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Colonial Day Membership Renewal Special

Contributor: Peggy Bange, Membership Chairman

We will again be having a Colonial Day Membership renewal special!! If you pay your 2015 Membership dues at the EBHPS Information Booth on Colonial Day, you will be issued a voucher for a free funnel cake at the EBHPS Funnel Cake Stand. You will receive one funnel cake voucher per paid member. Couples' Memberships will receive two vouchers.

Having members pay their dues early helps streamline the dues collection process.

We will have Membership Forms available at the Information Booth. We will email Society members, for whom we have email addresses, a copy of the Membership Form and a link to the website prior to Colonial Day. You may also print a membership form from the Society's website, complete it at home, and bring it to the Information Booth, with your check, on Colonial Day. Come early before we run out of funnel cake mix!!! †

Hands at the Hearth Cooking Club

Contributor: Jenn Oswald, Cooking Club Organizer

Hands at the Hearth Cooking Club gathered at Red Men's Hall on July 13 to plan for our next cooking session. The main dish will focus on Jefferson's Pork Chop Casserole, involving layered cubed pork chops and sweet potatoes.

The group will gather to cook in the fall, at noon on September 28th at the log house. If you would like to join the Hearth Cooking Club, please contact Jenn by leaving a message on the answering machine at Society headquarters. †

Building Report

Contributor: Bill Powell, Building & Grounds Chairman

We have identified a number of building issues which will be pursued in the next few months. The school house must be painted inside and out and also has a leak which puddles water on the raised platform. The log house gable on the north side is leaking and will need major siding replacement. The wooden gutter on the east side must be repaired as well. The first floor exterior behind Red Men's needs major scraping, painting and siding replacement and the west side windows must be repaired or replaced to stop leaks and deterioration. The front gutter has just been repaired so that water no longer washes large amounts of soil onto the front sidewalk.

Multiple estimates for many of these issues are already coming in, but if you have a skilled, dependable, punctual contractor to suggest, it would be much appreciated. †

Message from Your Board President - Bev Jadus

By the time this issue reaches you, Colonial Day will be just a few days away. I hope that everyone within driving distance is planning to be a part of the big day and is signed up to contribute in some way to make the event a success. We cannot continue to maintain five buildings without committed volunteers like all those who have carried this festival through its 40th year. We all want to look back on September 13 and know that we had a part in funding the Society's mission for another year. It is just one day out of the year and it is very important; please help.

A revised zoning code has been adopted by the East Berlin Borough Council. The area which includes the National Historic designation plus additions is now designated the "Borough Core." The front façades of buildings on existing developed properties are to be maintained and any additions must be to the rear or side. I am sure it is very difficult to write code which protects historic structures and features and even more complicated to enforce it, but this is an important step. I have seen a number of people working on their early homes in the past year, clearly putting great value on keeping original features intact. The example set by these individuals may well convince others to do the same

A town can encourage pride in its heritage without living in the past. †

The 1764 Preservation Fund

Contributor: Peggy Bange, EBHPS Membership Chairman

As of the publishing of this newsletter, we have received support from the following organizations for 2014. Thanks to all of the contributing organizations. Members, please support these organizations. We increased membership from 7 members in 2013 to 11 members in 2014 and almost doubled the dollar amount of donations.†

2014 - 1764 Preservation Fund Members

<u>Platinum</u>	<u>Gold</u>	<u>Silver</u>
VFW Post 8896	Adams Electric Cooperative, Inc. East Berlin Smiles	ACNB Bank Aero Energy East Berlin Beverage Dist., Inc. East Berlin Community Library East Berlin Chiropractor East Berlin Excavating, Inc. Rick's Custom Baling, LLC Sites Realty, Inc.

2015 Historic East Berlin Antique Show

Mark you calendars now for the 2015 antique show. The preview will be Thursday evening, April 30, 2015. The show will then continue on May 1 and 2, 2015 for general admission. We again expect to provide free admittance to EBHPS members with paid-up dues to the show on May 1 and 2. †

2014 Upcoming Events to Remember

Log House Craft Show and Sale (EBHPS fund-raiser)	November 28, 29, & 30, 2014
Christmas Party at the Mill	December 6, 2014
Historic East Berlin Holiday House Tour (EBHPS fund-raiser)	December 14, 2014 †

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THE 1737 LETTER

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The 1737 Letter article consists of three parts (the first part was published in the May 2014 issue of *The Berlin Informer*:

- 1) An article about the history of the letter, *The Road Back* (published in the *May Informer*)
- 2) A translation of the original *1737 Letter* (published in the *July Informer*)
- 3) An analysis of the letter (published below)

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2015 EBHPS Board of Directors Elections

Three Board Member positions will be up for election at the November 19, 2014 General Meeting of the Society. We welcome new people with new ideas to share with the Board to place your name in nomination for these positions. If you have an interest in serving on the Board, please phone or email Bev Jadus at 717.259.0822 or ebhps@comcast.net.†

Charlie Bechtel Writes Again!

Charlie has written a second installment of his life growing up in East Berlin. It covers the time frame 1946 to 1952 and is entitled *Progress in Living*. Unfortunately, space did not allow for it to be published in this issue of the newsletter. It will be published in an upcoming newsletter.