



The Herald

Winter
2010

Hark the happenings of the Historic Langhorne Association

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<http://www.historiclanghorne.org>

HLA has 3 new email addresses for communicating with us at our headquarters...add them to your contacts...

Contact email-

HistoricLanghorne1@verizon.net

Archive email-

hlaarchives@verizon.net

Research email-

hlaresearch@verizon.net

OPEN HOURS

**Wednesdays 10-12pm
7-9pm**

**Saturdays 10-12pm
Or by appointment**

Admission is Free

From the Board at HLA

We have recently registered our own domain name of www.historiclanghorne.org. This change has increased our available storage space for the web site in addition to being easier to remember and locate in searches. Please update your bookmarks as the old site will only be up for a limited time.

All of us at Historic Langhorne Association would like to wish you a very Happy New Year! We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events this year.

WANTED

Old photographs, postcards, maps or documents of Langhorne and neighboring towns for preservation in our archives. You can either donate or loan material and we will scan and return the item(s). Photos of houses, businesses, streets, events are sought along with local event brochures, programs, yearbooks, etc.

Contact Larry, Charlie or Jim at 215- 757-1888 or email historiclanghorne1@verizon.net if you have items that you wish to donate or loan for preservation.

Jim Maier

A STITCH IN TIME...

Stop in to see our quilt (left). It took many years for the quilt to be completed and it is beautiful!

Our quilt was shown at the "Gathering of Quilts" sponsored by the Langhorne Council for the Arts in November 2009 at St. James Church Hall. See if you can recognize all the Langhorne places appliquéd on the quilt.



Our headquarters is located in The Anna Mary Williamson Library & Museum

From the President

2009 was a very busy year for all of us at Historic Langhorne Association. We offered many interesting programs and events throughout the year. In addition, we have been busy performing needed repairs and maintenance on our beautiful building. On the exterior, our chimney was re-pointed and properly capped and the wooden basement doors in the rear were restored. Inside, the mismatched faucets in the lavatory were replaced with new matching ones with a vintage look. At the same time, some old corroded cast iron plumbing was replaced along with a leaking water heater. Other minor repairs have been done and more are being planned for the near future.

Many interesting donations were added to our archives and museum collections this past year which we do appreciate. If you do have old photos or documents pertaining to Langhorne and the neighboring towns, please keep in mind that if you do not wish to part with them, you could still donate to us by loaning us the items for a short time. We have scanning capabilities and could scan and return them to you promptly. Even if the photos are not in the best condition, we can often digitally restore damaged areas.

With the wet weather pattern that we have been in this year, many of this year's Ghost Tours were rained out and had to be rescheduled. It was a difficult year for this event however our tour guides persevered. We are looking forward to a better year next year. Our newsletter and website will list the dates for next year's tours.

Everything that we do is done by volunteers giving their time, energy and skills. We have an excellent group of people working together to preserve the history of our area. I would like to thank all of our board members and volunteers. Your efforts are appreciated. Even with this fine group of volunteers, we could still use more help. If you have some time to donate and would be interested in volunteering, please give us a call or email.

We have begun planning many exciting events for this coming year. Be sure to check our newsletters and website for upcoming events and programs. Recently we registered our own domain name of www.historiclanghorne.org which will be easier for people to remember. Periodically we send out an email to our friends and neighbors notifying them of upcoming events at Historic Langhorne Association. If you are not currently receiving these emails and would like to be included on the list, just send us an email or call with your name and email address for inclusion.

At this time my fellow board members and I would like to wish you and your family a very happy, healthy holiday season and all the best for the New Year.

Jim Maier

An illustration for a Fisk Tires advertisement. At the top, a car is shown driving on a road, with a sign that says 'FISK TIRES'. Below the car, the text 'CAREFREE HOLIDAY ENJOYMENT' is written in a stylized font. In the center, a single Fisk tire is shown, with 'FISK EXTRA HEAVY' written on its sidewall. To the right of the tire, a text box contains the following message: 'NOTHING can destroy the Holiday spirit so quickly as tire trouble. Soiled clothing, dirty hands, perspiration, delay, have ruined many a holiday and could so easily have been avoided by replacing the doubtful tire with a beautiful big heavy Fisk. A bad tire must be discarded anyway. Why not get rid of yours before it ruins your holiday?' Below the text box, the words 'FISK TIRES' are written in large, bold, serif letters. Underneath that, in smaller text, is 'DAVENPORT MOTOR CO.', 'Maple & Pine Streets', 'Langhorne, Pennsylvania', and 'Langhorne 158'.

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Advertisement circa 1929



HLA To Be at St. James Episcopal Church Indoor Flea Market

On Saturday, March 13, 2010 HLA will again have a table at the St. James Indoor Flea Market at 330 S. Bellevue Avenue in Langhorne. We will have items from our gift shop on sale and members will be on hand to answer questions. More copies of the book about the Langhorne Speedway, "Langhorne! No Man's Land" by L. Spencer Riggs, should be available as we have already sold more than 50 copies and have ordered more.



In the archives of Historic Langhorne Association, there is a collection of "Playwickians" from the old Langhorne-Middletown High School. Here are a few sample of the articles from 1927.

