Message From The Brick Maker

Over the holidays, I was going over the book that Jane Shuman had put together around 2009. It is about the early days of the Heritage Society. I did not know that Jane was making notes on each event that had gone on.

If we had a work day, she would keep a record of all who was there and what got done. I’m glad someone kept notes. I ran across the list of charter members from 40 years ago and thought it might be worthwhile to have it in the newsletter.

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Clearances for Volunteers

As a friendly reminder, all adult volunteers who are 18 years of age or older, and are working with children, need to obtain clearances. The Warrior Run School District website contains an informational document with all the website links.  


Clearances are free for volunteers, and are effective for five years. Please submit copies of your clearances to the WRFFHS Board secretary, Melissa Kilgus at 990 Lehman Drive, Watsontown or they can emailed to mk055@bucknell.edu.

Please join the Warrior Run-Fort Freeland Heritage Society in participating in the Raise the Region campaign. Partnership of Pennsylvania is scheduled for March 14th and 15th, 2018. (Go to our website for the link.) This online fund raiser promotes support of local non profits in the region with additional incentive grant prizes. All money donated is tax deductible, with your credit card statement being the receipt for participation. Treasurer Cathy Metzger will be sending reminder emails throughout the event. If you have not given Cathy your email address, please email it to cemetzger02@windstream.net. The Society will have a busy year with acquiring the Warrior Run Church and the construction of a blacksmith shop on the grounds of the Hower-Slote property!

The Historic Warrior Run Church Christmas Candlelight Service on December 9, 2017, was once again a beautiful beginning to our Christmas season. Rev. James D. Robison Jr., a former local resident and Warrior Run High School History teacher, now Pastor of Good Shepherd UCC Slatington, PA, delivered the Christmas message. John Ravert played the antique Deiffenbaugh pipe organ. Rachel Ravert Ludovicot and Cecilia Brown, and Rev. Robison filled the church with the wonderful music of Christmas.

Thank you to Al and Ann Reeves for continually preparing and presenting this wonderful event. Thank you to Sue and Heidi Eppenbaugh for their work decorating and preparing the church. Thank you to Melissa and Maris Kilgus for preparing the song books and programs and decorating, as well. Thank you to WRFFHS board members who sat with the church while warming it, and thank you to the members who made the wonderful cookies and treats. The WRFFHS thanks everyone for their continued support that carries on through the years.

Newsletter Articles

Please email articles to be included in the newsletter to kyhouser@windstream.net. You can simply write the report in the email or copy and paste from another document. The best format is a Word document or an Open Office document. PDF files cannot be used in the producing of the newsletter. If you have a photo you want to share, you can send that to me, as well. Thank you for all the information you send making our newsletter very interesting and informative.

Karen Y. Houser
Upcoming Events:

**Annual Membership Dinner**
Tuesday April 24, 2018 - 6:00 p.m.
Turbotville Community Hall
Watch for upcoming info. about this event.

**38th Annual Strawberry Festival**
June 10, 2018 - 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Warrior Run Church
FREE Admission! ~ FREE Parking!
Fun for the Whole Family, since 1980
Lots of Things To See and Do
Family Event featuring homemade food and ice cream
Strawberry Desserts made from local berries
Hamburgers, Hot dogs and our legendary Ham Bar-b-que
Exhibit of Antique Cars (by Chapters of the AACA)
Old Fashioned Hymn Sing accompanied by Pump Organ featuring John Ravert and students
Tours of the Church and Cemetery
Heritage Society books and memorabilia for sale

NOTE: Proceeds from this event help pay for restoration of the Historic Warrior Run Church and the Hower-Slote House.

**Easter Sunrise Service**
April 1, 2018 - 7:00 a.m.
Historic Warrior Run Church
Thank you Rev. Paul Smith and the Watsontown Presbyterian Church

ATTENTION MEMBERS

Here we are beginning another new year together with our first newsletter of 2018. I hope you all are staying warm with all this cold weather we are having. I hope you will enjoy the newsletter with all the pictures and hope you will look forward to up-coming events.

