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PSSR ON THE MOVE

As the Pennsylvania Society keeps growing in numbers, projects, and the activities of the committees increase, it seemed that our former office kept shrinking in size as we strived to handle the day-to-day operations. Through the past months the Board of Managers took a hard look at the needs of the Society, not only for its day-to-day operations, but also for the needs of the membership, the committees and the Board of Managers.

After months of searching Center City Philadelphia by the Office Search Committee, new office space was found to enhance your Society's everyday operations and to give its committee members a place to work and meet to conduct Society business.

Because of the Charter of the Society, Pennsylvania business must be conducted within the Philadelphia city limits, and downtown Philly still seemed to be the best location for everything the Society does on a day-to-day basis. Up and down the streets and in and out of buildings the search committee traveled for months to review office spaces available, looking for convenient accessibility to the membership, easy parking, and access to the resources the Society uses on an almost daily basis. Building accessibility and elevator service was considered for older members; a convenient transportation location was considered for the Board, Committees, and the Lancaster County Chapter members who travel in for meetings, and the Society Color Guard who is also in need of space to accommodate files. A location close to other businesses was a prime factor for the office staff.

Leroy Lewis (VP of Operations), Fred Peltier (Board Manager and architect), George Lincoln (President Emeritus), and Shirley had their work cut out for them. After months of searching, a new office location was presented to the Board of Managers for consideration and approval. As of this mailing, the Society office now occupies its new headquarters and is busily setting up shop.



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U.S. POST OFFICE

Since October 2002 the Society Office has noticed an increasing number of problems with the handling of PSSR mail concerning invitations and the newsletter recently sent in the mail to its members and others. The Society Office has worked with the printer in tracking these problems to learn that in the last two mailings sent to our members, Musket Ball Invitation and Fall Newsletter, that both mailings had been sent out in a timely fashion by the office and the printer. Tracking showed that local U.S. Post Offices have left mail sitting in the Post Office without distributing it in a timely fashion. The mail sent to members living in same zip code/s areas has demonstrated that some of our members have received Society mail distributions while others have not.

The Board of Managers, Chairmen, and Newsletter Committee were notified of the findings and new schedules for distribution will be in operation for the future.

Please note that on the back of every newsletter is the Calendar of Events for the year and upcoming year if dates are available. If you have not received an invitation for an upcoming event at least 7-10 days in advance of the event, please ask your local postman about this and contact the Society Office who will assist you in this matter in the future.



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RE-DEDICATION OF WASHINGTON SQUARE

Despite a smaller than expected crowd due to driving rain, Washington Square was re-dedicated and symbolically transferred from the Fairmount Park Commission (FPC) to the National Park Service on November 11th, Veteran's Day, after an 11 year effort to restore the Square and transfer its day-to-day operation to Independence National Historical Park (INHP).

Taking part in the ceremony were PSSR President Curtis Cheyney, III, Color Guard Captain Richard Smith, Sr., as well as eight members of the Color Guard, PSSR member Win Carroll, also president of the American Revolution Patriots Fund (ARPF) and William Truscott, ARPF treasurer. Former ARPF treasurer, Leroy Lewis, III was in the Color Guard contingent as was ARPF director Herb Zearfoss. The ARPF is a non-profit corporation approved by NPS and the FPC to raise funds for the restoration of Washington Square.

Highlights of the ceremony included William Mifflin, former Executive Director of FPC, turning over a key as the symbol of operational control to Marie Rust, Northeast Region Director for the NPS. Acting Superintendent Dennis Reidenbach was master of ceremonies for the event.

Win Carroll, assisted by President Cheyney and several others, unveiled the granite plaque recognizing the cooperative efforts of the PSSR and its Color Guard as well as other organizations. The plaque, a yard square, was designed and created by PSSR member Harvard Wood, IV and is located between the fountain and the front of the Tomb.

Featured speaker for the event was the Honorable Paul Wolfowitz, Deputy Secretary of Defense.

