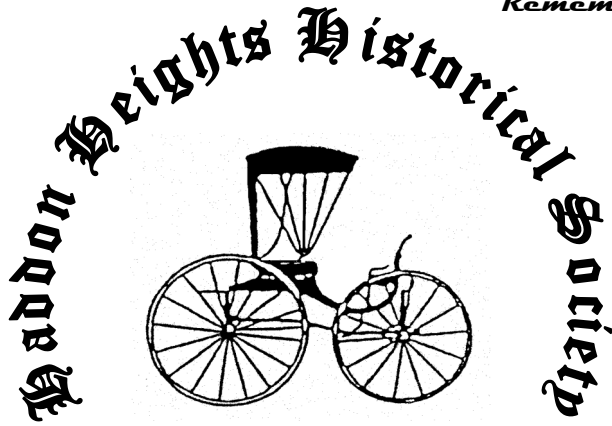


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We meet on the third **MONDAY** of January, April, July, and October - at **7:00pm**

**OUR NEXT MEETING:** Will be held on **MONDAY** January 18th at 7:00pm in the basement of the Haddon Heights Library (disabled accessible). Our speaker will be Mr. Fred Barnum, author of *His Master's Voice in America*, a 400-page book containing over 700 rare photographs recounting the history of RCA from its birth in Camden, NJ, at the close of the 19<sup>th</sup> century as the Victor Talking Machine Company.

Mr. Barnum, joined RCA Camden in 1984 and took immediate interest in this amazing history ; taking steps to preserve it. He uncovered the "lost archives" and, for the next seven years, reconstructed the story from long-forgotten photo negatives, engineering notebooks, and interviews with current and retired employees. In 1991, he wrote and published his history of RCA and dedicated it to the employees of Victor, RCA, and GE for their invaluable contributions to the fields of entertainment, radio and television broadcasting, science and medicine, space exploration and the continuing defense of the United States of America throughout the 20<sup>th</sup> Century.



Fred Barnum, author

His subsequent efforts to preserve this critical piece of American technological history have included articles for the local and national media. He has also appeared in several television and film documentaries, and entertained audiences throughout the Delaware Valley and beyond with his presentation on RCA's history. He has remained with RCA and its successor companies for the past 25 years, and is currently a Business Development Manager with successor company L-3 Communications in Camden, NJ. We look forward to seeing you. Bring a Friend !!!!!

**MEETING TIME CHANGE-** Please note: At our last meeting, the general membership voted to change our Quarterly meeting start times to **7:00 pm**, effective with our January 18, 2010 meeting.

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE-** Welcome to the New Year and new changes in your Historical Society! First and foremost, a **NEW TIME** for our quarterly meetings - 7:00pm sharp in the library's lower level meeting room. This will allow us to have more time with our speaker, and visit with each other before the library closes at 9:00pm. This earlier starting time brings the added benefit of **NEW REFRESHMENTS** after the presentation (with thanks to Vice-President Elena Hill, who is coordinating the effort.) Finally, we start the year with **NEW LEADERSHIP** as Past President Marshall Hatfield passes the reigns after four years of faithful service.

Marshall has had two distinguished terms as the Society's guiding light. While I will always remember his surprise kazoo conclusion to our 2004 Sousa concert, his real work began in 2005 when he assumed the presidency. During his tenure he has seen an updating of the Society's Constitution and By-Laws, the introduction of a high school history award, the expansion of the Board's Assistants to include Legislative, Membership, Merchandise, and Publicity Committee liaisons, and a nearly complete organizational overhaul that brought the Historical Society well into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. He also oversaw the work of Jack Witzig and Cheryl Selah in developing a fantastic website documenting the Society's activities and the history of Haddon Heights. This site will hold much promise for the future, just as soon as a new webmaster volunteers to continue their efforts. Another highlight of Marshall's leadership occurred last Spring at "Back to the Station Day" when three interpretive signs were installed. These signs were designed at part of the Borough's DOT Grant for Station Avenue Improvements, and financed through a generous charitable contribution to the Society. You'll have a chance to read more about these interpretive signs later in this newsletter.

