Hello Everyone,

Our upcoming programs and events are planned from February through May and are included in this newsletter. I hope you can come out to enjoy them.

I am happy to report that renovations at our new museum at 218 Main Street are well underway. Please see the Capital Campaign page in this newsletter for our update and follow our website as we post progress pictures. In a few months, packing and moving will begin. I thank all of you who have contributed to the Capital Campaign to help support the purchase and renovation project. A Capital Campaign donation form is included with this newsletter for those who would like to make a tax deductible gift.

Some more great news I want to let you know about is our membership. We are extremely proud to say our membership now exceeds 1000! Currently, our membership is near 1,035. The majority of this increase is due to the efforts of our Vice President, Andrew Kerstetter, who has been instrumental in seeking out Emmaus High School graduates through membership drives. Many graduates live out of state and have become members, showing us you support our mission of preserving Emmaus history. Our newsletters and mailings will keep you informed.

Emmaus Historical Society has a showcase at the Emmaus Public Library. Please make a visit to see the current display of vintage valentines. We periodically change the theme with a new display during the year.

Looking forward to seeing everyone as we approach the future months. Watch for our mailing announcing news and events on our Grand Opening! As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact me.

Pat David Zentner
President

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“Gift Memberships Available”

Mission Statement

The mission of the Emmaus Historical Society is to collect, preserve and exhibit Emmaus artifacts, documents, histories, photographs and genealogy for displays and research and to offer educational programs and events throughout the year.
MUSEUM EVENT  
Held at Emmaus Historical Society, 563 Chestnut Street

Friday, February 6, 5-9 PM and Saturday, February 7, 10 AM-5 PM

“Winter Wonderland” – As a participant in SnowBlast Winter Arts Festival, sponsored by the Emmaus Arts Commission, our museum will be decorated for winter with vintage winter displays, photos of local blizzards, rare photos of The Great Blizzard of 1888, the story of The Snowflake Man by Wilson Bentley and much more. Enjoy hot chocolate and cookies. Exhibit runs through March 7th.

FUTURE PROGRAMS and EVENTS 
Held at St. John’s Lutheran Church Parish Hall, 5th & Chestnut St. at 7:00 PM

February 19, 2015
“Emmaus 1959 Centennial Part II” – Celebrate our 23rd anniversary as we present more events from the Centennial, such as Centennial Belles, Brothers of The Brush and “Rifles to Rockets”.

March 19, 2015
“Toys From the Past” – Bob Swaim presents a program that will surely rekindle childhood memories! Hear the history of The Slinky and his effort to make The Slinky the Pennsylvania State Toy.

March 22, 2015
“Musical Memories Museum” – Take a free tour of Ray Scheffy’s Musical Memories Museum in the west end of Allentown. His collection includes organs, pianos, nickelodeons, juke boxes and phonographs. Meet at the Society’s parking lot at 12:45 PM. Tours are limited to a maximum of 10 people. Call the Society at 610-966-6591 to sign up for the tour.

April 15, 2015
“Vintage and Rare Emmaus Postcards” – Presented by Andrew Kerstetter and Richard Chartrand. Shown on the big screen, see our collection of Emmaus postcards from years ago.

April 19, 2015
“Road Trip” – If you would like to join us, we are touring the Hamburg Historical Society and Reading Railroad Heritage Museum. Meet at the Hamburg Historical Society at 1:00 PM, located at 102 State St., Hamburg, PA 19526. From there we will visit Reading Railroad Heritage Museum at 500 S. Third St., Hamburg, PA 19526.

May 20, 2015
“Native Americans of Eastern Pennsylvania and the Jasper Quarries of Vera Cruz” – Bob Benner returns with Part 3 of his series of programs. There will be an election of officers prior to the program.
Attention!

Past Members of the Meadow Pool Association

Recently, the Emmaus Historical Society received donated items from the Meadow Pool Association to be added to the museum’s collections. How better to tell the story of how Meadow Pool affected the residents of the Borough of Emmaus than to hear directly from former members! Here is a unique opportunity to archive your memories for future generations to enjoy.

Please use the form below to capture your memories of Meadow Pool and return it to the Society to be published in a future newsletter to share with others.

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1956 … Memories of the Meadow Pool Association … 2008

By Former Member: ___________________________________________

Dates of Membership: __________________________________________

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The former Meadow Pool member is totally responsible for the content of the above memory and gives the Emmaus Historical Society the right to publish.