Members of PSSR can be proud of the Society's role in the Square project. In 1993 the PSSR donated \$10,000 as seed money to help establish the ARPF. In 2002, the Society donated \$30,000 towards the restoration of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier of the American Revolution.



tion. In addition, the two largest private donations came from PSSR members. As a result of many cooperative efforts the National Park Service has its most important addition to its inventory of Revolutionary War sites since Valley Forge was added in 1976.



PSSR On the Plaque of Contributors



Color Guard Captain Richard Smith, Leif Zetterberg, President Curtis Cheyney, Herb Zearfoss, Gil Tyson, and Tony Morris attending dedication ceremony



Wreath Laying Ceremony

Thank You

The Board of Managers would like to thank Manager Francis Peltier, our architect who devoted many hours on the move project in design and collaboration with contractors and the Society Office; President Emeritus George Lincoln who assisted on the Search Committee for many months; Murray Gordon and Al Feather on the Technology Committee, who spent many hours reviewing our Society's technological needs and submitted proposals, and finally Vice President Leroy Lewis for his leadership and the countless hours spent reviewing and preparing all areas of the move project.

Our Little Patriots



Just in case you've noticed, Our Little Patriots were missing for the first time after many newsletter editions on the front page of this newsletter.

Don't worry, don't fret! There are more on the way for the Spring newsletter, but because of the office move and its importance to our Society members, the Newsletter Committee had to make that the Number 1 front page priority.

The Newsletter Committee made a promise to dads, grandfathers, uncles, cousins, brothers, and of course those females out there assisting with the paperwork that every new Little Patriot will appear on the front page of the newsletter.

The Newsletter Committee never forgets a promise!!!

Evolution of the United States Flag

No one knows with absolute certainty who designed the first stars and stripes or who made it. Congressman Francis Hopkinson seems most likely to have designed it, and a few historians believe that Betsy Ross, a Philadelphia seamstress, made the first one.

Until the Executive Order of June 24, 1912, neither the order of the stars nor the proportions of the flag was prescribed. Consequently, flags dating before this period sometimes show unusual arrangements of the stars and odd proportions, these features being left to the discretion of the flag maker. In general, however, straight rows of stars and proportions similar to those later adopted were used. The principal acts affecting the flag of the United States are the following:

On June 14, 1777, in order to establish an official flag for the new nation, the Continental Congress passed the first Flag Act: "Resolved, That the flag of the United States be made of thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new Constellation."

Act of January 13, 1794 provided for 15 stripes and 15 stars after May 1795.

Act of April 4, 1818 provided for 13 stripes and one star for each state, to be added to the flag on the 4th of July following the admission of each new state, signed by President Monroe.

Executive Order of President Taft dated June 24, 1912 established proportions of the flag and provided for arrangement of the stars in six horizontal rows of eight each, a single point of each star to be upward.

Executive Order of President Eisenhower dated January 3, 1959 provided for the arrangement of the stars in seven rows of seven stars each, staggered horizontally and vertically.

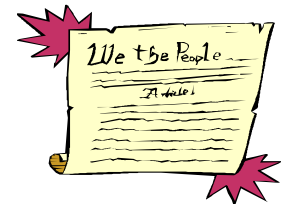
Executive Order of President Eisenhower dated August 21, 1959 provided for the arrangement of

the stars in nine rows of stars staggered horizontally and eleven rows of stars staggered vertically.

American Flags Needed For Our Troop In Bosnia



Our Younger Members stationed in Bosnia are in need of American Flags to fly at their camp. If any member would like to donate an American Flag, please contact the Society office by calling 215-545-1888 and the office will assist you in this matter. See story on pages 6-7.



TRIENNIAL Philadelphia, PA

October 9-12, 2003

**REMEMBER TO MARK
YOUR CALENDARS**

NOTICE TO PSSR MEMBERS

**The Triennial Ball,
October 11, 2003,
will take the place of the
PSSR Annual
Musket Ball for 2003**

Musket Ball 2002

On November 2, 2002, the Pennsylvania Society of Sons of the Revolution returned to the recently renovated Philadelphia Country Club for its annual celebration of the victories at Saratoga and Yorktown, the Musket Ball. Compliments were many from members and guests about how comfortably the club's new spaces accommodated the Sons' traditional fall dinner dance.

