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2014 Historic East Berlin Antique Show Great Antiques in the Country

Contributor: Lucia Hrinjak

Michael Hrinjak, as Chairman of the Historic East Berlin Antique Show, gathered a group of Society members together on November 6 to kick-off the planning of the 2014 Show. This year’s Show will coincide with East Berlin’s 250th Celebration and should be a popular draw. The dates for the 2014 show are May 1, 2, and 3, 2014. As planning moves forward, committee members will be in contact with many Society Members seeking their assistance in the execution of the Show. It requires the help of approximately 50 Society members to make this show a success. It is also one of the two major fund raisers for the Society, contributing to the annual budget to operate the Society and maintain the five historic buildings in East Berlin for which the Society is the caretaker. Ideas are welcomed. If you have suggestions to make this the best show ever, please let Michael know. Contact Michael via email at michaeljosephhrinyak@gmail.com or by phone at 717.308.2158. □

Please be Seated!!!!

Contributor: Bev Jadus

Just like Elvis, the old, unstable wooden theater seats at Red Men’s have left the building. The other sturdy chairs used for years will remain but we need to supplement them with lightweight folding chairs. We have located some comfortable chairs that are perfect for the job and are very reasonably priced at only \$20.00 each. Can you help out by donating a chair? It isn’t often that there is a chance to offer so much comfort so easily!

A check for \$20.00 payable to EBHPS is all it takes. Just send it to the Society office noted as “Red Men’s Chair Project” and start the year with a good deed. (Then come to a meeting and rest on your laurels.) □

Message from Board President – Bev Jadus

East Berlin's 250th anniversary year has arrived at last. The borough's Founder's Day Committee, chaired by Robbie Teal, has planned a number of events to take place during the week of May 3-10, 2014. We hope that everyone will join in the fun and make this a celebration to remember for many years.

It is going to be a busy year for the Society as we keep up with our preservation and education projects while planning for the 250th as well. By the time you read this, the first floor of Red Men's Hall will be well into a facelift and reorganized with an eye to welcome and interest visitors in the town's heritage and all the Society has to offer. Since November, volunteers have been hard at work moving, cleaning, painting, pitching junk, and getting creative.

Major planning is also well underway for the Historic East Berlin Antique Show (May 1-3), the U.S. Post Office Special Cancellation in the Liberty #1 Engine House (May 8), Colonial Day (September 13), and the Holiday House Tour (December 14). To accomplish all this means that many of our volunteers have multiple jobs. I see them again and again and they are still smiling...Thank you!

On a very special note: The 2014 East Berlin 250th Anniversary Quilt is on the frame and ready for the Society quilters' winter work. This is a very special edition of the annual raffle quilt series that has been a tradition for many years. Carol Carlson designed this 50" by 60" wall hanging which depicts each of the buildings in the Society's care, pieced from amazing architectural fabrics. Imagine the log house with logs, window panes, chimney and even shingles and the mill done in stone, the school in cracked paint! I watched as Carol made her own patterns based on paintings in Red Men's and admired her skill and patience in making it all fit together so well. I know it took her a very long time to completely design and piece this quilt on her own and want her to know that we all greatly appreciate her efforts to make it unique. Raffle tickets for this 250th Anniversary Quilt will be available in January and the drawing will take place, as always, on Colonial Day. □

An Opportunity Just for You?

Are you looking for a great way to help out with the 250th Anniversary, but you want something which happens only once? The U.S. Post Office special cancellation set for May 8 could be a perfect opportunity for you. We have the site (Engine House) and the post office will provide the official personnel. We have the "How-To" manual and need someone to follow through on the requirements and make sure the event runs smoothly.

Are you good at following directions? Do you finish tasks before their deadline? Do you enjoy making things work? Would you enjoy the feelings of gratitude we would all extend to you? Like to volunteer? Questions? For the Opportunity of a Life Time phone Bev at 259-7049. □

The 1764 Preservation Fund

Contributor: Peggy Bange, EBHPS Membership Chairman

In January, we will contact the 2013 Inaugural Members to request that they renew their membership in *The 1764 Preservation Fund* and again solicit additional East Berlin Area businesses to join the *Fund* in support of your society. If you personally know the owner or chief executive of a local company or organization, we would appreciate that you contact these people directly the first two weeks in January and ask them to make a donation to *The 1764 Preservation Fund*. Please give them the *1764 Preservation Fund* brochure enclosed with this issue of *The Berlin Informer*.