Articles from "The Playwickian," Langhorne-Middletown High School's Weekly Newspaper.

October 21, 1927

"Do you know that there are 122 pupils in the High School?"

"Mr. Alva Johnson, '27, journeyed to Bordentown with the Morgan College Football team Friday, where Morgan College defeated the Bordentown Industrial School by a score of 40 - 7. Alva returned to his home in Langhorne after the game and remained there until Sunday morning, when he returned to school."

"At last week's Senior Class meeting, the Class Cheer was selected:

"Throw 'em out!
Give 'em the gate!
We're the class of
Twenty-eight."

November 4, 1927

JUNIOR NOTES: "On Monday, November 7, the Junior Class will hold a "Movie" in the Casino at South Langhorne. The Student Body and general public are urged to cooperate with the class to make this a Grand Success. There will be two shows, one at 7:00 p.m. and the other at 9:00 p.m. Admission: Adults 30 cents, children 20 cents."

November 18, 1927

Principal's Message: To the Parents, "At the last Parent-Teachers' Meeting of the Langhorne-Middletown District, nine parents were present. These nine represent less than two percent of the total number of parents, men and women, in the district. It is a sad commentary upon the interest of the parents if this attendance at the Parent-Teachers' Meeting is to be taken as a true indication. We wonder if the parents consider the welfare of the children to be of less importance than the attendance at some club, class or auxiliary meeting."

December 2, 1927

"This, the new Langhorne-Middletown High School Weekly, has been named the "Playwickian," by reason of the closed association of Langhorne with the Indian town of that name. ... It was the largest camping ground of these people." "The name of our Paper was suggested by Helen Gumper, of the Senior Class."

DANCING CLASS TO BE OPENED IN LANGHORNE: "Miss Helen Gumper, '28, will open a Dancing School in the Memorial Community House, on Thursday, January 5, 1928. Children's class will be held at 4 o'clock p.m. Adults' at 6 o'clock p.m. Enroll Now!"

December 7, 1927

"A teachers' meeting was held in the High School building on Dec. 6th. Miss Neely, third grade teacher, gave a very instructive talk on the 'Value of Reading.' An interesting discourse on the 'Study of the Pupil and Parent' was given by Miss Thatcher, fourth grade teacher."

Longshore Store Maple Ave.



1911 3rd grade class Pine Street School

The Historic Langhorne Association

2009/10 Membership Roster

(at January 19, 2010)

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David and Sally Marrington

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Individual and family members membership continued from previous page...

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 John and Donna Jean Yocum

Thanks to everyone for your continued support

HISTORIC LANGHORNE WORD SEARCH NAMES AND PLACES IN OUR AREA

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Can you find
 all of these
 names and
 places?

Attleboro
 Eden
 Huddleston
 Catawissa
 Four Lanes End

Bellevue
 Isaac Hicks
 Anna Mary Williamson
 Marshall
 Gilliam

Historic Langhorne
 Richardson
 Flowers
 Jeremiah Langhorne



Many Redner's Register Tapes Received

We would like to thank all our members and friends who have sent or dropped off their register tapes from Redner's Markets. We receive 1% of the total of the tapes we turn in. On December 16 we delivered \$14,804.30 of tapes for which we will receive \$148.04. We redeem the tapes 4 – 5 times a year, giving us a significant amount of income to help meet the expenses of keeping the building running. For us to use the tapes, they must have a special "Save-A-Tape" total at the bottom that is added what your Save-A-Tape card is scanned. If you do not have a card, ask for one the next time you shop.

Excerpt from *The Pennsylvania Gazette*—September 12, 1771

To be positively SOLD, at publick vendue, on Thursday, the third day of October next ensuing, by the subscriber, on the premises, The Publick house or Tavern, now in the tenure of John Downey, situate in (Middletown) in the county of Bucks, at a place commonly known by the name of Four Lanes End, within 22 miles of Philadelphia, 9 of Trenton, 7 of Bristol, and 4 of Newtown. The said house is large and spacious, having 4 rooms on the lower floor, with an 8 feet entry through the same, 5 rooms on the second floor, and 2 convenient garrets; a genteel garden adjoining the house, with a well and pump at the garden door, and a small lot at the end of the garden, on which is erected a very good stable, the house, which is built of brick and stone, is in the best repair, being almost new; the situation very high and beautifully commodious, and so remarkably healthy, that intermitting fevers, fevers and agues, and fluxes, common to tot her places are not known here. The adjacent neighbourhood, who consist of the most wealthy and reputable farmers, are a kind, benevolent, conversable and agreeable people. To accommodate the said Tavern (which may be converted into a Gentlemancountry seat) will be sold with the house, between 5 and 6 acres of woodland, capable (from a constant stream of water passing through it) of being made valuable watered meadow as the soil is admirably well adapted to that use. The conditions of the sale will be made known the say of vendue, which will be easy to the purchaser.

1927 & 1928 DVA's Come to HLA

From time to time owners of older homes, who are doing renovations and removing walls, discover old newspapers stuffed between the walls and floor boards. Newspapers were once used for insulation. This was the case of Mr. Richard McNeice of Langhorne who was doing work on his home. He recently donated copies and pages of the 1927 and 1928 Delaware Valley Advance to our archives.