The disappointment our group may have felt about the last minute regret of our honored guest, Secretary of State Donald Rumsfeld, was easily overcome by other attractions the evening afforded. The traditional toasts were presented by Vice Presidents Frick, Lewis, and Chairman Wood. President Cheyney spoke of our members currently serving overseas in the military reserves and referred to a letter the office received from Manager Richard Walkup, Chairman of the Projects Committee and currently serving in Bosnia in the military reserves, requesting flags to fly at the military base where some of our members are also currently serving. In communication with Secretary Rumsfeld's office over his potential visit to the event, his office made arrangements to send a flag that flew over the Pentagon for the troop. Secretary Rumsfeld is to be the first recipient of the General Anthony Wayne statue, presented by our society and plans are currently underway for this presentation.

All in all, the event was enjoyed by all in attendance convening with a reception, followed by a lovely dinner, and once again, dancing to music by the Rich Posmontier Ensemble.

Next year's Musket Ball will be on October 11th, 2003, but for this year will be the Triennial Ball and a chance for our membership to enjoy yet another delightful occasion with other state society members in the City of Brotherly Love.



Cranberry Pudding The Mt. Vernon Cookbook

2 eggs beaten
2 tbsp sugar
Pinch salt
1/2 cup molasses
2 tsp baking soda
1/3 cup boiling water
1 1/2 cups sifted flour
1/1/2 cups cranberries, cut in half

Combine eggs, sugar, salt and molasses. In a separate container, put 2 teaspoons of baking soda in 1/3 cup boiling water. Add to egg mixture. Stir in flour and cranberries. Steam in a buttered rice steamer for 1 1/2 hours. Serve warm with the following sauce.

Sauce

2 sticks butter
2 cups sugar
1 cup half and half

Melt butter. Add sugar and half and half and stir until sugar is dissolved.

PSSR Office Hours

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Notary Services By Appointment

DID YOU KNOW?

It is reported that George and Martha Washington dined alone only twice in the last 20 years of their marriage.

When the dinner bell rang in Washington's home there was a rule that guests must be seated within five minutes of the bell.

The Washington's were among the first colonial Americans to acquire Josiah Wedgwood's fashionable cream-colored Queen's Ware and among the first post-Revolution Americans to purchase porcelains brought back from Canton on the Empress of China, the ship that opened American trade with China.

Washington was the first to acquire the nation's first service of French porcelain to grace state dinners, a practice that continued until 1900.

Washington ate breakfast at 7 (7:30 in the winter) and dined on hoe cakes, corn cakes topped with butter and honey. He had dinner at 3, Tea was served from 6 to 7 and he retired early generally at 9 p.m.

"Things To Do"

Remember to.....

Make note of the new PSSR office address.

Mail in 2003 Dues payment to new PSSR office address.

Remember to RSVP for the George Washington Birthday Party.

Watch for the Annual Meeting Notice for the April 2003 meeting.

Check the Calendar of Events on page 12.

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE Independence National Historical Park



The National Park Service is about to undertake a rehabilitation project of Independence Square, its buildings and landscape features. This rehabilitation is intended to repair or replace in-kind damaged landscape features, to improve drainage and lighting, and to add interpretive elements, which will vastly improve site conditions.

A preservation firm has been enlisted to conduct a traditional use study of the Square. The goal of the study team is to interview members of selected organizations with special, non-recreational attachments to Independence Square.

Because of the Society's long-standing attachment to Independence Square and Let Freedom Ring's special association with its use of the area, your Society has been asked to participate in this year long study and give its perspective in the information gathering study to assist future decisions for Independence Square.

Books Available For Purchase

The following books are available for purchase from the Society Office.

STANDARDS AND COLORS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Edward W. Richardson

Members: \$39.95 plus \$3.95 S&H

Non-Members: \$49.95 plus \$3.95 S&H

FORT MIFFLIN OF PHILADELPHIA

Jeffrey M. Dorwart

\$35.00 plus \$4.95 S&H

BATTLE OF PAOLI

Thomas J. McGuire

\$25.00 plus \$4.95 S&H

Visit the Society Merchandise Page on the Website

www.amrev.org

Your request and check can be sent to the PSSR Office, 121 S. Broad Street, Suite 1910, Philadelphia, PA 19107. Checks should be made payable to PSSR.

