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You will notice that the old membership form on the last page of the Record has been replaced by one calling for volunteers. We hope that this change will be a constant reminder that workers are always needed to assist in our various programs. Another change we hope to see is more news items contributed by members. These could take the form of committee announcements to the members at large or members' criticisms or suggestions, as well as historical information concerning our area. Contributed material should be addressed to the Society at Box 345, Nazareth, Pa. 18064, and designated "For Record" on the envelope.

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If anyone would like to work with any of these committees, please contact the Committee Chairperson or the President. You can also fill out the form on the back page and send it to Matt Morris and he will forward it to the correct person. The Chair-

persons are looking for more people and more involvement from the Society in general. This is one way to get some enjoyment out of your Society. We look forward to seeing you at the committee meetings.

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NAZARETH VISITOR CENTER

On Saturday, February 15th, a Visitor Center opened in the old Martin Homestead in Nazareth. This venture is sponsored by Nazareth Heritage, Inc. The Center occupies the first floor of the house, and an audio/visual tape of town highlights is shown in the former dining room. Our Society was asked to loan furniture for the front room.

A drop-leaf table, four spindle-back side chairs, a small painted rocker and a five-shelf whatnot were withdrawn from storage and now furnish the room. We feel that this act of cooperation not only enhances our image in town, but tends to publicize our own attractions to out of town tourists.

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HENRY'S FORGE (THE BENADE HOUSE)

The industrial area of Henry's Forge was located on the Bushkill between Jacobsburg and the Boulton Gun Factory. Here, in 1807, Matthew Henry built the forge that produced the first wrought iron in Northampton County.

Of the sixteen buildings once standing on the site, only two remain; a stone dwelling and one having a spring in the basement. The retired Moravian Bishop, Andrew Benade, occupied these buildings for two years (1848-1850) for which reason the dwelling is known as The Benade House today.

In the interest of the local history we are preserving, it has been deemed proper to return the true name to this area, and we will henceforth refer to it as "Henry's Forge." It may be

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necessary to add "Benade House" in parenthesis for a time, but we hope that the proper name for this area will soon become accepted by all.

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Although we are still trying to recover from our late Winter, we must now look ahead to Spring and the opening of our buildings to the public. The Open House Committee has been very busy getting ready for the first Open House on Sunday, April 25th. A spinning demonstration will be given by Suellen and Tom Tatrai of Lambertville, N.J.

On Sunday, March 28th, a very successful Orientation Session was held for those who are interested in serving as Guides/Interpreters. Bob Frick shared with the group some of his experiences and gave some tips on being an Open House volunteer. A special guest, Joan Steiner, who has served as a professional guide at several locations around the country, also spoke to the group and gave us a wealth of information on being a volunteer guide/interpreter. A tour of the buildings and refreshments served by our Hospitality Committee concluded the afternoon session.

If you missed the orientation program and are interested in helping out, please contact any member of the Open House Committee (listed above under Committees) or Matt Morris.

An additional note on the Open House Program....there will be demonstrations of fireplace cooking in the Summer Kitchen at the John Joseph House on the 4th Sunday of each month.

The Spring Dinner of the Society will be held on Thursday, April 29th, at the Stockertown Memorial Hall. The speaker will be Mr. Rex Norman, Supervisory Park Ranger at Valley Forge National Historical Park.

Please see that your reservations are in by Friday, April 23. We look forward to seeing you there!

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