By signing below, the former Meadow Pool Association member agrees to these terms.

Former Member’s Signature _____________________________________________

Date ________________
Society member Richard Giering, living in Illinois, presents history of this “first” event.

Emaus Murder and its Good Result

The following tale is an augmentation of an article that appeared in the 1987 issue of the Hearthstone by Jan K. MacIlwraith of the Emmaus Shelter House Society.

In 1856, Mary Ann Amanda Giering (a great granddaughter of Andreas Giering, the first resident of Emaus/Emmaus) then 22 years old, married James S. Schumaker. In 1863, Col. Schumaker was killed in the Civil War and thus Mary Ann became a widow for the first time. She was then considered a “fair catch” and was pursued by a number of local men looking for a wife. Two of these men were David Seem and William Keck. Following some courtship, Mary Ann made her decision; she and David Seem were married in March, 1864.

Less than a month later, on a Saturday morning at approximately 11:00 AM on April 2, 1864, William Keck jealously shot and murdered David Seem. This became the first murder in the village. He was tried and convicted in Lehigh County Court. Here, there are various stories. One version has Mr. Keck sentenced to be hung and the sentence carried out. Another story has him serving a sentence in the Lehigh County Jail, following which he returned to Emaus.

In either event, both Murderer and Victim are buried side by side (graves 311 and 311A) in God’s Acre at Third and Adrain Streets in Emmaus. Thus ends the sad portion of this tale.

Now for the good that came from it. In 1854, Rebecca Matilda Giering (Mary Ann’s cousin and also a great granddaughter of Andreas), married Joel Ritter, also of Emaus. On March 13, 1873, after delivering nine children, Matilda died in childbirth. This left Joel with nine children, one a five month infant, to care for, in addition to his everyday business. Mary Ann, having been close to Matilda, volunteered to help Joel with his problem. She and Joel became close and two years later – October, 1875 – they married.

Sometime after the marriage, Joel Ritter and Mary Ann moved to Coopersburg and soon became interested in organizing a Moravian Church there, thus becoming two of the original founders of the church which now stands on Main Street. It is possible that later they returned to Emaus where Joel began a funeral business on S. Fifth Street. Both Joel and Mary Ann died and were buried in the Old Moravian Cemetery; Joel in 1902 and Mary Ann in 1906.

Complete details about Mary Ann’s and Matilda’s great grandfather can be found at the Giering website: [www.giering-family trees.org](http://www.giering-family trees.org) Select, from the main menu, the “Index of Names” and then choose Andreas I, Mary Ann or Matilda or any other name and proceed. NOTE, to see the family tree chart(s), click on the family ID number at the top of the family page.
**Time To Order Shoo-Fly Pies**

Orders are being taken for Shoo-Fly pies to be picked up at our April 15th program at the church or April 18th at the museum. Dry, regular wet and extra wet are available at the same price of $7.00 each. These pies freeze very well. Freeze individual pieces; when you would like a slice, a few seconds in the microwave is all it takes! Deadline to order is April 4th. To order call the museum at 610-966-6591 or sign up at our February or March meetings at the church.

**Donation Contributors**

We thank the following members and supporters who have made monetary donations in 2014 supporting our programs, events and genealogy research: The Selective Insurance Group Foundation, Mr. and Mrs. John Datz, John Agner, Ferne Kushner, Donna Pflum, Chevron Matching Gift Program and Kathie Y. Saucier.

**Volunteers at Work!**

A tremendous amount of yard work, consisting of trimming and removal of trees, weeding, mulching and landscaping was done in 2014 at our new museum at 218 Main Street. This hard working crew saved the Society several thousand dollars. We thank the following members who donated their equipment and several hours of their time: Stuart Cox, Drew Slifer, Dennis Bortz, Brian Shelly, Andrew Kerstetter, Jeanne and Andrew Harakal, Jean and Greg Ross, Rev. Fred Foerster, Doug Hall, Albert Wieand, Robin and Dave Kerstetter, Carl Wieder and Mike Waddell.

**Holiday Decorations**

If you have vintage decorations for any of the holidays and would like to donate them for our new museum, please let us know.

**To Complete Our Collections, We Are Looking For…**

2009 Anniversary Souvenirs: coasters, trivets, train ornament, beer stein, stadium blanket and cap.
The Shelter House Hearthstone Publications: 1954 volumes 1, 2 and 4. 1955 volume 1. 1956 volume 3. 1957 volumes 1, 3 and 4. 1959 volumes 1, 2, and 4. 1961 volumes 1, 2 and 4. 1962 volumes 1, 3 and 4. 1963 volumes 1, 3 and 4.