115th Annual Meeting

Mark Your Calendar

April 10, 2003

The Society's 115th Annual Meeting will take place at the Union League of Philadelphia. This meeting will witness the changing of leadership as President Curtis Paul Cheyney, III completes his very successful three year term. Be sure to mark the date in your calendar and salute Curt for the Society's significant advances during his presidency and to hear the plans and goals of the next PSSR president.



Curtis P. Cheyney, III
President

The meeting will feature a brief preview of the General Society's Triennial, which the Pennsylvania Society will host from October 9-12 at the Sofitel Hotel in Philadelphia with a short presentation given by Vice President Harland Johnson, Chairman of the Triennial Committee.

Please watch for you meeting notice in the mail and don't forget to mark your calendar.

Suggested Readings

"Rise to Rebellion"

Jeff Shaara

Sequel

"The Glorious Cause"

Jeff Shaara

More information can be found on the above Jeff Shaara books by
visiting

www.jeffshaara.com

YOUNGER MEMBERS IN BOSNIA

During the past months, Younger Members of the Society have been serving their country in foreign lands and have been away from their families through the holiday season. The office has kept in touch with these members through these past months by emails and have reinforced to them the message that our Society has not forgotten them in their absence and through the holidays. Emails and newsletters have been sent to Richard Walkup who has become the messenger of Society news to our members abroad and also to fellow members of the military with whom they are serving just to let them know we think about them and appreciate what they are doing for their country.

And yes, the flag from the Pentagon arrived at the office and was sent over with one of the wives when a group of them went to visit their loved ones, also members of First City Troop of Philadelphia.

Captain Guenther writes....

Seems to me that we're "celebrating" a lot of anniversaries this month. Not only did we observe the 228th anniversary of the Troop, and since the Division counts its origins from the inception of the Troop, we notched up another year for the 28th as well. And while it is not an "anniversary," we should be aware that we've turned the page on our fifth month "in country" since arriving in late August, as well as our eighth month since becoming full-time "green suitors."

As we place all this into historical perspective, it is important to give some thought to what it means. Our mission when we came here was to support a safe and secure environment in our sector of Bosnia. So far, we are doing just that. And it is not simply that we are lucky - it's because we are mixing intense army training with good old-fashioned people skills; something one does not get from wearing the green suit 365 days a year. We as civilian soldiers sometimes take this for granted. But as I watch the members of each squad during the Active Harvest, I see techniques and tactics that are not learned from a TM or in a field exercise. I see civilians talking with civilians, people next door gossiping with people next door. And it makes a difference.

I'm not minimizing the importance of the military training - it is critical to the mission and to our survival should it be needed. Nevertheless, when you see a citizen-soldier leaning more on his neighborly niceties than his warrior wiles, someone who knows as much about taking out the garbage as he does taking out a bunker, you see someone who can deal a little more effectively, perhaps, in the peace-keeping business.

It's truly amazing to see how well the typical Bosnian reacts to the typical American. Whether it's watching SPC Harvey Scribner, all

6'6" of him, charming and disarming a 4'3" boy from Tolisa by simply smiling at him and showing he cares, or witnessing SGT Joe Seymour and SSG George Anderson sharing frank thoughts about "the American Way" in front of the classroom of fascinated high school students in Samac.

Moments such as these cannot easily be replicated on the battlefield or in SIMNET. These qualities should not be discounted in developing the formula for the perfect peacekeeper.

Here is another example of the strength of the citizen soldier: for the past month, we have been talking to government and business leaders about the Bosnian economy. As business people ourselves, and civilians, we not only understand that the next step in building a stable Bosnia is supporting efforts to build a stable economy, we know why it is important because we live it every day.

