

Emmaus Historical Society

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Late Summer 2019

President's Message

Dear Members,

Memories of my elementary school years are still vivid even though many years have passed since those impressionable days. One of my memories that remains so clear from fourth grade was the field trip my class took with Mrs. Wagner to the Shelter House. In my photo album from my youth, there must be a dozen black and white pictures that I took of that day.

Fast forward to three years ago, I was privileged to participate in the group effort to create the Heritage Alliance 3rd Grade Early History of Emmaus Program Pilot which consisted of a pre-event presentation in the schools that told the story of the early history of Emmaus in preparation for field trips to four Emmaus historical sites where the children would engage in various activities.

The pilot program began with two East Penn elementary schools, Lincoln and Jefferson. After quite positive feedback from the schools, it was decided to continue offering the program for future years. This year was the third year it was offered and with each year, one additional school has been added. The second year, Wescosville Elementary participated and this past spring, Alburtis Elementary was added to the program. There will be a fifth school added in 2020.



I love that the children are so engaged in this program from the time we show the presentation and tell the story of George, created and written by Corinne Durdock. We dress in old costumes of the period, which is also fascinating for the children. When we enter the rooms, some of the children have asked if we are Amish. For the past two years, Corinne has participated as the storyteller during the presentation. This year featured Ricki Stringfellow as her substitute. The presentation starts with the history of the beginnings of Pennsylvania and the area where Emmaus's story began along with the people who settled in the community. George is a fictional boy but based on a real boy who grew up

in the early days of the founding of Emmaus. The chronological introduction of three of the field trip sites, the Shelter House, God's Acre and the Knauss Homestead, is presented during George's story. The final site, the 1803 House, is introduced afterwards due to the fact that it would have been built by a future generation.

The children are filled with excitement and curiosity and have so many questions after the presentation and prior to the field trips. As a presenter and also as a site leader, it thrills me to see so much interest in the history of Emmaus and its beginnings. Each historical site has student activities based on three objectives of the program. The first objective is to give the students a foundational understanding of the community at the time. The second objective is to discuss the importance of culture and the unique components of each site. The third objective is to talk about conflicts and cooperation among the settlers and government. Children leave each site with a better understanding of how the early settlers lived in the 1700s and what problems so many of them faced. They learn about a time before the community was built, to the beginning of the formation of the community, to experiencing the inside of three houses each built forty-some years apart for comparison. They also learn about chores of the time period, food preparation and hearth cooking

and seed planting and herb growing for medicinal purposes.

It is a very rich program with lots of care and hard work by the volunteers that assist in the schools as well as at the four historic sites. We are always looking for assistance at the sites for those of you who would love to share some history with the younger



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generations. If you only have a few hours to share, the rewards are great in return when you see the smiles on the children's faces.

A special thank you goes out to all of those members of the Heritage Alliance who work so hard to make this program a reality. The Heritage Alliance consists of eight members: the Emmaus Public Library, the Emmaus Moravian Church, the Emmaus Historical Society, the 1803 House, the Knauss Homestead, the Shelter House, the Emmaus Remembrance Garden and the Emmaus Main Street Partners. I would also like to give a special thank you to Robin Kertis in particular who had the vision and push for this program to become a reality. She inspired the group with her hard work and determination to bring this project to fruition. She continues to push us all forward each year with her organization and enthusiasm for the project.

Top Row, Left to Right - Directors: Andrew Kerstetter, Scott Deischer, Linda Boehmer, Kathryn Pherson, Solicitor/Parliamentarian John Zettlemoyer, Esq., Director Loren Weiss, Not Pictured: Director Michael Henry, Esq.



