"Remembering Yesterday For The People Of Tomorrow"



<u>Bulletin</u>

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

<u>OUR NEXT MEETING</u> – Our next meeting will be Tuesday October 17th at 7:30pm downstairs in the Haddon Heights Library. This is our Annual Membership Business Meeting, and will include the Election of Officers. Please see the article on the Election, later in this newsletter.

The speakers for our October meeting will be Ed & Cathy O'Brien. They will be sharing military memorabilia collected by members of Ed's family over the years. Ed's Grandfather, Edward O'Brien Sr., collected post cards and memorabilia from his involvement in the Spanish American War and World War I. Additionally, Ed's father, Edward O'Brien, Jr., was living and participating in history in the Pacific Theatre during World War II.

It seems that Ed O'Brien, JR. was a Lieutenant and Gunnery Officer on the USS Cleveland, a Light Ship in the Pacific. He became the unofficial Ship photographer by default, as he had one of the few good cameras and liked to take pictures. When General Douglass Mac Arthur said, "I shall return", earlier in the war, he was referring to the Philippine Islands. When he made that historic return trip, he did so as a passenger on the USS Cleveland not on a battleship or a cruiser. He traveled on one of the less conspicuous, quicker ships on the port flank of the convoy, in case of attack.

As it happened, there was a spare unused berth in Ed O'Brien's quarters on the USS Cleveland. General Douglass Mac Arthur became his bunkmate for two weeks plus as they sped to the Philippines. During this time, the two men became fast friends. When they arrived, General Mac Arthur took Lieutenant O'Brien with him to survey Borneo and the Philippines by plane. Lt. O'Brien was clicking off photographs the entire trip. Many of those photos have survived, and are in the family album, which Ed and Cathy will share, along with other posters and memorabilia of how several wars touched this family. Please plan to join us on the 17th, and BRING A FRIEND !!

WHAT'S ON THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY WEB SITE? like the Society itself, our Society website, at **WWW.HHHISTORICAL.ORG** is vibrant and growing!! There are new features, recent and historical photographs, past newsletter issues, as well as items of historical interest. So, go online and take a look! I think you will be pleased to see how your Society and our town are represented to the world on the Internet.

<u>HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEEDS VOLUNTEERS</u>—To continue the projects we have begun, your Historical Society needs more members to step forward and lend us a hand. As you will see on the Slate of Officers on page 4, we have several openings on the Board. Please come out and donate some time. Helping us helps you. To quote our President, Marshall Hatfield, "Remember... Without you, We're History!!!"

MEMBERSHIP REPORT - 2006 & 2007 Dues 2007 Annual Membership dues are still only \$8.00, and should be paid by January. Membership includes free attendance at Quarterly meetings and the Historical Society newsletter. If you somehow missed renewing for 2006, you can complete the membership application on page 3, and send it along with a check for both 2006 & 2007, to our P.O. Box, or you can bring the form and money to the meeting on October 17th. Your "paid-up through" date is the two-digit number on your mailing label. DON'T BE LEFT BEHIND... Make sure your membership is current.

We will be unable to continue mailing this quarterly newsletter to those who have let their membership lapse. You benefit from our effort-let us benefit from yours!

GREAT HADDON HEIGHTS MERCHANDISE !!- People have asked, and we responded! We now bring you several very nice and useful items featuring artist and architectural renderings of historic buildings in Haddon Heights. The "Wine Carrier" bag and handy "Tote Bag" Are Now Available !!. The Tote Bag is \$15.00. The Wine Carrier is \$12.00. Buy Both... for \$25.00.







(Artwork on Tote Bag)

(Wine Carrier-\$12)

(Tote Bag- \$15)

Look for them at our booth at the Fall Festival on October 7th, and at the following stores: Chocolate Heaven, April Robin Florist, and at the Library. Watch for our new <u>"Tea Towel"</u> with artwork of the Train Station and 6 historic homes in town. What great <u>Holiday Gifts</u> they will make!!! Proceeds benefit the Historical Society.

HOUSE PORTRAITS— Just a reminder that a house portrait of a childhood home of family homestead makes a wonderful birthday, anniversary or moving gift! Create your own piece of history and a future family heirloom with a painting of your home. Each original watercolor painting is double-matted & framed with your choice of natural wood frames, at the very reasonable price of \$130. A portion of the price for these 16"X20" custom paintings benefits the Historical Society. Help continue this great fund-raiser. Just "picture" your historic home or the home of someone you love!