We understand that if our guns are bigger than theirs, they'll be less prone to use theirs, but that's just not lasting. We know that, yes, you can buy their hearts and minds with the donation of a few Euros or KM today, but you cannot purchase the dignity and self-respect that comes with earning a living. In some towns, like Gradacad, I have seen the movement towards a more mature economy. Where once there were handouts which went right from the hand to the mouth, there are now investments in streetlights, in tax incentives for new businesses, in sending students to other countries to get an education - all risks that bear no immediate reward. But we as business people know that risk and reward walk hand in hand in a market economy.

In Odzak, SFC Richard Walkup and I traveled with the Mayor to visit with some businesses and saw the genesis of what is currently happening in Gradacac - optimism amongst true entrepreneurs and the support from local government.

And in Orasje, SFC Bevan Cummin, SGM Dan Sossaman, SGT Bill Wrabley and I held a roundtable with representatives from local businesses, the Mayor and other officials.

We led this meeting because we have some experience in building business relationships - after all we also work in business and we know the value of a supportive government. But the goal in the future is to have these meetings led by the local civilians - just as with the elections and the Harvest. After all, we, SFOR12 or SFOR itself, will not be here forever.

These activities must be run by the people here so they will succeed, and so we can return to our jobs and our homes, to our neighborhoods and our families.

Today we are soldiers, soon we will be civilians once again.

"SERVING OUR COUNTRY"



Pentagon Flag Arrives In Bosnia
Troop First Sergeant Richard Walkup, PSSR Co-Chairman of Special Projects, presents the Pentagon Flag to Captain Eric Guenther, PSSR member. Also pictured in photo are Lt. Lawrence Field, Lt. Joshua West, SFC Bevan Cummin, SSG Nicolas Bowden, SSG Robert Wright, SGT David Lawson, SPC Andrew Markle



On Patrol



Rich Walkup In Troop Uniform at the Change of Command Ceremony along with Troop



Camp Morgan



Rich decides to try a different form of transportation



Captain Eric Guenther, PSSR member, celebrates his 40th Birthday in Bosnia with the Troop

A Message To Our PSSR Men In Bosnia

PSSR looks forward to your safe return home to your families and country. Know that your Society keeps you and your fellow military personnel in our hearts and minds, and honors and respects each of you for your service to our country and the world to make it a safer and better place to live for all.

God Bless You All and God Bless America!!!



The Troop

GEORGE WASHINGTON REMEMBERED

"First in war, first in peace, first in the hearts of his countrymen." Those are the memorable words spoken nearly 200 years ago by Henry Lee, a friend and confidante of our first president.

Lee and many others, before and since, have put pen to paper to describe George Washington. Their encomiums differ, their emphases are not always the same, yet all share a profound appreciation that George Washington was a uniquely disciplined public servant whose guiding principles and dedication to country helped make America what it is today.

As we celebrate his birthday soon, it's interesting to note several of the many statements written about this great man:

John Adams in a letter to Dr. Benjamin Rush: "The history of our revolution will be... that Dr. Franklin's electric rod smote the earth and outsprang General Washington. That Franklin electricized him with his rod, and hence-forward these two conducted all the policy negotiations, legislatures and war."

Abigail Adams in a letter to her husband, July 6, 1775: "I was struck with General Washington...Dignity with ease,...the Gentleman and the Soldier look agree[e]ably blended in him. Modesty marks every line and feature of his face."

Marquis de Chastellus, a Frenchman who served in the American Revolution as a major general in Rochambeau's army: "A hero in a republic, he excites another sort of respect which seems to spring from the sole idea that the safety of each individual is attached to his person...The goodness and benevolence which characterize him are evident in all that surrounds him, but the confidence that he calls forth never occasions improper familiarity."

Thomas Jefferson: "His temper was naturally irritable and high toned; but reflection and resolution had obtained a firm and habitual ascendancy over it. He was, in every sense of the words, a wise, good, and a great man...The whole of his character was in its mass perfect...And it may be truly said, that never did nature and fortune combine more perfectly to make a man great... Washington errs as other men do, but errs with integrity...his name will triumph over time and will in future ages assure its just station amongst most celebrated worthies of the world."