In the Friday, August 12, 1927 DVA, news of Langhorne includes mention that the Langhorne Fire Company is planning a dinner at the Bucks County Country Club and that Maple Avenue between Bellevue and Pine is closed for reconstruction. In South Langhorne (Pennel), a new store, Lukens and Simons, will open at Bellevue Avenue and the Lincoln Highway, with electrical and radio equipment.

Meanwhile in Hulmeville, two local lads, Clarence Smith and Amos Doran, were home on leave from the Navy, while Mrs. George Ahlee entertained the members of the "Peppy Pals" sewing class Tuesday evening. The news from Parkland included the all the latest social events and gossip.

The first thing that stands out in the August 17, 1928 was color cartoon section! Who has heard of the comic strip "Slim Jim and The Force," "Dolly the Drummer," or "The Kelly Kids - Tim and Tom." Headlines of the edition included the story of eight people sent to the hospital after an auto crash. "Eight persons were seriously injured, two of them possibly fatally, when the Buick in which they were returning from a party collided with a truck on the Lincoln Highway at Janney, near Langhorne." Langhorne news also included the following: "The Langhorne Giants played the strong Woodside team, on their own grounds, Wednesday, at a twilight game, and won out by a batting rally in the last innings 3 to 1."

Old newspapers are extremely difficult to preserve, as anyone know who has kept an old newspaper or clipping. At HLA we store them in acid-free files.

BROADWAY ON THE BEACH

The Surfflight Theater
Long Beach Island, NJ

When *On Your Toes* made its Broadway debut in 1936, this musical by American theater greats Richard Rodgers, Lorenz Hart and George Abbott broke new ground. Gangsters, vaudeville and the Russian Ballet come together in this riotous romantic romp. An ex-hooper persuades a Russian dance company to perform his friend's ballet, becomes romantically involved with the prima ballerina, upsets the jealous male lead and finds himself the target of a hired assassin with hilarious consequences. *On Your Toes* is a nimble comic affair, a lighthearted look at co-existence between Russians and Americans and between classical and modern art forms. The score includes *There's a Small Hotel*, and *Slaughter on 10th Avenue*.

We have tentatively planned a bus trip to this play on June 3 or 8. More information forthcoming.

Membership Report

This newsletter contains a current roster of our members and business supporters for the 2009/10 membership year. Your response to our membership drive this year has been very gratifying and we appreciate your continuing support, now more than ever.

We particularly want to thank our many long-time members whose loyal support over the years has been vital to the growth of this organization.

If you have not had the opportunity to renew for this membership year, we have included a membership form in this newsletter.

If you have any questions about your membership or if I have not included your name on the roster, please call HLA and leave a message for me or send an e-mail message to my attention at the contact address included in this newsletter.

Jack Fulton
Membership Chairman

Coming Attractions at Historic Langhorne Association

Monday, February 22, 7:30 pm

General Meeting

Topic to be determined—see website. Open to public. Free admission—Refreshments served.

Monday, March 22, 7:30 pm

General Meeting

Topic to be determined—see website. Open to public. Free admission—Refreshments served.

Monday, April 26, 7:30 pm

General Meeting

Topic to be determined—see website. Open to public. Free admission—Refreshments served.

Sunday, May 2, 1:00-3:00 pm

Victorian Tea

Please join us once again this year for our scrumptious tea. Our catered menu will feature the classic tea fare of scones, jams, tea sandwiches and sweet desserts. More info forthcoming.

Monday, May 31

Langhorne Memorial Day Parade

As usual our building will be open for the people who stroll by! Welcome summer!

Sunday, June 6, 3:00-7:00 pm

Annual Strawberry Festival

Come celebrate the local strawberry harvest and enjoy fresh strawberries on pound cake with vanilla ice cream. Fun, food and crafts for all ages!

June 3 or June 8 (will advise)

Broadway at the Beach

On Your Toes

A bus trip to the Surfflight Theater in Long Beach Island to see this great stage play by Rodgers, Hart and George Abbott. See article to left for information about the play.

Be on the lookout for Summer Ghost Tours...

August—will advise date

Rough & Tumble Engineers Historical Association Trip

Month of October

Ghost Tours

BITS & PIECES

- If you like history, or just have time on our hands, check this out—<http://www.thepeoplehistory.com/>
- Historic Langhorne Association as a fan page on Facebook and we invite everyone to join to follow our activities.
- Many thanks to Mary Blaydon, Mark Arrington and Cyde Claristenfeld for their work with Santa's Visit and caroling!
- Congratulations to Theresa Kling—winner of the 2009 Holiday House Tour raffle!

Thank you for all the hard work...

Thank you so very much to HLA's 2009 Holiday House Tour Committee for their fabulous *Toyland* display and decorations:

- Amy Transue, chairperson
- Janet Maher, Co-chair
- Shelley Cloak
- Cheryl Fryer
- Jean Noble

Historic Langhorne Association's 2006 Officers & Committee Members

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Picture your name here and volunteer!