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## ANNUAL DINNER

The Annual Dinner Meeting will be held on Thursday, October 28, at the Stockertown Memorial Hall. Dinner will be served at 6:30 P.M. (cash bar 5:45 P.M.). The cost will be \$12.50 per adult, \$6.25 for children. Our speaker will be Dr. David Valuska whose subject will be "Gettysburg - A Living History." Dr. Valuska is a member of the faculty of Kutztown University and is recognized as a dynamic lecturer on this subject. He has taken part in several of our Civil War Encampments.

### "YOUR ATTENDANCE DESIRED"

So states the invitation to the Annual Dinner. There is a group of members who always attend these dinner meetings and look forward to them year after year. An informal social event, a delicious family-style dinner and an informative and entertaining speaker all make up a very special evening. And yet, there are members who have never availed themselves of this opportunity, who don't know what they are missing. If you are one who has never attended our dinner meeting, make it a point to do so this year -- you'll never miss another!

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

At the Annual Meeting, the following persons will be nominated to serve on the Board of Directors in the Class of 1996:

Bobbie DiGerlando  
Timothy Lubenesky  
Charlotte Sayre  
John Schlamp  
Estelle Shedlauskas  
Ronald Gable

Out of respect, the position held by the late Joseph Lopresti will not be filled at this time.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE  
Robert Frick, Chairperson  
Margaret Danneberger  
Christopher Zalenka

NEW DUES STRUCTURE

The Board of Directors has authorized a new dues structure beginning in 1994. It was noted that no change in dues has been made since the founding of the Society and, in that time, costs have risen, especially affecting our printing and postal outlay. The new schedule, shown below, has been made with an effort to work no undue hardship on our membership.

\$ 5.00	Student	\$ 50.00	Tannery Club
\$ 7.50	Adult	\$100.00	Boulton Club
\$15.00	Family	\$250.00	Rifle Club

Contributions above the membership fee may be tax deductible.

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\* It is with deep regret that we note the \*  
 \* passing of Joseph Lopresti, one of the founders \*  
 \* of the Jacobsburg Historical Society, who has \*  
 \* contributed immensely to the Society over many, \*  
 \* many years. We will miss Joe's wealth of know- \*  
 \* ledge on the early history of this entire area; \*  
 \* his contributions simply cannot be measured. Our \*  
 \* deepest sympathy to his wife, Virginia, who has \*  
 \* been his partner in developing the historical and \*  
 \* archeological treasures that have been left with \*  
 \* the Society. \*

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CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

This year, the Christmas Open House will be held on Sunday, December 5th, from 1:00 to 5:00 P.M. Although it is early for details, the theme will follow Joe Lopresti's suggestion, "Christmas at Grandma's," with the tree, wrapped gifts and decorations recreating a Victorian Christmas. There will be a Putz, as usual.

The Board will host a party for our volunteers the evening before, when member Mark Amey will provide period refreshments. Volunteers are expected the evening of December 4th at 6:00 P.M. without further invitation.

Don't miss driving by during Christmas week to see the candles in the windows of the Stone House, The Homestead, the John Joseph House and the Robert Henry House. It is really quite a sight to see Boulton in Christmas dress!

GIFTS:

Recent gifts to the Society include lumber, tools, and a beautiful wooden black powder keg with wooden bands and a wooden screw plug from member Eleanor Graver.

John Rapsher, Sr. and William Moyer, Jr. presented us with a Fisher-Eagle anvil for use in the proposed blacksmith shop. Fisher-Eagle anvils were the first made in the United States.

Member Bill Atherton has presented to the Society a very fine photographic reproduction of a painting of William Henry, Jr. The original family portrait is in the possession of his nephew. The picture, beautifully framed, fills a great need in our interpretation of the Henry family. It will be hung in the front parlor over his judicial chair.

Two English Elms at the John Joseph Henry house have been pruned by the Burns Tree Company. One of these was underwritten by member Robert P. L. Frick, while Stanley Burns donated the cost of the second tree pruning. At the same time, Stan also extended his generosity by removing dangerous limbs on a third tree, not included in the original estimate.

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"BITS AND PIECES"

The masons have completed the repointing of the stone foundation at the Homestead, and have resurfaced the crumbling slate patio at the Stone House.

It is with regret that we announce that the huge English Elm between the Homestead and the Spring has succumbed to Dutch Elm Disease and must be removed. It will not be an easy job.

The roses on the new arbor have done well this summer and one has already grown across the top. These were donated last Spring by the Forks Garden Club.

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# Fact Sheet

## PENNSYLVANIA HISTORICAL AND MUSEUM COMMISSION

### KEYSTONE RECREATION, PARK, AND CONSERVATION FUND

Here is information on an important issue you will be voting on Nov. 2. Voters will consider a bond issue during the November General Election. House Bill 52, signed into law in July, provides designated funding for Pennsylvania's historic sites and museums. The law also makes funds available for the improvement of state parks and forests, local parks and recreation facilities, natural areas, zoos and public libraries. If voters approved the bond issue, the state would issue \$50 million in bonds over the next three years to add to the Keystone Recreation, Park and Conservation Fund.

#### How The Money Will Be Spent

- \$8 million -- ***Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission*** for improvements to **state historic sites and museums** and grants to nonprofit and public agencies for the preservation and improvement of historic sites open to the public.
- \$17 million -- ***Department of Environmental Resources*** to improve **114 state parks and 20 state forests**, acquire recreation and natural areas, develop rails to trails hiking and biking trails and protect rivers.
- \$3 million -- ***Fish and Boat Commission*** and ***Game Commission*** for improvements to **recreation and natural areas** and technical assistance.
- \$19.5 million -- ***Department of Community Affairs*** to improve **local recreation and park facilities**, natural area land acquisitions by conservancies and land trusts, technical assistance and development of zoos.
- \$2 million -- ***Department of Education*** for grants to develop and improve **public libraries**.

#### HOW HISTORIC SITES AND MUSEUMS WILL BENEFIT FROM THE FUNDING

The \$8 million will fund preservation projects -- from replacement of roofs, painting, and structural repairs -- at historic sites and museums throughout Pennsylvania. In addition, the bond issue will fund a grant program to help local groups preserve and acquire sites of significant local interest.

**Don't forget to vote on November 2, 1993 on the bond issue.** This question will appear on the ballot: *Do you favor the incurring of indebtedness by the Commonwealth of \$50,000,000 to provide for the funding of nature preserves and wildlife habitats, and for improvements to and expansion of state parks, community parks and recreation facilities, historic sites, zoos and public libraries.*

PLEASE VOTE "YES" ON THE ABOVE ISSUE.

JACOBSBURG HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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YES, I would like to be a Volunteer. My interest is \_\_\_\_\_.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail to JACOBSBURG HISTORICAL SOCIETY, Box 345,  
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