Henry ("Light-Horse Harry") Lee in a memorial address given two days after Washington's death: "First in war, first in peace, first in the hearts of his countrymen, he was second to none in the humble and endearing scenes of private life...the purity of his private character gave effulgence to his public virtues."

Chief Justice John Marshall: "Our Washington is no more, The Hero, the Sage, and the Patriot of America, the man on whom in times of danger every eye was turned, and all hopes were placed, lives now only in his own great actions, and in the hearts of an affectionate and afflicted people."

Daniel Webster, June 17, 1852: "America has furnished to the world the character of Washington. And if our American institutions had done nothing else, that alone would have entitled them to the respect of mankind."

Ralph Waldo Emerson in his diary, 1852: "The head of Washington hangs in my dining room... and I cannot keep my eyes off it. It has a certain Appalachian strength, as if it were truly the first fruits of America and expressed the Country. Thee heavy, leaden eyes turn on you, as the eyes of an ox in a pasture. And the mouth has gravity and depth of quiet, as if this man had absorbed all the serenity of America, and left none for his restless, rickety, hysterical countrymen."

Abraham Lincoln: "Washington is the mightiest name on earth - long since mightiest in the cause of civil liberty; still mightiest in moral reformation. On that name no eulogy is expected. It cannot be. To add brightness to the sun, or glory to the name of Washington, is alike impossible. Let none attempt it. In solemn awe pronounce the name, and in its naked deathless splendor, leave it shining on."

A toast to General George Washington:

*"George Washington, Commander of the American armies,
who, like Joshua of old, commanded the sun and the moon to stand still, and they obeyed him.*

To George Washington, Huzzah!"

What's In A Number?

We all know that the 22nd is the date in February 1732 on which George Washington was born in Virginia. The year 2003 will mark the 172nd anniversary of this event, and the Pennsylvania Society of Sons of the Revolution plans to celebrate once again with its annual dinner dance. It is worth noting that this year our party falls precisely on the date of Washington's birth.

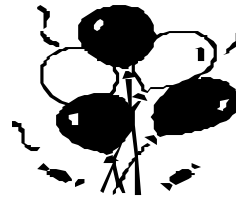
But wait! Crackerjack historians will reply that General Washington's actual recorded date of birth was February 11, 1732 (Old Style). When Mr. Washington was born, conservative Protestant England was still adhering to the Julian Calendar (in contrast to the Gregorian Calendar adopted by the Roman Catholic countries in 1592). The "newer" Gregorian calendar was designed to correct defects that had catapulted recorded time well ahead of astronomical time. In 1751, England's Parliament finally adopted the more accurate calendar and decreed that September 2, 1752 would be followed by September 14. As a result, eleven days were dropped from that year.

Washington was 20 when this occurred and we know not what he thought of it. However, the genealogists among us may recall that many of our ancestors were uncomfortable. Some felt as though their lives were being shortened and precious time had been lost. The New Style dates made people seem older than they actually were. The birthday for an individual born before 1753 would now occur eleven days before one had truly aged one year. George Washington was hardly the only colonist whose birth date was altered by adding eleven days.

To further complicate our understanding, the first day of the new year was not uniform at the time of Washington's birth. Prior to 1700 most English settlers recognized March 25th as New Year's Day, corresponding to Easter and the vernal equinox. This was certainly true of Philadelphia's Quakers, who numbered the months, with March as the first. After 1700, there was an increased use of January 1st, a date with more secular and less religious significance, as the year's beginning. The Act of Parliament in 1751 standardized New Year's Day as January 1st for the year 1752. For people born in the colonies between 1700 and through the year of 1751 whose birthdays fell on January 1st to March 24th, there is uncertainty about which year they were born (unless the recorder specified Old Style or New Style). Therefore George Washington's birthday is more correctly recorded as February 11th, 1731/32.

Nonetheless we accept February 22nd as Washington's birthday and will celebrate it with a parade of flags, music, dinner, and dancing. Perhaps a distinguished guest or two will join us for the festivities. Please attend and bring your friends!