As with each New Year, 2010 brings four new and exciting programs for our quarterly meetings. You have already read about January's intriguing speaker, Fred Barnum. In April we will host Jim Mundy, the archivist at Philadelphia's Union League who will speak about Abraham Lincoln. In July, we hope to have a presentation on the history of the South Jersey Glassmaking Industry, and in October we will welcome Ronald Berlin, who will share the renovation of the Woodrow Wilson House in Princeton. Peter Hill and Fred Missimer, our trustworthy Programs co-chairs, are also planning a number of outings, including a boat tour of the Schuylkill River / Bartram's Gardens and a tour of the Pinelands with Russell Juleg, our October '09 speaker. No doubt about it – this will be a great new year! Why don't you come out and get involved?

*Margaret Westfield*, President

**2010 DUES ARE DUE !-** Annual membership dues, beginning January 1, 2010 have been adjusted to \$10 for an individual or \$15 for a family. This increase is necessary due to decreased membership revenue and merchandise sales as well as increasing costs. Your newsletter mailing label indicates your "Paid Through" date. If your label says "expired", it is definitely time to renew or this may be the last newsletter you receive.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED !!-** The Historical Society is in need of a couple of individuals willing to assist the Board in the following roles: Photographer, Webmaster  
we are looking for a photographer (someone with a digital camera) to chronicle our meetings, speakers, and events. We also need a webmaster to manage our new Historical Society website. If you can help us, please contact one of the Board Members.

**SIGNS OF THE TIMES...PAST TIMES-** Last Spring the story of Haddon Heights' history and growth was shared through the installation of three interpretive signs along Station Avenue. These signs were given to the Historical Society and the town of Haddon Heights in memory of Lynn Laitman, through tax-deductible charitable contributions to the 501(c) 3 Historical Society by two generous foundations, the Shirley Brownrigg Charitable Trust and the Milton and Dorothy Sarnoff Raymond Foundation.

The first of these signs is located at the intersection of Station and the White Horse Pike, on Richard Sheldon's corner (200 White Horse Pike). This sign explains that the White Horse Pike was designated Fifth Avenue in the original



street grid of Haddon Heights. In 1806, this road was laid out from Camden to Egg Harbor along a line through Berlin (then called Long-A-Coming) and the future Borough of Haddon Heights. By the late nineteenth century, the Philadelphia and Atlantic City Railway had been laid to the west of White Horse Pike, and local land owners, led by Benjamin A. Lippincott, saw an opportunity for development. In 1890, a passenger station was built along the railroad tracks at what is now Station Avenue, and the community named Haddon Heights (for its proximity to Haddonfield and its high elevation) began to develop.



## HADDON HEIGHTS AND THE WHITE HORSE PIKE

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Beginning at Kings Highway and moving down the Pike towards Barrington, these houses – now mostly rehabilitated for office use – reflect the development of architectural styles during the early twentieth century including: Queen Anne; Tudor Revival; Colonial Revival; Vernacular American Four Square; and, Craftsman Bungalow. In 1904, Haddon Heights was incorporated as a separate borough, and continued to develop further from the center of town, with the population reaching almost 10,000 residents by 1960.

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Watch for photos and descriptions of the remaining two historical interpretive signs in the next issue of the Historical Society newsletter. Can't wait till then? Just take a walk down Station Avenue and view them for yourself !!

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## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL 2010 Haddon Heights Historical Society

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Membership: \_\_\_\_\_ Single- \$10.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Household- \$15.00

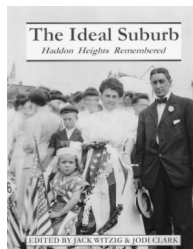
I would also like to make a tax deductible donation to the Haddon Heights Historical Society, in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

**NOTE:** Annual Membership dues 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



## HOUSE PORTRAIT DRAWING !!!!!-

The Historical Society drawing for a watercolor house portrait- valued at \$130 will take place at our January 18th meeting! Come early and make your last minute \$5.00 donation to obtain that "winning" ticket. What a great way to support your Society, and enter a drawing to win a framed, matted watercolor of the home of your choice!



## Coming Events Calendar

<b>1/18- MONDAY</b>	<b>7:00pm-</b> Quarterly H.H. Historical Society Meeting – Library
<b>MAY / JUNE</b>	Spring Outing– Schuylkill River / Bartram's Gardens
<b>FALL 2010</b>	Pinelands Tour with Russell Juleg

THANKS for listening ... Drop me a line. One thing I would like to hear more about is the Haddon Heights baseball team from the 1920's. I believe their ball field was located near Barrington.

Please let us know your recollections...Share some history !

## 2010 - Historical Society Board

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