 paid renewal applications representing 36 members. Thanks to all of the members who renewed early.

We would also suggest that you think about giving a 2014 membership in your Society as a Holiday Gift. The enclosed renewal form contains a special area where you can designate a Holiday Gift Membership. All Holiday Gift Membership recipients will receive a letter from the Membership Chairman informing them of their new membership and acknowledging the donor of the membership.

I would like to thank you in advance for your prompt membership renewal. □

Building Report:

Contributor: Bill Powell, Building Chairman

A great example of how to get things done happened just a few weeks ago. For years, the second floor of Liberty #1 Fire House was used for storing lots of "stuff" for which there was no identifiable use. We spoke often of cleaning it out, but years went by and there it was until Clair and Peggy Bange and Michael and Lucia Hrinyak showed up unannounced one day, ready to dig in and get it done. Along came Richard and Jane Fox who pitched in as well. Soon some items were headed to the trash, a load went off to consignment at York's Refindings warehouse, scrap metal went to Swope's, and the "keepers" were neatly organized and the floors were swept clean by Jane. What a difference....THANK YOU ALL. □

Colonial Day Quilt Raffle Winners

Quilt - Danny Sebright, Washington, DC **Redware** – Lisa Cuff, Gardners, PA
Hand-crafted Santa – Matthew Mummert, York, PA

Red Men's Hall

Who Were/Are the Red Men?

As we all know, the Society's headquarters building is named Red Men's Hall. Do you know why it is so named? What do you know about the Red Men? This article and future articles will provide you with some information on The Improved Order of Red Men Fraternal Organization.

Who Are The Red Men?

The fraternity traces its origins back to 1765 and is descended from the Sons of Liberty. These patriots concealed their identities and worked "underground" to help establish freedom and liberty in the early Colonies. They patterned themselves after the great Iroquois Confederacy and its democratic governing body. Their system, with elected representatives to govern tribal councils, had been in existence for several centuries.

After the War of 1812 the name was changed to the Society of Red Men and in 1834 to The Improved Order of Red Men. They kept the customs and terminology of Native Americans as a basic part of the fraternity. Some of the words and terms may sound strange, but they soon become a familiar part of the language for every member. The Improved Order of Red Men (IORM) is similar in many ways to other major fraternal organizations in the United States.

The Improved Order of Red Men is a national fraternal organization that believes in....

- Love of and respect for the American Flag.
- Preserving our Nation by defending and upholding the principle of free Government.
- America and the democratic way of life.
- Preserving the traditions and history of this great Country.
- Creating and inspiring a greater love for the United States of America,
- Helping our fellow men through organized charitable programs.
- Linking our members together in a common bond of Brotherhood and Friendship.
- Perpetuating the beautiful legends and traditions of a once-vanishing race and the keeping alive of some of the traditional customs, ceremonies, and philosophies.

Legally, The Improved Order of Red Men is a patriotic fraternity chartered by Congress. It is a non-profit organization devoted to inspiring a greater love for the United States of America and the principles of American Liberty.

In an ensuing issue of *The Berlin Informer* we will present The History of the Red Men. (Excerpts are reprinted with permission of the IORM, Waco, TX.) □

The 1764 Preservation Fund

Contributor: Peggy Bange, EBHPS Membership Chairman

We would like to welcome aboard the East Berlin Community Library as a new Silver member of *The 1764 Preservation Fund*.

I am happy to announce that to-date, in 2013, we have received contributions from seven organizations totaling \$1325. Please support these organizations.

Platinum

East Berlin VFW Post
8896

Gold

East Berlin Smiles

Silver

East Berlin Beverage Distributors,
Inc.
East Berlin Chiropractic, LLC
Rick's Custom Baling, LLC
ACNB
East Berlin Community Library

If you personally know the owner or chief executive of a local company or organization, we would appreciate your help in contacting these people and asking them to make a donation to *The 1764 Preservation Fund*. □

Education Report

Contributor: Karen Sheaffer, Education Chairman

Fall has arrived and we have two schools eager to join us for an Education Program.

On October 22, we will host Immaculate Heart School students traveling from New Oxford. They will be bringing 15 students from their third and fourth grades. We will be able to keep all the students together and rotate from one building to the next as they learn about early American life in East Berlin.

On November 12, York Country Day School will return again for a tour. They will bring 29 students from their second and third grades along with two teachers. They will enjoy all three buildings we use for the Education Program and will then eat their packed lunches at Red Men's Hall before returning to their school.

We are always looking for new volunteers. Anyone interested in helping on a particular day or preparing the buildings and supplies needed for tours can contact me at (717) 259-6555. □

Colonial Day Hearth Cooked Meal Raffle Winners

Larry Welty, Abbottstown, PA
Monna Callender, Hanover, PA

Susan Liebegott, York, PA
Lynne Blaker, Dover, PA

Hands at the Hearth Cooking Club

Contributor: Jenn Oswald, Cooking Club Organizer

What does one do with cabbage, apples, and onions? One makes Gumbis over the hearth, of course. Sounds like an odd combination, but take it from us, it's delicious.

The hearth cooking group had a lovely time at Dill Tavern making enough food to feed all of Main Street. A local policeman used his sense of smell to find some warm sweet potato rolls. Lucky for him, we shared! We learned a lot from Linda Zeigler that gorgeous, perfect for a fire, kind of day in August. From chicken on a string to salat, potatoes, tomatoes, soup and bread to pie, cake and hand beaten whipped-cream, we didn't go hungry. (Mmmm, my mouth is watering.)

We are pleased to welcome three new members to our cooking club and we welcome two of them as new members to the EBHPS. Debbie, Judy and Dianne, grab your aprons and we'll see you soon. Our group will gather October 6th at Linda Zeigler's home to organize our first cooking experience. We will then gather, October 27th, to make food and memories around the Log House hearth.

Hands at the Hearth, memories in the heart!! ☐

The Christmas Party at the Mill

Saturday December 7 is the big day. Plan to enjoy the 18th century atmosphere, delicious food, and great conversation at the Society's annual holiday gathering at Swigart's Mill.

Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. and social time will start at 6 p.m. Come dressed in warm layers and carrying your favorite dish to share with others. Please be very generous when planning the size of your contribution so there will be plenty of food for all. (We do love to eat.) Main dishes and casseroles will be especially appreciated. Remember to bring your own plates and utensils, please. If you are willing to provide a ham, turkey, or firewood please call 259-0822 and leave a message.

Help is needed to prepare for the festivities!

Wednesday December 4 - Deposit greens (boxwood, holly, pine boughs, etc.) behind Swigart's Mill by the steps.

Thursday December 5 - Help clean the mill at 9 a.m.
Help decorate the mill at 10 a.m. (Bring gloves, pruning shears, floral wire, etc.)

Monday Decemeber 9 - Help clean up at 10 a.m.

FIREWOOD is also needed for the mill hearth. ☐