If you would like to donate any of these items, please call the museum at 610-966-6591.
Looking For Emmaus High School Memorabilia

The Emmaus Historical Society is currently gathering photographs, programs and graduation announcements from the high school’s first graduating class in 1890 to the present for a future display in the museum. If you have any of the items below and would like to donate them to complete our collection, please call the museum at 610-966-6591 or Andrew Kerstetter at 610-965-1970.


The following from all years: Programs from baccalaureate services, class plays, sporting events and dances, including tickets, newspaper clippings or photographs from these events. We are also interested in the school newspapers that include The Tattler, Hi Jeff and E Hive. Class rings and school jewelry are also being collected, as well as reunion photographs.

We have had a tremendous response to this program and we are very thankful and grateful to those who have contributed to help us preserve these items for future generations.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

Nancy (Segilia) Choy
Nicos Elias
George and Melanie DeVault
Dale Bartholomew
Kathie Saucier
Ardith (Clark) Barnes
Kenneth and Frances (Schleifer) Sletvold
Samuel Doney
Patricia (Albert) Knoll
Sandra (Yaeck) Kratzer
G. Malcom and Katie (Lobach) Reid
Thomas Cope
Gordon Kemmerer
Benjamin Martin
Paul Haiges, Jr.
William and Audrey (Knoll) Mason
Bert and Barbara Nelson
Daniel and Sharon (Yaeck) Miller
Roy and Susan (Stortz) Thompson
Donald Coughlan and

Barbara Parks
David Crum
Barbara Heist
Lisa Boscola
Thomas Petro, Jr.
John and Nancy Hinnershietz
Michael & Alva Ann (Fischer) Weber
Harold Strunk
John and Vivian (Crossley) Miller
Robert and Judith (Hawk) Coulesey
Geneva Butz
Barbara (Bender) Gordon
Fred and Jenny Keiper
Mary (Fey) Ping
Carolyn (Gehman) Berger
Suzanne (Bornman) Goehringer
Trenna (Weidner) Aukerman
Barbara (Nichter) Korpics
Melvyn Carson Bruder (Life)
Carol (Haas) Zeiner
Carol (Schaffer) Gerdes (Life)                  John and Susan Yarema
John and Jean Trotter                           John Banyas
Forrest and Frances Rohrbach                   Gloria (Mohr) Geovese
Peter Reeder                                    Peggy (Saylor) Peters
Alexander Hendry, Jr.                           Helene Helfrich
Bryant and Margaret Ortt                        Thomas Johnson (Life)
John Kummerly                                   Anna (Hanzlik) Chapman
Jeanne Hamscher                                 Marilyn Egner
Samuel and Judith Stevens                       James Gulla
Todd and Stacey (Walter) Rothermel              Gregory Owens
Michael George

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DECEASED MEMBERS

The Board of Directors extends their sympathy to the families of our members who recently passed away.

Cecelia (McElroy) Schantz, July 23, 2014
Frances (Sikora) Toth, August 13, 2014
Ralph Jones, October 11, 2014
Marcella Fenstermaker, November 12, 2014
Russell Gross, December 31, 2014
Ray Bieber, January 8, 2015

Anthony Timar, July 31, 2014
Charles Lenner, October 1, 2014
Edward Reese, October 31, 2014
Ray Gilbert, November 18, 2014
Donald Wilson, January 8, 2015
Jack M. Schwar, January 14, 2015

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Dan Schantz Greenhouse Spring Fundraiser
March 1 through June 30 – Lehigh Street at I-78

Dan Schantz Greenhouse makes this program available to organizations to help them with their fundraising efforts. We were successful with this fundraiser during the Thanksgiving through Christmas holidays and it’s available for spring when it’s time for mulching, planting and flowers. $2.00 of your $10.00 purchase goes to the Society when you give the cashier a ticket (limit 2 per visit). A ticket page is included with this newsletter.
Great progress has taken place at our new museum. Fortunately, before the bitter cold hit us, the handicap ramp was poured in early December. Inside the building, the area for our two handicap bathrooms has been gutted and construction is underway. We are fortunate that Society members Brian Shelly, Andy Harakal, Andrew Kerstetter, Drew Slifer and Rev. Fred Foerster gutted and prepared the area for the contractors to begin their work.