Bottom Row, Left to Right - Treasurer Albert Wieand, Recording Secretary Linda Waddell, President Jeanne Harakal, Recording Secretary Ruth Kemmerer, Vice President Patricia Mabus

A Special Thank You

Museum Display Highlights

We encourage everyone to stop in and visit the Emmaus Historical Society museum on Saturdays during the hours of 10am-4pm to view our current displays. Highlights of our displays include:

Vintage wedding dresses belonging to past and current residents of the Emaus/Emmaus community and various vintage wedding cards, booklets and other wedding memorabilia are being exhibited. On display within this

worn by Gerald "Shug" Reese

when he married Jacqueline



Boyer. Photos of all these happy couples are also displayed.

We are also honoring the

Emaus/Emmaus High Classes for all years ending with a nine. Come enjoy our collection of memorabilia including yearbooks, class photographs, programs, badges and other memorabilia from 1909 thru 2009. And our class ring collection, complete with yearbook photos, is not to be missed.



"Celebrating the Celebrations". **Emaus Borough** was incorporated officially in 1859 and began throwing huge events to honor the



Patriotism was in full swing

in earlier decades and we are

showcasing our collection of

patriotic decorations from

yesteryear including several

vintage Uncle Sam celluloid

decorations and a few made of

many other things in between.

In conjunction with our 2018-

2019 program theme, our

1824 room is all decked out

pipe cleaners, glitter garland and

anniversaries of that occasion beginning with the Emaus Golden Jubilee in 1909, continuing with the Emmaus Centennial in 1959 and the Emmaus 2009 Anniversary

Celebration. We are also showcasing the Emaus WWI Homecoming event that took place in 1919. The Diamond



Jubilee in 1934 and the '84 Emmaus Homecoming are also given honorable mention in the display areas. Please come see what has survived from past generations for future generations to enjoy.



Celebrating **Centenarian!**

It was a memorable day!



The Emmaus Historical Society began recognizing its centenarian members last year by requesting a proclamation in their honor from the Borough of Emmaus and delivering it to the member accompanied by the mayor of Emmaus and Councilwoman Teri Sorg-McManamon. In June, we were able to honor *Elisabeth Gehring* who turned **101** on June 12.

Contributions to our Capital and General Funds

We acknowledge and offer our sincere thanks to everyone who has generously contributed to the Emmaus Historical Society during the period April 1, 2019 through June 30, 2019. Capital Fund contributions fund those major projects that are necessary to maintain and preserve our beautiful building and property. Projects completed in 2018 and supported by the Capital Fund were the front porch restoration, stucco repairs and exterior painting of the entire building, and the repaving of the driveway. The Capital project we will be working on next will be restorations, reparations and painting of the garage. Contributions to our General Fund support our operating expenses, programs, and special events.

Capital Fund

Heritage - \$100.00 to \$249.00

Emmaus Lioness Lions Club; Donna LeVan in memory of Lynette Fink; Gerrianne Keiser in memory of Lynette Fink; Carol Gerdes Historian - \$50.00 to \$99.00 Andrew McNally in memory of Lynette Fink Friends – up to \$49.00 Lynnann Fink in memory of Lynette Fink

General Fund

Friends – up to \$49.00

Heritage - \$100.00 to \$249.00 Chris Defrain; James Schwar in memory of Lynette Fink

Historian - \$50.00 to \$99.00

Gladys Ketner; Barbara Dohner; Richard and Edna Gerhart; Barbara Mueller; Linda and Michael Hetherington in memory of Lynette Fink; Deborah Dellatore in memory of Lynette Fink; Gladys Watson and Beatrice Osborne in memory of Lynette Fink Erik Martin and Wendy Bartkus; Geraldine Schmeltzle; Kathie Saucier; Elizabeth Adams; William Lesko; Sally Schantz; Mary Jean Lira in memory of Lynette Fink; Patricia Mabus in memory of Lynette Fink; Loretta Zak in memory of Lynette Fink; Andrew Kerstetter in memory of Lynette Fink; Pat Zentner in memory of Lynette Fink

Membership

Our membership meetings and programs are open to the public and held the third Wednesday of the month (except January, Lenten Wednesdays, June, July and August) at 7 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church Parish Hall, 5th & Chestnut Streets in Emmaus. Our members include individuals (local and from afar), as well as Emmaus-area businesses and organizations. Currently, approximately 1100 individuals and 70 businesses and organizations comprise our membership.