In 2013, we received contributions from seven organizations totaling \$1325. Please support these organizations. □

2013 Inaugural Members

Platinum

East Berlin VFW Post
8896

Gold

East Berlin Smiles

Silver

East Berlin Beverage Distributors,
Inc.
East Berlin Chiropractic, LLC
Rick's Custom Baling, LLC
ACNB
East Berlin Community Library

Education Report

Contributor: Karen Sheaffer, Education Chairman

We recently received an envelope packed full of letters written by students of the Immaculate Conception School, who visited us on October 22. Each letter was written neatly on lined paper and told of their favorite experience while attending our Education Program. Each one thanked our volunteers for showing them the history of East Berlin. Some students even hoped to return again soon. Memories made that day will stay with these students for a long time, maybe even a lifetime. I personally asked them to remember to preserve history when they grow up. I can only hope that someday they have that opportunity.

During the year 2013, we hosted 209 students from three different school districts. The wonderful volunteers I call and ask to help with each of these visits are always willing to lend a hand. The excitement of the students as they rotate between the three buildings learning Early American History is contagious and our volunteers are eager to help each time. If you would like to volunteer, please call me at (717) 259-6555. New volunteers will be given a simple task such as guiding the students between the buildings and keeping them on schedule. That way you can see our program in its entirety before committing to a specific part. □

Society Membership

Contributor: Peggy Bange, Membership Chairman

Just as a reminder, your membership in the Society is based on a calendar year, and membership dues are due in January of each year. A copy of the 2014 membership form is included in this issue of *The Berlin Informer*, and a printable membership form is also available on the Society's website.

When this issue of the *Informer* was sent to the printer, we had a total of 61 paid renewal application forms representing 103 members. Adding in our 64 life members, we have 167 members who are current for 2014. Thanks to all of you who have already renewed your memberships for 2014! Submitting your membership renewals early has helped to make it easier to manage the membership process during the renewal period. For those of you who have not yet renewed (and we have about 70 members who still need to renew their memberships), please be sure to send in your renewal forms and dues by the end of January so you can continue to receive *The Berlin Informer* without interruption.

In 2013, we had a total of 14 new members. We are hoping to exceed that number of new members in 2014! To date, we have 6 new members for 2014 – **Susan Liebegott and Thomas Murray (York, PA), Arthur Glazier, Jr. (East Berlin, PA), Danny Sebright (Washington, D.C.), Brenda Mulvey (Abbottstown, PA), and Rae A. Wallen (Pompano Beach, FL)**. Thanks to all of you who helped us acquire these new members!

Please think about giving a 2014 membership in your Society as a gift. Perhaps an anniversary gift or a birthday gift would be appropriate and appreciated. All gift membership recipients will receive a letter informing them of their new membership and acknowledging the donor of the membership.

Your membership “paid-though” date is now printed on the address page of *The Berlin Informer*. Thanks in advance for your prompt membership renewal! □

Red Men's Hall History of the Red Men

(The following is the second part of a three part article on the IORM.)

The Improved Order of Red Men traces its origin to certain secret patriotic societies founded before the American Revolution. They were established to promote Liberty and to defy the tyranny of the English Crown. Among the early groups were: The Sons of Liberty, the Sons of St. Tammany, and later the Society of Red Men.

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Life in East Berlin from 1939 – 1947

Contributor: Society Member Charles Bechtel

Life in the East Berlin area was quite different in the late 1930's and the early 1940's from the suburban life style local citizens experience today. Much of that is due to numerous changes in technology since that time, and the development of modern conveniences like the availability of natural gas for home heating, and improved conveniences such as television, cell phones, and internet services. Another big factor was the highly significant improvement in family incomes, as Adams and York Counties in Pennsylvania gradually experienced the changes that World War II and the post war years brought about.

