



Warrior Run Fort Freeland Heritage Society Newsletter

Summer 2015

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The President's Thoughts

WATTS UP?

Recently I was thinking about the question, "What makes a good organization?" An obvious answer is its members being able to talk favorably about the organization's purpose and existence. The newsletter should be able to update you and give you information to talk to friends, neighbors, and family.

It's good for members of an organization to make opportunities to spend some time together. So this letter is an invite to join in on a potluck picnic on **Sunday, August 9**, starting at **4:00 p.m.** at the historic Warrior Run Church. Plans are for us to reflect on the lives of Jane Shuman and Janet Hause and their valuable contributions and leadership to the Warrior Run Fort Freeland Heritage Society.

In the last newsletter, I shared the importance of your membership financial support. Thank you to those updating to 2015 status. Our 250 membership should generate 20% of the society's financial needs. Encouraging others to join our membership base is something everyone can do. As space allows in future newsletters, we want to show who is a member of our society family. To date, 93 members have invested in a lifetime membership and we enjoyed sharing that list in our last newsletter. So check the mailing label to note your membership status. We plan to welcome and share new members in the fall newsletter.

I'm sharing my proposed budget **income** information for this year so you can see the money picture for our organization. I'll continue to give some updates in future newsletters.

We reached our \$3,000 profit goal for the Strawberry Festival. If you helped in any way or supported with your attendance, thank you.

Two previously mentioned projects have been completed.

(1) A new standing seam roof is now on the Hower-Slote House. The roof was done by Rick Gold, with help from Leon Hagenbuch, Mark Keithan, and Randy Watts. The cost for this project was shared equally by the school district and the Society. Rick did an outstanding job, doing the old style standing seam method that has been handed down through the Gold family for generations. We could not have asked a better person to do this project. Check out the new roof, and express appreciation for a job well done if Rick should cross your path.

(2) The Warrior Run Church parking lot was redone by Lynn Watson in time to be appreciated at the Strawberry Festival. Our organization had built up our savings account over the years to use for these needed projects. I remember Jane Shuman organizing members to sell chances to win one of the beautiful quilts. There have been only a few times when we did not meet our financial profit goals through Heritage Days and the Strawberry Festival.

Another completed project is a security system at the Church. We have had numerous break-ins at the Church over the years and now a security system has been installed at both the church and the Hower-Slote House. Those who have responsibilities to the church as well as at the Hower-Slote House need to be trained in how to unarm and arm the system. It is important that we properly secure what we have invested at our properties and that our membership is aware of this.

Projects yet to be completed this year are drainage on one side of the Church and painting at the Church.

Let me again impress on you a **simple task** you can do for our organization, beyond the society sites of the Warrior Run Church and Hower-Slote House. Educate others and help preserve our heritage. In my thinking, every member of our organization can do this **simple task** with individuals they come in contact with on a daily basis. You can impress your valued heritage into the minds and attitudes of others. Treasure values upon which America was founded. Did you know that Benjamin Franklin once made reference to the "Defenders of the Warrior Run?" So, value and work to defend your personal heritage. Your motivation may be because of individuals who placed a lasting influence on us such as Jane Shuman, Janet Hause, Wayne Appleman, and other recently lost members. They did this often in their lives. I believe they would wish for us to pass on our heritage.

Randy Watts, President

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WARRIOR RUN FORT FREELAND HERITAGE SOCIETY
2015 PRELIMINARY PROPOSED BUDGET

Projected Income Sources

Church Income (Weddings, services, donations)	\$ 4,000
Donations	\$ 2,500
Additional Fund Raising	\$ 300
Heritage Days (\$23,000 less \$15,000 expenses) (profit goal)	\$ 8,000
Interest	\$ 100
Membership Dues (approximate 200 members)	\$ 3,600
Miscellaneous sources (sales, etc.)	\$ 1,000
Strawberry Festival (\$6,500 less \$3,500 expenses) (profit goal)	\$ 3,000
<u>Total Projected Income</u>	<u>\$ 22,500</u>

Church Picnic
August 9th - 4:00 p.m.

Hamburgs and hot dogs will be supplied.
Bring a dish to share.
Don't miss a fun evening of good food and fellowship.



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. Most formats are acceptable. 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

Strawberry Festival Report

Thanks to many volunteers, the 2015 Strawberry Festival was another fine public event for the Warrior Run area. Wayne Greiner was our chairman for the event, and we appreciate the many hours and hard work he put in to make it a success. Wayne has done follow-up planning toward future festivals and we're confident he will remain as our leader. Please contact Wayne to be placed on the call list to help next year (570 604-7451).

We had some concerns with the old freezers, but with help from Rich Nornhold, Gary Truckenmiller, and Al Reeves, the ice cream once again got made on Saturday. Peggy Gelnett headed up a hard working group to prepare the strawberries. Cathy Metzger and Jane Koch spent many hours cleaning the buildings and getting things set up. Also, Cathy invested many hours acquiring and organizing items for the silent auction. Thank you to all who donated the items. We had some really wonderful gifts! Once again Pastor Don Jones and organist Mike Yohn, both of Watsontown Alliance Church, led the hymn sing. Many people enjoyed the car show in the grove.

Thank you to all who helped out with the work and to those who were able to attend.

Randy Watts

Heritage Days 2015

We will be celebrating our 34th Annual Heritage Days on October 3rd & 4th. It seems incredible that we have been able to present this living history event for all those years. It is only possible because of our many volunteers who faithfully accept the responsibility year after year. They invest many hours of work to prepare and serve. One of our Heritage Society's purposes is to pass our heritage to the next generation. That is what Heritage Days is all about. You have seen the many students who help each year. They are learning the trades and daily activities of their forefathers. And they are teaching our visitors. This is one of the best parts of Heritage Days and we receive many positive comments about our students.