Annual Membership

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Individual	\$15.00
Family	\$25.00
Junior (Under 18 – No vote)	\$ 3.00
Business	\$40.00
Charitable Civic Org.	\$25.00



Life Membership		
Individual	\$200.00	
Family	\$350.00	
Business	\$300.00	
Charitable Civic Org.	\$100.00	

Welcome to our New Members - Thank you for Supporting Us!

Jane Deutsch	John & Kathleen Hart	Ashley Lorah	Marine Corp League
Ron and LeeAnn Gilbert	Gladys Ketner	Samuel & Judith Stevens	

Deceased Members - We extend our condolences to the families of:

Bruce Wagner----April 13, 2019Mary Stover-----May 25, 2019LynetteEthel Duracinsky---May 20, 2019Priscilla Alderfer-----June 1, 2019Veronica

Lynette Fink-----June 2, 2019 Veronica Holben-----June 9, 2019

Please call the office at 610.966.6591 if you are aware of any member to whom we should send a Get Well, Sympathy or Thinking of You card.



On June 2, the Emmaus Historical Society lost one of its most dedicated volunteers. *Lynette Fink* worked tirelessly in setting up and arranging the Schwar Genealogy Library, training our volunteers in its usage and introducing the Library to our members at the November 2017 program. She put in countless hours, driving from western PA on weekends and working very late some nights to complete her tasks. Her smile and her enthusiasm for genealogy will be greatly missed by all!

> **Thank you, Lynette,** for all of your hard work and the knowledge you gave us!

Victorious! How One Family Left its Mark on Emaus by Marie Maly



In addition to contracting, Howard also sold paint, wallpaper and related supplies to do-it-yourselfers. Here he is, proudly standing in his second shop, which he purchased in 1928.



Most Emmaus natives know about the victory arch erected to celebrate the end of World War I and honor borough citizens who served during the war. Few are left to remember the time when the arch graced the downtown area. Fewer still (if any at all) are left to tell a firsthand story of the arch's dedication. And probably no one (except for some of his descendants) remembers Howard J. Kline, the man who painted the arch.

Phone directories of the 1920s list my great-grandfather, Howard J. Kline, as either a molder or decorator. In reality, he was in the paint and wallpaper business. Over the course of his career, he operated out of two different locations in Emaus.

He purchased his first location (below) in 1921 and ran the business out of the first floor of the storefront

building. He and his family lived in the house next door and likely the second floor of the store as well. Look familiar? This structure, sans the



storefront and some of the porch support posts, appeared in the last two editions of the EHS Newsletter.

Howard is standing second from the right. Posing with him are his wife, Mary (neé Kratzer), and most of their children. Standing far left (wearing a hat) is Howard's father, Daniel. Daniel and wife, Hannah (neé Diefenderfer), lived in what is now the "1824 room" of the Emmaus Historical Society building. The home had previously belonged to Daniel's parents (my third great- grandparents), Simon and Saloma (neé Keck). Daniel and Hannah retired from the family farm in Salisbury Township to live with Saloma sometime after Simon's death. My grandmother, Myrtie, is standing in the center of the picture, directly behind the girl sporting pigtails. My great-grandmother is standing to her right. If the interior of this shop doesn't look familiar, certainly the exterior of the building should.



Howard's store and his adjoining family residence would later become Wentz Hardware.

Over the years, several of Howard's family members



Pictured: Two members of Howard's painting crew: Arthur Kline (Howard's son) and George Kline (Howard's brother). George was the original owner of the house that became the "1870 room" of the Emmaus Historical Society building. worked as his employees. Of the many projects they executed, they were most proud of being given the job to paint the World War I victory arch.