HADDON HEIGHTS HISTORICAL SOCIETY LOCAL HISTORY AWARD. The Haddon

Heights Historical Society rolled out our first Annual Local History Award for students at the High School. The award was given on the basis of student-submitted research papers on a topic involving the history of Haddon Heights. The winner was Ms. Britney Carmichael. Britney received an award of \$100 from the Historical Society. Ms. Carmichael, along with the 2nd 3rd place winners, Vladslava Levchenko, and







Joanna Barron joined us at our general membership meeting on July 18th, to receive their awards.

2006 FALL FESTIVAL & ANTIQUE DISCOVERY DAY. The 2006 Haddon Heights Fall Festival will take place on SATURDAY OCTOBER 7th. The Historical Society will have a table on Station avenue, selling Cat's Meow items, books, memberships, etc. This year, however, we are excited to announce that we are moving the ANNUAL ANTIQUE DISCOVERY DAY from Sunday to SATURDAY. The Antique Discovery Day event will take place in conjunction with the Fall Festival. The location is also new!!!!! We will Host this popular event in the large meeting room in the H.H. Municipal Building!

Mr. Ronald Shaffer of the International Society of Appraisers will be speaking and giving his verbal opinion of value for antique and collectible items from Historical Society members and the public. This popular event will be from 1:00pm—4:00pm. Members & visitors are welcome. For a modest fee of \$5.00 per item, you can bring your family heirlooms & see what they're worth... or for just \$1.00 admission donation, you can sit in and make your own guess! Admissions support the HHHS Local History Award. Save the Day!!

If you are interested and can help out with the Historical Society booth, or want to assist with the Heirloom Discovery Day event, please contact Bob Hunter at the Library- 547-7132.

WATCH FOR OUR REVISED CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS IN 2007 !!- The Legislative Committee of the Board has reviewed the existing constitution and by-laws of the Society. The full Board will be considering revisions to these documents in an effort to update our organization. Changes will be brought before the membership for a ratification vote.

NOTE: Year 2007 <u>Annual</u> Membership dues are only <u>\$8.00</u>, 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:

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Coming Events Calendar

Oct. 7th-Fall Festival Booth/Sales

(Station Ave)

Oct. 7th Antique Discovery Day

(at the Municipal Building)

Oct. 17th-Fall Membership Meeting

(Library – Downstairs)

Ongoing Projects Needing Volunteers

Haddon Heights Remembered-Jodi Clark-Editing & Printing- This project is nearly complete.

H.H Town & Business Directories- Marshall Hatfield- Data entry, verifying & collating

Marketing of H.H. Historical Society Items-Elena Hill- Develop merchandise to sell

DIRECTORY PROJECT UPDATE- We now

have over 20,000 resident and local business listings in our database! These listings come from the published

*2007 Historical Society Board/Contacts **ELECTION SLATE OF OFFICERS**

President-Marshall Hatfield

Vice-President-(VACANT) Past President-Peter Hill Treasurer-(VACANT) (VACANT) Secretary-

Newsletter Ed.-Ken Funkhouser

Membership Chair-Ian Ewing Web Master-**Jack Witzig** Past Pres./Librarian-**Bob Hunter**

Trustees-Virginia Appleby

Ken Funkhouser **Jack Witzig**

Project Coordinator Ioan Rossler Legislative Chair Anne McAdams Publicity-(VACANT)

Arrangements-(VACANT)

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Directories through the years. We still need assistance with input on the following years directories: 1937-38, 1947, 1950, 1960, and 1967. These are long-term projects using volunteers to work on them in small pieces. Once completed, members will be able to see who lived at any residence or business at the time of each directory. This resource will be invaluable to any resident interested in researching the history of their home!

LOST HADDON HEIGHTS PROJECT. We are looking for volunteers willing to help research the 126 early residents whose names appear on the WW I Monument at the American Legion post. Please contact Peter Hill for more details.

THANKS for listening ... I hope you like what you see in the Bulletin. Drop me a line. Share some history! Ken Funkhouser, Editor (PS- Mildred: Sorry I have not replied. I received your wonderful account of the years you worked as a School Nurse. As always, Thanks for keeping in touch!)

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