As usual, members get into Heritage Days free by showing their up-to-date membership card. If you haven't visited in a few years, please consider coming this year. You might be surprised by what has been added over the years.

If you have not helped with Heritage Days in the past, but would like to get involved this year, please call Betsy Watts at 570 437-4048. I promise you will enjoy yourself!

Randy Watts

Thoughts of Appreciation for the Historic Warrior Run Church

Take time to drive through the Warrior Run Church property and appreciate the work that the grounds crew does. Mark Keithan and Rich Nornhold have been dedicated workers keeping the grass looking nice and the church property looking beautiful - to mow around the cemetery stones and many trees and then trim with the weed eaters takes hours and hours of work. We had two large wonderful groups which did spring clean-up in May. We're encouraging anyone to walk the grounds from time to time and just pick up sticks. Anyone interested in running a weed eater could do this a couple of times a month, and if interested, other small jobs can be made available. Just knowing who our main workers are and expressing appreciation to them is one of your jobs.

At the Strawberry Festival, a man who attends Friendship Baptist, the log cabin church building south of McEwensville, told me he comes to the Warrior Run Church every Sunday to meditate and have personal prayer time. It is an inspiration to know others use the church grounds for the sacredness of what the church was meant to be and continues to be. We want to encourage others to do the same. There is some sound of the nearby traffic, but what a wonderful quiet place. Bring a lawn chair and just sit in the cool shade and read a good book. Walk the grounds and cemetery and read the tombstones of those who came before us.

A lady had come all the way from Portland, Oregon to visit the church and attend this year's Strawberry Festival. It is awesome that someone would come all that way! Her ancestors were some of the first settlers in the area and fought in the Battle of Fort Freeland. We spent an additional day with her and were able to visit some local sites and give her lots of information.

Randy Watts

Words to the Song "The Sound of Music"

The Church is alive with the sound of music,
With songs they have sung for a hundred years.
The Church fills my heart with the song of music.
My heart wants to sing every song it hears.

I'll go to the Church when my heart is lonely;
I know I will hear what I heard before.
My heart will be blessed with the sound of music,
And I'll sing once more.

(written by Randy Watts)



Warrior Run Fort Freeland Heritage Society

Calendar of Events - 2015

Annual Picnic - Sunday, August 9, 4:00 p.m.

Historic Warrior Run Church

34th Heritage Days - October 3&4, Saturday, 9:00-5:00; Sunday, 11:00-5:00

Hower-Slote House grounds and Warrior Run Church

Heritage Days Worship Service - Sunday, October 4, 9:00 a.m.

Historic Warrior Run Church

Fall Membership Meeting - Tuesday, November 24, 7:00 p.m.

Warrior Run High School Library

Includes election of officers

Annual Christmas Candlelight Service - Saturday, December 12, 7:00 p.m.

Historic Warrior Run Church

Board meeting 2nd Monday of each month, 7:00 p.m. Warrior Run High School Faculty Lounge Warrior Run Church - May, June, July, August

The Gatherings

Think about the "group gatherings" in your life - family time, co-workers, church activities, sports teams, band, clubs, etc. Time together is valuable for cohesion of a group. In the "good old days" there were gatherings such as quilting bees, corn husking parties, and square dances, besides the frequent family get-to-togethers. Although most of us no longer participate in many of these, our Heritage Society holds several "gatherings" each year. Please save this list and join us!

Warrior Run Fort Freeland Heritage Society

Board of Directors

(Terms run from January 1 to December 31)

2013-2015

Steve Moser
Melissa Kilgus
Peggy Gelnett
Randy Watts
Al Reeves

2014-2016

Leon Hagenbuch
Jane Koch
Bradd Mertz
Doug Ertel
Sue Whitmoyer

2015-2017

Traci Pawling
Ruth Webb
Scott Pawling
Cathy Metzger
Landon Koch

(Student Member)

Kyle Whitmoyer

Officers - 2015

President - Randy Watts (570-437-4048)
Vice President - Leon Hagenbuch (570-490-4555)
Treasurer - Cathy Metzger (570-713-4816)
Assistant Treasurer - Al Reeves (570-538-1423)
Recording Secretary - Melissa Kilgus (570- 538-5593)
Membership (appointed) - Cathy Metzger (570-713-4816)
Historian - Leon Hagenbuch (570-490-4555)
Newsletter - Karen Houser (570-538-2557)

Committee Leadership

Church - Jane Koch, Landon Koch, Doug Ertel
Weddings - Traci Pawling
Strawberry Festival - Wayne Greiner
Heritage Days - Betsy Watts, Jane Koch
Candlelight Service - Al Reeves
House/Property - Leon Hagenbuch, Steve Moser, Rich Nornhold

Honorary Board Members

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

* denotes deceased member

CHECK THE YEAR ON YOUR CARD AND MAKE SURE YOUR MEMBERSHIP IS CURRENT

Bringing our history to life....

Place
Stamp
Here

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*Check us out on the web!
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Keeping your membership current

It is the membership in any organization that enables it to attain its mission. For more than 20 years, membership has enabled the society to fund its many projects and achieve many goals. All members receive the society's newsletters and special discounts on publications and sale items.

Membership Form

Please register me/us as a:

- LIFE MEMBER (\$200.00 per person in one payment)
 CONTRIBUTING MEMBER (\$20.00 per person per year)
 STUDENT MEMBER ((\$1.00 per student per year)
 SUSTAINING MEMBER (\$50.00 or more per year)

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Please mail this with proper amount for your desired membership status to:

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