Years later, his grandson, Donald Folk (my father), known better by

his contemporaries as "Zeep," joined forces with one of Howard's sons (Roman); the two worked together for many years as painters and paperhangers. At least one other of Roman's nephews, Bob Willis, also a native son of Emmaus, joined the team over several summer vacations.

The Howard Kline family (circa 1928):



* children ** grandchildren

First row: Myrtie*, holding my aunt Lorraine**; Mary; Howard; Eva (wife of Charles), holding William**

Second row: Ada*, Wilson Folk (my grandfather), Francis*, Charles* Sitting on steps: Perma*, Earl Kline (husband of Perma)

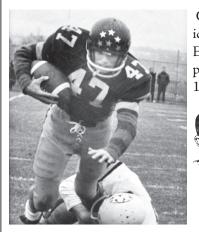
Sitting on the wall: Martin Jr.** (son of Martin); Geraldine** (daughter of Martin), Betty*, Jack (son of Robert)**

Back row: Arthur* (standing on the stoop next door), Martin*, Irene (wife of Warren); Warren*; Marie (wife of Robert), Robert*, Verna*, Lucy*, Roman*

📲 Marie Maly is President of the Longswamp Historical Society and a Life Member of the Emmaus Historical Society since 2001. 🌬

Mystery Photos

Previously, our readers helped us with information on four mystery photographs, the story of one inspired Marie Maly's piece in this newsletter. *Can you help us with these photos?*



Can you identify this EHS football player, circa 1957 – 1962?



Can you identify what group this is, what they were doing and anyone in the photo?





Can you identify any of the men in front of the tent or the organization? We know the photo was from Emaus, so it would be prior to 1938.



Can you name this member of the Coast Guard?



The Emmaus Historical Society is a proud participant in the **Heritage Keepers of the Greater Lehigh Valley**, a group of historic venues and museums in Berks, Lehigh and Northampton Counties. Emmaus members looking for more history experiences can visit any of these locations and participate in their events. Follow the Heritage Keepers Facebook page for Activities at a Glance and visit <u>lvhistory.org</u> for information on all the history the Lehigh Valley has to offer!

ANOTHER BIG SUCCESS AND THANK YOU TO ALL! From Katrina Wieand and Pat Mabus

This year's Yard Sale netted \$3,020.46! We shattered our previous record of \$2,024.

First and foremost we want to thank everyone who donated their treasures to our sale. Whether it was one little bag or several big trucks full of goodies, it was greatly appreciated! And we thank everyone who shopped and bought at the sale. Generosity from both the donors and shoppers was amazing!



Although we worked on organizing and pricing for several months, this success would not have been possible without the team who kicked in the week before and the day of the sale. These volunteers picked up furniture and tables, loaned us tables,

and staged the museum and garage with our inventory for an easy roll out on Saturday morning. They made crafts and baked – adding to our inventory and sale proceeds. On yard sale eve, they set up tables into the night and then showed up at 5AM Saturday morning to set up for our 8AM opening! Throughout the day they cashiered, negotiated, sold, loaded cars, delivered, made and served us breakfast and lunch. And when the sale was over, they stayed to clean up, pack up and load back into the garage. But our team didn't quit on Saturday night. They were back again Monday morning to take nine truckloads (1/4 of our starting inventory) to Goodwill.





ANOTHER SUCCESS!

We would also like to thank those members and non-members who purchased the Dan Schantz Monthly Maddness cards. It was the best year ever for this fundraiser, netting a profit of \$500 for our Capital Fund.

Following is a list of our MVPs who made this our biggest "FUN"draiser!

