OUR NEXT MEETING: Will be held on MONDAY January 21st at the Haddon Heights Library- Lower Level. Although the Haddon Heights Public Library itself is closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day holiday, the facility will be opened that evening to our members for this special Haddon Heights Historical Society Meeting. For our first meeting of 2008, we will hear about local war heroes and the impact they have even today, as we host Craig E. Burgess, local educator, author and poet, who will share how small town values and patriotism have connected the past, present and future US Navy to Audubon, NJ: “The Most Patriotic Small Town In America.” Craig will reveal how Project Memorial, honoring three Audubon Medal of Honor recipients, ignited students, faculty and community to come together in achieving something very special: Establishing a very special monument of the grounds of the Audubon High School. Copies of his book *The Green Wave and The Navy: The History of the USS BENFOLD (DDG-65)* will be available and signed by the author.

By way of background, Mr. Burgess’ book offers the following information: Audubon has a population of approximately 9,000 residents and is the only town its size in the United States to have THREE Medal of Honor recipients.

1) Edward C. Benfold, U.S. Navy: In memory of the selfless sacrificing of his own life for the lives of two countrymen. He was killed while defending the wounded in Korea on 5 September 1952.

2) Nelson V. Brittin, U.S. Army: In memory of his courageous leadership under fire while wounded which inspired his company and helped defeat the enemy. He was killed in battle at Yonggong-Ni, Korea on 7 March 1951.

3) Samuel M. Sampler, U.S. Army: In memory of his bold courage through hostile fire resulting in the surrender of twenty-eight enemy soldiers near St. Etienne, France, 8 October 1918. He died on 19 November 1979.

Onward with Valor! Please bring a friend and join us for these tales of local heroism!

501(c) (3) charitable giving reminder: Your TAX-DEDUCTIBLE contribution to the Haddon Heights Historical Society can benefit our community. You can make a donation “in honor of,” or “in memory of”; for a special occasion or specific project (Example- Glover Fulling Mill – Betsy Ross tie-in, Library History Section construction). Local History Award, etc.); You may even want to include the Historical Society in your Estate Planning. Many corporations offer “Matching Funds” for charitable donations. Ask your Benefits Administrator. Your gift will help us grow and better meet our mission. Donations of $500, $1000, $2,500, $5,000, $10,000 or more will be acknowledged on our website.
MEMBERSHIP REPORT: We have 88 members with 50 paid up for 2008 as of January 1st 2008. Make sure your membership is current. You benefit from our efforts... let the Historical Society benefit from yours! A “Household” membership, includes all members of the family within the household, and is only $12.00 per calendar year. Single Membership is still available for only $8.00. Mention the Historical Society to a friend. Help us grow! 2008 Dues can be paid at the meeting, or by mail, using the membership application at the bottom of page 3. Please remember to include your e-mail address so we can send you important updates about the Society.

SPECIAL THANKS: Our speakers for the October 2007 meeting donated their “honorarium” back to the Historical Society. In recognition of that gesture, the Board has made a donation in the amount of the speakers’ fee- $50 to the Haddon Heights High School Athletic Hall of Fame in the names of 1943-44 Garnet Football stars Lloyd “Jack” Johnson, and Carl Wilson.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:
Happy New Year! As a reminder, beginning in 2008, our meeting dates have changed to the 3rd Monday of January, April, July, and October so members can participate in the sometimes lively Tuesday evening Borough and community meetings. If you have had a chance to glance through the 2008 Community Calendar, you might have noticed an unscheduled meeting that somehow was posted for Tuesday, April 15. This is an error. The actual meeting will be on Monday, April 21.

Also, if you’re planning to attend our January 21 meeting, remember to bring your checkbook if you haven’t paid your membership dues yet, or want to purchase a copy of either “The Green Wave And The Navy: The History of the USS BENFOLD (DDG-65) or “The Ideal Suburb: Haddon Heights Remembered.” Authors of those books will be in attendance, and will gladly personalize and sign your copy upon request. Art Ritter, Jan Ewing or Judy Buecker at the sign-in table will be delighted to receive your 2008 dues.

As we begin retyping our old newsletters and recording the Haddon Heights HS senior class member information from the old yearbooks, project assistance is needed. If you have Microsoft Excel on your computer and have a little bit of free time, please call me at 856.546.0391 or email me at mhatfield01@comcast.net. Ultimately, the plan is to have either another publication or CD utilizing archival materials that we are re-organizing electronically. If you have other interests or ideas that would help in our effort to bring history alive in Haddon Heights, we would like to hear from you.

Remember...without you, we’re history! Best regards, Marshall Hatfield
IDEAL SUBURB:
HADDON HEIGHTS REMEMBERED–
This update of our original publication contains information and reminiscences about growing up in Haddon Heights during the first half of the twentieth century. The new edition of this great keepsake book contains over 200 photos, including recent ones from the town’s centennial celebration, as well as a look back at business and civic ads from the past. “The Ideal Suburb” will be available for purchase at the meeting and at the Library for the low price of $24.95. I encourage you to buy your copies of this award winning book now! This great collection of local history would make a wonderful gift for anyone interested in Haddon Heights history!!

Remember– What happens today is tomorrow’s History...

GREAT HADDON HEIGHTS MERCHANDISE !!-
We have a good supply of several nice and useful items featuring artist and architectural renderings of historic buildings in Haddon Heights. The “Wine Carrier” bag is $12, and the handy “Tote Bag” is $15. Buy Both... for $25.00. The Tea Towel is only $8.00. Purchase at the meeting, or look for them at the following local stores: Chocolate Heaven, April Robin Florist, and the Library. Proceeds benefit the Historical Society.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL 2008 Haddon Heights Historical Society

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NOTE: Year 2008 Annual Membership dues are only $8.00 (single), and $12.00 (household), and are due at this time. Please bring this completed form and payment to the next Historical Society Meeting. If you prefer to mail in your dues, please send to: Haddon Heights Historical Society, P.O. Box 118, Haddon Heights, NJ 08035
THANKS for listening ... Drop me a line. Share some history!

Ken Funkhouser, Editor

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