We are trying to get email addresses of our members so that we may be able to email you special events as they come up. If I don’t have your email address would you be so kind as to email it to me. Also, I have a list of people to email the newsletter to so they can print it in color, but I have heard from several people that they have not received it. I am working on this and I hope to have it fixed with this newsletter.

Please check the year of your membership on the label and if I made an error please let me know.

The Society had great weather for Heritage Days this year, so we did very well. Since we did so well we decided to replace or repair some of our things to make our events even better. We purchased (10) white folding tables, solar light for our flag pole at the church, (4) Roaster Ovens and we are looking into purchasing a new grill and repairing another one. We thank everyone who made this possible.

Have a great year and I look forward to seeing you at our events.

Cathy Metzger
Membership Officer
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Email: cemetzger02@windstream.net

WARRIOR RUN FORT FREELAND HERITAGE SOCIETY 2017 DONATIONS

Alan Hackenberg  John & Nancy Marr
Paul & Bonnie Stillman Renee Frederick
Watsontown Lioness Melissa Christ
Three Sisters First Presbyterian Church
Ronald & Kristen Wenning Watsontown Sesquicentennial
Daughters of American Revolution
John & Jackie Varner (In honor of Betsy & Randy Watts)
## Calendar of Events - 2018

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### Board of Directors

(Terms run from January 1 to December 31)

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### Officers

- **President** - Leon Hagenbuch (570-490-8279)
- **Vice President** - Jane Koch (570-538-1756)
- **Secretary** - Melissa Kilgus (570-538-5593)
- **Treasurer** - Cathy Metzger (570-713-4816)
- **Assistant Treasurer** - Al Reeves (570-538-1928)
- **Membership (appointed)** - Cathy Metzger (570-713-4816)
- **Audit/Finance** - Scott Pawling, Melissa Kilgus (570-538-5593)
- **Nominating Committee** - Randy Watts, Steve Moser (570-437-4048)
- **Historian** - Vacant
- **Newsletter** - Karen Houser (570-538-2557)

### Committee Leadership

- **Church** - Jane Koch, Landon Koch, Doug Ertel (570-538-1756)
- **Church Grounds** - Mark Keithan (570-538-5610)
- **Weddings** - Traci Pawling (570-538-9582)
- **Strawberry Festival** - Wayne Greiner (570-604-7451)
- **Heritage Days** - Betsy Watts, Jane Koch
- **Candlelight Service** - Al Reeves
- **House/Property** - Leon Hagenbuch, Steve Moser, Rich Nornhold

### Honorary Board Members

- Janet Hause *
- Betty Miller *
- Donna Meyer
- Preston Webb *
- Hall Williams *
- Rich Nornhold
- Jane Shuman *
- Virginia Hartman *
- Ruth Moser *
- Mike Slease *
- Bob Franks
- Al Reeves

* denotes deceased member

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CHECK THE YEAR ON YOUR CARD AND MAKE SURE YOUR MEMBERSHIP IS CURRENT
Membership is key to our group’s mission. It’s an important step towards funding our projects and goals. Your membership allows you to receive four annual newsletters which inform you of the calendar of events, our organization’s achievements and ways to become an active member.

Please register me/us as:

_____ LIFE MEMBER ($200 per person in one payment)
_____ CONTRIBUTING MEMBER ($20.00 per adult person per year)
_____ STUDENT MEMBER ($1.00 per year – having student status)
_____ SUSTAINING MEMBER ($50.00 or more per year as a special support member)

Name (s): ____________________________________________
Address: ____________________________________________
Phone: ______________________________________________
Email address: ________________________________________

To update your WR/FFHS membership status, please mail this form with the proper amount to:

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570-713-4816

(make checks payable to WR/FFHS)