In 1938, my New Jersey domiciled parents purchased a 132 acre farm two miles west of East Berlin which they envisioned to become their future home. As a result, in the summer of 1939 my mother, Frances Bechtel, accepted the teaching position at Eisenharts School, on present day Lake Road in York County. At the time, the school provided elementary education for eight grades. The teacher was responsible for operating the coal burning furnace, oiling the wood floors, and supervising the daily hand carrying of buckets of fresh water from the nearby farm of Irwin Mummert, which had the nearest well. The teacher also picked up and returned all library books which were borrowed from the Martin Memorial Library in York, PA.

In late summer 1939, my mother, brother William, and I moved into the family farmhouse. Since I was age 5 at the time, our grandmother, Barbra Bechtel, moved into our farm house as my keeper during the 1939-40 school year. At the time, the farmhouse had a working well, but no electricity, and no central furnace or plumbing. Needless to say the farmhouse did not have telephone service during that period.

It was a substantial change in lifestyle from life in New Jersey since the farm also had a one mile long private lane, which we later learned drifted shut during the winter snow storms, causing our mother to stay with family friends in East Berlin when the lane was drifted shut. The students at Eisenharts School walked to school, so the current concept of closing for snow days did not exist.

Our residence at the Reading Township farm lasted only one year because of commuting difficulty. In 1940, our mother, my brother, and I moved to a rental property at 207 Abbottstown Street in East Berlin, which was equipped with indoor electricity, water, and an operating furnace, but like many East Berlin houses it did not have indoor bathrooms, since East Berlin did not have a public sewer system installed as yet. Only homes that had private septic systems on their property at that time had indoor bathrooms. One example was the William Leas home at 400 West King Street.

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EBHPS 2014 Calendar of Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
January 15	Board Mtg General Mtg	6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Red Men's
February 19	Board Mtg	6:30 p.m.	Red Men's
March 19	Board Mtg General Mtg	6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Red Men's
April 16	Board Mtg	6:30 p.m.	Red Men's
May 1,2,& 3	Antique Show	TBD	Community Center
May 21	Board Mtg General Mtg	6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Red Men's
June 14	Strawberry Festival	6:00 p.m.	Swigart's Mill
June 18	Board Mtg	6:30 p.m.	Red Men's
July 16	Board Mtg General Mtg	6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Red Men's
August 20	Board Mtg	6:30 p.m.	Red Men's
September 13	Colonial Day	8 a.m. - 4 p.m.	West King St.
September 17	Board Mtg General Mtg	6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Red Men's
October 15	Board Mtg	6:30 p.m.	Red Men's
November 19	Board Mtg General Mtg (Election of Officers & Board)	6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Red Men's
November 28, 29, & 30	Log House Craft Show	10 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Log House
December 6	Christmas Party	6:30 p.m.	Swigart's Mill
December 14	House Tour	12 noon - 5 p.m.	East Berlin
December 17	Board Mtg	6:30 p.m.	Red Men's

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TERM EXPIRATION DATES ARE LISTED BY EACH DIRECTOR

When Your Email Address Changes

If you have a change in your email address throughout the year, please remember to email us your new address at ebhpsmembership@gmail.com . This way you will be sure to receive important Society information and promotions in a timely manner. □

Red Men's First Floor Face Lift

In preparation for East Berlin's 250th anniversary, celebration in May, the Board voted in November to use a recent donation made by a friend of the Society to spruce-up the inside of the first floor of Red Men Hall. The goal is to make our Society headquarters more inviting for people to stop by and tickle their curiosity.

A group of members gathered in December to prepare the walls for painting, which will occur in January. After the painting is complete, the bathrooms will receive new linoleum floors and the rug will get shampooed. If you can help with painting and other tasks beginning January 8, please contact Bill Powell at 717.259.7049. □

Life in East Berlin from 1939 – 1947 Continued from Page 4

As we settled in East Berlin, I clearly recall the iceman hand delivering ice to our home twice a week. One of my assigned duties was to empty the melted water from the water tray beneath the ice box. I also quickly learned how to shovel coal into the furnace during cold weather and to help carry out the coal ashes to the far end of the garden.

Then too, there were chickens to be fed and eggs to be gathered and cleaned for sale. In those days, many barns in East Berlin had attached chicken houses and of course it was permissible to have chickens in town during that era. The family also planted and harvested from their personal Victory Garden during the war years.

