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CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS

On Saturday, 30 November, a wine and cheese party will be held for Board Members and Volunteers. The hours are 7:30 to 9:30.

On Sunday, 1 December, the Annual Christmas Open House will be held from 1:00 to 5:00 P.M. A display of toys from our collections as well as a Putz will be shown, and the Putz figures which Mary Henry's mother received from her Grandparents. These in themselves are well worth seeing.

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CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

It has been our custom in the past to put electric candles in the Homestead windows for the December Christmas Open House. This year we will have the candles lit during Christmas week and possibly longer by use of light timers. Not only will the Homestead have window candles but the John Joseph House as well. This display, together with the candles in the Robert Henry (Phil Schroeder) House and the Workmen's (stone) House at the bottom of the hill, will create a very festive scene you might want to drive by to see some evening.

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ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Jacobsburg Historical Society was held on 24 October, 1991 at the Stockertown Memorial Hall. Over 90 members and friends attended.

The minutes of the Spring Members' Meeting were read and approved and the Nominating Committee presented its slate of eight persons to be elected to the Board for a three-year term. Those elected were: William Atherton, William Goble, Robert Frick, Matthew Morris, Robert Newell, Philip Schroeder, Kathryn Schlamp and Earl Van Norman.

ANNUAL MEETING (CONT"D.)

At this time Board Member Tim Lubenesky, Chairman of the American Heritage Committee, Boy Scouts of America introduced Mr. Kenneth Hinkle II, District Chairman, North Valley District, Minsi Trails Council, B.S.A. Mr. Hinkle spoke of the success of the recent Camporee held in the John Joseph pastures and expressed the Scouts' appreciation of the Society's cooperation in use of the grounds and other participation by Society members. A handsome plaque was then presented to the Historical Society to commemorate the event.

Following the dinner, Board member Virginia Lopresti, also our well-known Archeologist, gave a talk on "Early Man Along The Bushkill," which was illustrated with Virginia's own slides. This early history is also part of our heritage and the story of Jacobsburg's site from earliest times. Most of the artifacts pictured the Loprestis had found on their own property. This reporter was deeply impressed by one slide depicting what Virginia labeled "our back yard" showing extensive fields and the Blue Mountains in the distance. We hope Joe doesn't have to mow all that! As usual, Virginia's talk was a delight to all.

The floral piece for the Head Table was donated by the Nazareth National Bank and was given to the speaker at the close of the meeting.

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AMERICAN HERITAGE CAMPOREE

On September 20, 21 and 22, the Minsi Trails Council of the Boy Scouts of America held an American Heritage Camporee on the John Joseph Henry grounds. Over five hundred Scouts and Staff camped for two nights in the pastures. The theme is a new one, having to be history oriented and using only candle lanterns and wood or charcoal cooking fires. Board member Tim Lubeneski was in charge of the event.

AMERICAN HERITAGE CAMPOREE (Cont'd.)

During the encampment, several educational "stations" were set up which groups of scouts visited one by one. Subjects included the history of the Henry family, how an Historical Society works, evolution of the American Flag, Henry Gun Collection, Colonial cooking, primitive camp life, Black-smithing, and operation and care of a muzzleloading rifle. Matt Morris, Mary Ann and Earl Van Norman, Bob Newell, Joe DeGerlando and Geary Gumm were among our members who gave assistance to the program.

This event was an important one for our Society. It proclaimed our purpose to be of service to the public; it instructed 500 young people in early American history, and was our first use of our property for such a large program.

When the last participants left by Noon on Sunday it was evident that we had served a very well-behaved group of young people who left our property in better shape than they found it. This event may well lead to Scout Projects in the future, and has added 500 scout families who know good things about us through the enthusiasm of their sons. It should be known that all of this was achieved at no expense to the Society.

JACOBSBURG CAMPOREE PATCH

For the Boy Scout Camporee a special patch was designed. This is a round disk bearing a sketch of the Gun Works and the words "Henry of Jacobsburg, 200th Anniversary Camporee 1991." This patch will be worn by the 500 scouts who attended the event and will be seen by countless others at scouting programs for years to come.

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ANSWERING MACHINE

Phil Schroeder has been kind enough to supply us with a telephone message recording machine. This has been installed in our office and will not only record messages but give the caller another number to call if the person wishes "human contact."

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VISITOR AND VOLUNTEER REPORT

For the first time we have started to keep a record of yearly volunteer hours and visitation. These figures will give us something to show our progress from year to year. Although our first attempt is not as accurate as we could wish, this will improve as time goes on.

There were 1307 registered visitors at the Homestead and 970 registered visitors at the John Joseph House, for a total of 2277 visitors. Obviously, this is not a true report, since many come on the grounds to enjoy an outdoor program but do not pay (and register) to tour the houses. We think a possible solution is to take admissions at the Duck House which would include all persons entering from the Parking Lot. Other possibilities will be explored in another issue.

The volunteer registers show $373\frac{1}{4}$ hours at the Homestead and $731\frac{3}{4}$ hours at the John Joseph House for a total of 1,005 hours. Again, many working outside fail to report their hours in ledgers which are kept in the houses. We might add that while the number of hours might seem impressive, the number of persons who have logged those hours is pitifully few.

The visitor and volunteer figures are an important way to show how we are serving the public. It is hoped that more members will come forth to share the burden of work now done by our small core of faithful workers.

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Student	\$2.50	Sustaining	\$10.00	Contributing	\$15.00
Individual	\$5.00	Family	\$12.50	Organizations	\$25.00

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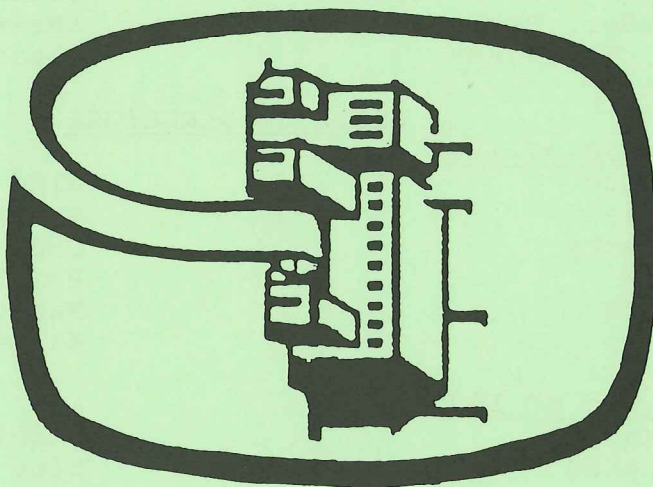
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