**Who knows,
maybe General Washington will join us
in the celebration!!!**



**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**



GEORGE WASHINGTON BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION



Reception, Dinner, Dancing

**Celebrate with
Society members and guests.**

February 22, 2003

Reception beginning at 6:30 p.m.

**Union League of Philadelphia
Philadelphia, PA**

Music

by

Jon Lewis Orchestra

**Discounted Parking Rates at Union League Parking Lot
Sansom Street across from League**

Can you guess who this is (previous newsletter)?

Answer: George Washington

**Refurbished Tomb of Unknown Revolutionary Soldier
Washington Square**

LANCASTER COUNTY CHAPTER

2002 FALL MEETING

On November 12, 2002, the final meeting of the year for the Lancaster County Chapter was held at the Stauffer Mansion, Manheim Township, Lancaster County. The two new members of the Chapter, Dwight Ransford Ashbey, M.D. and Craig Raymond Bathurst were presented Society ties by Regent John Herman Bowman, M.D. The hardy group of 27 members and guests, braving a cold, rainy night, were entertained by Kenneth Reinard who portrayed a colonial angler. Mr. Reinard detailed the sport of fishing as it was done by gentlemen of the 1700's. An explanation of his period clothing was followed by a demonstration in the use of an antique fishing rod and associated equipment of the day. The duties of the gentleman's servant were also explained. A question and answer period followed a slide presentation. At the end of the formal presentation, Mr. Reinard demonstrated hook making and fly tying as they were done in the 1700's. Refreshments followed the meeting. The invocation and benediction were given by Chaplain George Marshall Kent, Sr., M.D.



Lancaster County Chapter Annual Meeting Audience



LCC members examine Kenneth Reinard's presentation

Lancaster County Diversity of People, Ideas and Economy

John Ward Willson Loose

PSSR Member and F.L.C.H.S. President Emeritus

Lancaster County Historical Society

When Lancaster County was established on May 10, 1729, it became the prototype for sixty-three counties to follow. The original three counties, Philadelphia, Bucks and Chester, were created as copies of typical English shires. The frontier conditions of Chester County's backwoods, from which Lancaster was formed, presented knotty problems to the civilized Englishmen. Lancaster County, therefore, was an experiment in pragmatism erected on the periphery of Penn's "Holy Experiment". Pennsylvania's "first western county" would test the genius of English government and political common sense. Not only did the pragmatic experiment succeed, but it has continued to color the life and government of Lancastrians during the last 274 years.

In 1683, Penn purchased from the Indians a tract of land extending from the Delaware to the Susquehanna Rivers. Another purchase made in 1718 added nearly all the land southeast of the South Mountain, including most of the present-day York County. As settlers in the hinterlands of Chester County increased in number, additional townships were created by the Chester County court. Soon, settlers were clamoring for constables to keep the peace on the frontier. The development of civilization and law enforcement in the older portions of Chester County drove lawbreakers and habitual troublemakers into the backcountry west of the Octoraro Creek. Their presence bothered the settlers, whereupon a petition was presented to the colonial government praying that "a Division Line be made between the upper and lower part of the said county, and the upper part thereof erected into a county, with all the immunities, rights and privileges which any other county of this Province does now enjoy.

DID YOU KNOW THAT.....

In 1794, Lancaster had been linked to Philadelphia by the state's first great turnpike, while other highways and roads connected Lancaster to other towns both inside and outside the county.

BARTRAM GARDENS

SEPTEMBER 15, 2002

One of many projects the Society supported!

President Cheyney's Presentation:

On behalf of the Pennsylvania Society of Sons of the Revolution, we thank you, the Association for your successful preservation efforts at Bartram Gardens and for this invitation to our Society to present our sentiments and to complete the "brick ceremony grant" this afternoon.

In such times as these in which we live, with nearly simultaneous images of the tragic and heroic impacting our personal and national psyche, especially after September 11, each of us must need and search for the clarity and peace that comes from a visit to an historic garden such as this.