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Al Farkas	tables, staging, set up, runner, delivery, clean up,	
	Goodwill and garbage night	
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	Goodwill and garbage night	
Andrew Kerstetter	Tables, staging, set up, runner, delivery, clean	
	up, Goodwill and garbage night	
Andy Harakal	set up	
Brian Shelly	tables, staging, set up, runner, delivery and	
	clean up	
Carl Wieder	table, runner and clean up	
Christine Breslin	tables bake sale, runner, clean up, translator	
Christopher Weiss	tables, tarps, set up, runner, clean up	
Dave Kerstetter	tables and Goodwill	
Jean Ross	Museum Staff	
Jeanne Harakal	set up, runner, clean up	
Kitty Pherson	set up, sales, clean up	
Linda Boehmer	set up, cashier, runner, clean up	
Linda Waddell	set up, cashier runner, clean up	
Loren Weiss	set up, runner, clean up	
Mike Waddell	clean up	
Nancy Matika	Breakfast!, runner, clean up	
Nancy Reimert	tables and benches	
Renee Shelly	Lunch!	
Robin Kerstetter	Lunch!, crafter, runner, clean up and Goodwill	
Robin Weiss	Dessert!, librarian, set up, runner, clean up	
Ruth Kemmerer	table, sales	
Sandy Farkas	Greeter!, cashier, set up, clean up	
Scott Deischer	tables, staging, set up, runner, delivery and clean up	
Teri Sorg-McManamon publicity, Face Book		
St. John's Lutheran Church tables		
Hendricks & Sons Pick-up Zone and Parking		

Collections for the May 30, 2020 Yard Sale will be accepted starting in September. Drop off your donations on Saturdays, during Museum hours, or call the office at 610.966.6591 to make arrangements.

A NEW FUND RAISER

We would like to announce an opportunity for all of our members to contribute to our fundraising efforts without directly contributing their own money. We are now participating with Amazon Smile. If you purchase anything on Amazon, you can sign in through <u>www.smile.amazon.com</u> and choose the Emmaus Historical Society as the non-profit organization you would like to support. Amazon will contribute ½ percent of each purchase to the Emmaus Historical Society in return. Thanking all in advance for their support of our new Fundraising program.



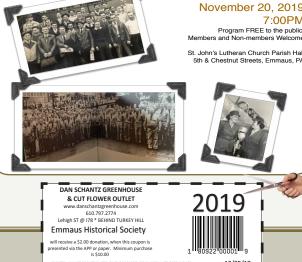
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A photographic exploration, showcasing some of the earliest examples of decorated and inscribed Pennsylvania Dutch gravestones from Bucks, Berks, Montgomery, Lehigh, Lebanon, and Lancaster Counties. Closely examining common trends and content, this presentation will offer advice for genealogists and historians in meeting the interpretive challenges in German language inscriptions in southeastern Pennsylvania,



Emmaus and the Greatest Generation,

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The mission of the Emmaus Historical Society is to collect, preserve and exhibit Emmaus artifacts, documents, histories, photographs and genealogy for displays and research and to offer educational programs and events throughout the year.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

Andrew Kerstetter Kathryn Pherson Scott Deischer Loren Weiss Solicitor/Parliamentarian - John Zettlemoyer, Esq.

Directors

Museum Hours

Saturdays: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.,

by appointment or special event times

September 18th – Program "1909 Golden Jubilee" presented by Andrew Kerstetter

Orchestra... A Legend Lives On"

"Irving Berlin's Holiday Inn"

"Funny Money"

September 21st – Heritage Alliance Festival (rain date 9/22)

October 16th - Program - "Carved in Stone: The Interpretation of Pennsylvania Dutch Tombstone Inscriptions and Decorations" presented by Patrick Donmoyer Director of the Pennsylvania German Cultural Heritage Center at Kutztown University

October 17th – Bus Trip to Penn's Peak to see "The Glenn Miller

November 20th - Program - "Emmaus and the Greatest Generation,

December 11^h – Annual Christmas Party featuring a surprise guest

December 19th – Bus Trip to Dutch Apple Theater to see

in honor of Emmaus Veterans who served in WWII"

August 27th – Bus Trip to Rainbow's Comedy Playhouse to see

Mark Your Calendars!

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