Our father was a principal of a New Jersey Junior High School and visited us at Christmas and worked in the East Berlin area during the summer school vacations. In 1942, he resigned his position in New Jersey and became employed by one of the industrial firms in York, PA during the remaining World War II years.

In 1946 our family moved to the Reading Township farm after it became possible to have the farmhouse wired for electricity. That change provided a whole new spectrum of experience and opportunities while attending the East Berlin Public Schools and also learning to care for cattle, geese, ducks, hogs, and sheep. Another activity involved assisting the family in selling dressed chickens, dressed ducks, and both fresh and cured pork, plus fresh corn and vegetables in a door to door route in sections of York. PA. These activities provided experience in farming as well as marketing, both of which assisted me considerably in later years. □

History of the Red Men Continued from Page 3

On December 16, 1773, a group of men, all members of the Sons of Liberty, met in Boston to protest tax on tea imposed by England. When their protest went unheeded, they disguised themselves as Mohawk Indians, proceeded to Boston harbor, and dumped overboard 342 chests of English tea.

During the Revolutionary War, members of the secret societies quenched their council fires and took up muskets to join with the Continental Army. To the cause of Freedom and Liberty they pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honors. At the end of the hard fought war the American Republic was born and was soon acknowledged among the nations of the world.

Following the American Revolution many of the various secret societies founded before and during the conflict continued in existence as brotherhoods or fraternities.

For the next 35 years, however, each of the original Sons of Liberty and Sons of St. Tamina groups went their own way, under many different names. In 1813, at historic Fort Mifflin, near Philadelphia, several of these groups came together and formed one organization know as the Society of Red Men. The name was changed to the Improved Order of Red Men in Baltimore in 1834.

At Baltimore, Maryland, in 1847, the various local tribes came together and formed a national organization called the Grand Council of the United States.

With the formation of a national organization, the Improved Order of Red Men soon spread, and within 30 years there were State Great Councils in 21 states with a membership of over 150,000. The Order continued to grow and by the mid-1920s there were tribes in 46 state and territories with a membership totaling over one-half million.

Today, The Improved Order of Red Men continues to offer all patriotic Americans an organization that is pledged to the high ideals of Freedom, Friendship, and Charity. These are the same ideals on which the American nation was founded. By belonging to this proud and historic organization you can demonstrate your desire to continue to the battle started in Lexington and Concord to promote Freedom and protect the American Way of Life.

In an ensuing issue of *The Berlin Informer* we will present Goals of the Red Men. (Excerpts are reprinted with permission of the IORM, Waco, TX.) □



Hands at the Hearth Cooking Club

Contributor: Jenn Oswald, Cooking Club Organizer

Hands at the hearth members gathered for the first hearth cooking experience at the Society's Log House in East Berlin on October 26. There were 24 hands at the hearth throughout the day, providing a scrumptious meal for all to enjoy.

For the appetizer we enjoyed pumpkin soup with a dollop of cream. Next, fried ham topped with fried parsley was set alongside of a gorgeous spinach salad with hot bacon dressing. The Nice buns receipt provided beautiful, flaky, tasty buns. Red cabbage was paired with sausage which was colored a beautiful shade of purple. Raspberry sauce over a lemon crème cake closed our meal with a sweet treat.

Be sure to check the Society's website for up-to-date hearth cooking pictures.

We will hold a recipe planning session on January 12, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. at Redman's Hall. After a meal plan is organized we will put it into action at the log house on February 2, 2014. □

Staples of the Past

Contributor: The Cook – A Society Member who Wishes to Remain Anonymous

Come with me on a voyage of memories to create wonderful savory dishes that will please your family and bless the cook. The history of some go back to the early 1800's to be published in the East Berlin Historical Society's newsletter on a regular basis.

Generally, you will find the only ingredients needed are the basic items that we usually keep on hand or are readily available.

Combined correctly, these fundamental ingredients will not need rare, exotic spices which only hide nuances of their own good flavors.

Many of these recipes have no instructions other than a list of ingredients. □

Hard Times Cake (as written down in 1890)

One half cup of butter
Two cups sugar
One cup sour cream
Three cups flour

Three eggs
Half teaspoon of soda
Bake in layers
Spread with jelly