On a Sunday afternoon, even as the sky threatens rain, this garden lifts the spirits of those in attendance and clearly suggests to those who walk among the plants, that in the creation, all is good. The lines that separate people - lines of color, national origins, economic power, beliefs - all vanish in the garden. Such clarity and peace can not be found sitting behind a desk or buried in the internet. I am reminded of my father's favorite hymn - In the Garden:

I walk through the garden alone,
While the dew is still on the roses;
And, the voice I hear, falling on my ear,
The Son of God discloses.

That must have been the sentiment of John Bartram, the old Quaker, as he established and cared for his plants and his garden. He died in 1777, before the war ended. Some say, and it is lore, that he died from anxiety caused by the fear that the war and an occupational army could destroy his garden. After all, the British Army was only blocks away and although he was well known, well regarded and honored as the King's own Botanist, there was no certainty that the troops would not skirmish in or bivouac around his garden.

It must also have been the same sentiment of his sons who followed him, and of the most important leaders of the revolution and our early government leaders. George Washington, John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, Ben Franklin, David Rittenhouse, to name but a few; all of the great men of the government and of science were here, in this garden.

It is, I am sure, the common sentiment of the many visitors and volunteers, whose reports of and fondness for this place invites others to come and experience this garden. It was in just that way - not by publicity - that my family decided to visit. First my son, as a little boy, came here on a trip with The Haverford School; he returned home so enthusiastic about what he saw and learned, that we became interested. Then, a long time volunteer,

known, I am sure to many, Nancy Webster, spoke to us of this garden with such fondness and a sense of history, that we came to see it for ourselves. And, for our Society, many members, but none so strong an advocate as Mark Saville, spoke to us of this great garden and encouraged our Society to once again focus on its importance and history.

It is therefore a privilege to participate in that history and for service to such a celebrated garden. To consider that such great men and women of our history proceeded us in this work is humbling. Not only for the science and preservation that they began and nourished through the years as a tradition, but also for the charity that first marked the founder. Before RiteAid, CVS, Eckerd, and a host of other recognized, commercial apothecaries and pharmacies, there was Bartram's Gardens and its founder, serving the needs of the community. Herbs for medicine and cooking could be purchased here; but they were also made available, without cost, to those in need who could not afford to purchase them.

It is therefore fitting that now we should give back, in gratitude, as beneficiaries of John Bartram's study, industry and charity. On behalf of the more than 1,100 statewide member of the Pennsylvania Society of Sons of the Revolution, we are privileged to join the long train of supporters and to place a brick in the memory of Thomas Jefferson, who himself acquired plants here to decorate and cultivate his Monticello. We hope this gift gives resources and encouragement to the many volunteers that sustain this institution and who pass on the good message of the benefits to be learned and heard while walking in the garden

May it continue to flourish and may many more thousands come here and wonder at our national, natural garden world.

Society Projects

Your Society continues to support many projects each year, whether on an annual or multi-year basis. In this newsletter appeared the Washington Square and Bartram Gardens projects. If you are interested in finding out more information about the projects your Society supports, please contact the Society Office at 215-545-1888.

- IN MEMORIAM -

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**Richard Houghton Cooper (#5285)
Died October 15, 2002**

**Nathan Lane, Jr. (#4613)
Died October 23, 2002**

**George Frederick Wagner, III (#5303)
Died November 9, 2002**

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2003 Calendar of Events

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| 22 February | George Washington Birthday Party
The Union League of Philadelphia
Philadelphia, PA |
| 13 April | Annual Meeting
The Union League of Philadelphia
Philadelphia, PA |
| TBA | Annual Church Service |
| 1 May | New Citizens Receptions - 10:00 a.m. |
| 20 November | United States District Court |
| 15 December | 601 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA |
| 4 July | Independence Day Luncheon
Sheraton Society Hill
Philadelphia, PA |
| | Let Freedom Ring Ceremony
Independence National Historical Park
Philadelphia, PA |
| 9 - 12 October | Triennial, Sofitel Hotel
Philadelphia, PA |
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| 2nd Thursday of Each Month | Board of Managers Meeting
Union League of Philadelphia |
| 3rd Monday of Each Month | Finance Committee Meeting |
| 4th Wednesday of Each Month | Projects Committee Meeting
Acorn Club of Philadelphia |

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