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We meet on the third Tuesday of January, April, July, and October at 7:30pm in the Library

“REMEMBERING YESTERDAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF TOMORROW”

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THE NEXT MEETING OF THE HADDON HEIGHTS HISTORICAL SOCIETY will take place on Tuesday January 18, 2005 at 7:30pm, in the Library Meeting Room on the lower level. Elevator service is available.

“ PAY NO ATTENTION TO THE MAN BEHIND THE CURTAIN “- Do you recognize that famous line from the Wizard of OZ? At our next meeting on Tuesday January 18th, we will feature a presentation by Paul Sofian, regional film buff and member of the Chestnut Hill Film Group. His multimedia slide lecture is titled, “1939- Hollywood’s Greatest year!”, with highlights the great films of 1939: “Gone With The Wind”, “The Wizard of Oz”, Mr. Smith Goes to Washington”, Goodbye Mr. Chips”, Wuthering Heights”, Gunga Din”, Beau Geste” and many more. “Frankly, my dear...” this meeting will definitely get TWO THUMBS UP!

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT- ALL HAIL SOUSA! Our “Concert of the Century” capped off a banner Centennial year, and put us on the map, right here in the All-American borough of Haddon Heights, USA – Thanks to all of you who participated! We were indeed fortunate for past President Margaret Westfield’s dynamic leadership as Chair for this extra-ordinary, sold-out event!! Makes us all ‘hometown proud’! So – keep that kazoo in a safe, warm place this winter (and practice, practice, practice) in readiness for the 500+ HH Historical Society Marching Kazoo Band following our Banner @9AM sharp down the Avenue in the July 4th Parade (“play the *Washington Post*”)!

Thanks for the memories...Bob Hope, who lived to be 100 years old, made many Hollywood movies. I want to thank you in advance for bringing to the January 18th meeting info/history on a piece of “lost Haddon Heights”: The former Movie Theater on Station Avenue. 2005 is the centennial for Haddon Heights’ first theater, a ‘palace’ to show the new fangled silent “flickers” accompanied by music.

My quest, worthy of Indiana Jones or a Hitchcock mystery film, to learn more about this long-gone site, began with Edith Blez & Dorothy Grant’s script for the play “OUR TOWN IN 1904, or thereabouts” performed last summer in the Dell. In Act II Mrs. Benjamin F. Crookes (mother of Josephine Crookes Cawthra) says, “Yes, Ben and I are working hard with plans for the (movie) theater. If everything goes all right, we should open the first of the year. We feel so lucky because Mabel Stanley has agreed to play the piano accompanying the movies; she is a very fine pianist.”

My next research came from my own copies of The Best of This and That by Edith Blez (1992), Haddon Heights – An Historical Album (1976), and Haddon Heights Remembered (1990). Although there came along a few theaters in the area with air-conditioning, Haddon Heights was not. It got very hot which kept attendance down in the summer. Mr. Titzck remembers...”at first we had Mrs. Blodgett, who was a fine piano player at the silent movies, but later an orchestra developed which was made up of several young people in the town. It was a great honor to play in the movie orchestra, and the musicians got to see the show for free.” Harry Goff remembers...”my Dad was a builder, mostly of

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE continued- residential construction...and built Haddon Heights' first and only movie theater...on Station Avenue (#509), on the north side, halfway between White Horse Pike and Atlantic Avenue...I used to attend the Saturday matinees...featured such stars as: William S. Hart, Mabel Rowland, Mack Sennett's Keystone Kops, and Charlie Chaplin...I remember when the *Birth of a Nation* came to town, I was, for some reason or other, forbidden to see it." From Florence Goff McCoy..."Mrs. Crookes built a movie house, where the Masonic building is now located, and for a nickel you could see Pearl White hanging by her teeth (continued next week)." Finally my mission ends when the ultimate 'prize' is found: photo 28 on page 46 shows Crookes' original movie house, adjacent to King's Garage on 500 block, north side of Station Avenue, c. 1918. Come out for a fun evening – you provide the motion & we'll provide the pictures! ...History anyone? Pete Hill

2005 SOCIETY OFFICERS- At our Annual General meeting in October, the nominated slate of officers was presented to the members in attendance, for election. Most of the 2004 Board Members and Assistants agreed to stay on in their roles for another year. Therefore, many of the names below will be familiar. However, there are also new faces. Several enthusiastic members stepped forward and will join the Board as Members, Trustees, and Assistants. You will see them listed below, noted with a " * ".

The following individuals will donate their time and effort to serve on the Board of Officers for 2005:

<u>President:</u>	Peter Hill	<u>Vice President:</u>	Bob Hunter
<u>Recording Sec.:</u>	Kathy Witzig*	<u>Treasurer:</u>	Jodi Clark
<u>Corresponding Sec.:</u>	Virginia Appleby	<u>Newsletter Ed.:</u>	Ken Funkhouser
<u>Asst. to the Board:</u>	Marshall Hatfield*- Programs / Publicity, Jack Witzig- Webmaster / Photographer, Cheryl Selah- Photographer, Cheryl Alexander*- Membership, Meghan Pinsky*-Newsletter		
<u>Trustees:</u>	Ken Funkhouser, Marshall Hatfield*, Jack Witzig	<u>Past President:</u>	Margaret Westfield

These are only the formal positions on the Board. We can always use help in such areas as fund raising, refreshments, membership, publicity, and newsletter. If interested, please see us at the meeting.

"CONCERT OF THE CENTURY"- The Music of John Philip Sousa - I am sure anyone who was in the HHS Auditorium on Sunday November 7th will agree with this descriptive phrase. On the day after Sousa's 150th birthday, your Historical Society sponsored the 60 piece Blawenburg Band as they recreated a typical John Philip Sousa Concert from 1904; the year of our town's birth. The afternoon was a rousing success with ticket sales making this a "Sold Out" event!! Peter has thanked Margaret Westfield and the committee already. I also want to especially recognize Ginny Appleby, who personally sold 100 tickets!!

ATTENTION CARD CARRYING MEMBERS- Look for our new membership cards at the April meeting !!

HADDON HEIGHTS DIRECTORIES- UPDATE- We still need help with the consolidation and input of these historically significant town directories. Eight have been completed so far, with eight more to go. We are hoping to make the information available on CD-ROM. If you can proofread, or have a computer and want to help with this significant project, please call Marshall Hatfield at (856) 546-0391.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY SHIRTS- See the new shirts on our website and place your order at the meeting.

HISTORY SCHOLARSHIP MEMORIAL AWARD- The Board is looking into establishing an annual High School Scholarship Award to be funded by the Historical Society along with memorial donations. Selection criteria are not finalized, but will include completion of a Haddon Heights History project.

HADDON HEIGHTS REMEMBERED- THE SEQUEL- We are considering putting together an updated revision of the book Haddon Heights Remembered (1990). We are looking for anyone interested in helping update this valuable reference. The book will include the original material with appendices covering the Centennial. If you know Adobe Page Maker software, we really need your help!

I am always interested in hearing from you! I'll see you at the meeting! - Ken Funkhouser, Editor

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