Visit our website frequently as we post progress pictures of the renovations and follow the thermometer on the capital campaign page as donations are received. Your tax deductible donations are greatly appreciated and needed to help support the Emmaus Historical Society. Remember to check with your employer about a matching gift program offered by many companies to their employees or retirees. By including a bequest to the Emmaus Historical Society in your will or living trust, you are ensuring that we can continue our mission to collect and preserve the rich history of Emmaus for future generations.

Friends: Up to $49.00
Historian: $50.00 to $99.00
Heritage: $100.00 to $249.00
Founders: $250.00 to $499.00
Moravians: $500.00 to $999.00
The Triangle: $1000.00 to $2499.00
Golden Jubilee: $2500.00 to $4999.00
Diamond Jubilee: $5000.00 or More

We thank and acknowledge those who have contributed since our last published list from August 1, 2014 through January 15, 2015:

Friends

Historian
Heritage

Founders
Gerald & Jacqueline Reese, Mark & Jean Kistler and The Selective Insurance Group Foundation.

Moravians
Albert Schantz, Kris Wanamaker Home Improvements, Inc. in memory of Helen K Miller, Sandra Yaeck Kratzer in memory of Ronald R Kratzer & Rev. Dr. Milton Cresenz Yaeck, Joan E Jones and Clark F Apgar.

The Triangle

Preparing for new bathrooms
Handicap Ramp to rear entrance
Capital Campaign Donation Form

**Donor Information**

Name or Company: _____________________________________________________________

Address: _____________________________________________________________________

Contact Name: ____________________ Phone: __________ Email: _____________________

**Contribution**

Donors will receive an early 1920’s postcard reproduction of our new museum home!

_____ A One-Time Donation in the amount of: ________________________________

_____ A Pledge in the amount of: ____________________ to be paid over ___________ years

**Option**  My contribution is in memory of or in honor of: ______________________

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Emmaus Historical Society is a 501(c)3 organization and your contribution is tax deductible.

Thank You For Your Support!

**Payment Options**

On our website Capital Campaign page via credit card through the security of PayPal or mail your check or money order to:

Emmaus Historical Society
563 Chestnut Street
Emmaus, PA  18049
Past Programs and Events

September 17, 2014
Emmaus Centennial-Part One

Presented by William Barto & Richard Chartrand. Through a slide and audio presentation, Bill recounted the Queen’s Ball, kick-off dinner, exhibits and time capsule events. Voices from the ceremonies were heard from ‘Connie’ Weidner’s recordings of the 1959 events including Horace Schantz, Judge Gardner, and Howard Deischer.

October 15, 2014
Alice Reiner - Lady Wanderer

Presented by Betty Krauss and dressed as Alice Reiner, Betty told the fascinating story of Alice who was a woman who lived off the streets of Emmaus & nearby communities. A few of the attendees told of stories of Alice visiting their homes for a free meal and maybe a place to stay the night.

November 19, 2014
John & Marlene Herbein’s Antique Tools & Collectibles

John & Marlene displayed and described their collection of unusual tools.

Christmas Party December 17, 2014

Everybody that came enjoyed our covered dish, Christmas Carol sing-a-long and raffle prizes donated by many local businesses.
REMEMBERING WHEN

Society Member James F. Knauss, Now Living in Florida, Shares His Story,
“The Last Contest”

Daniel Martin Sachs III, from the earliest, was an exceptional student and fierce athletic competitor. I first met “Mart”, his accepted moniker among “The Syndicate” gang of 7 in high school, in 5th grade. Early on, as shown in the photo of the 8th grade junior high basketball team, he was already the team shining star. Yes, #4 in the photo is he. Others include “Buster Lorah” bottom right, Bobby Fick #11, Corky Knoll #8, Donny Morey #5, Earl Dreas #10, Willy Haines #7, your truly #13, along with others my old brain can’t identify. Dan, of course, was the captain of the team.

This article isn’t about Dan’s outstanding athletic and scholastic achievements, as those areas have been thoroughly detailed in excellent articles by Evan Burian and others. What follows is a firsthand account of the more human side of the man.

It was a well known fact that Mart and I were the very best of friends and remained so for the rest of his short life. This true story involves an ongoing contest Dan had with one Leslie Howatt, owner of Howatt Farms and Estate Services. Les wasn’t known in Emmaus but was well known to the Samuel P. Knauss, Sr. family. He was a highly respected Coopersburg R.D. 2 farmer and was well known in that area for his athletic prowess in his youth. Sound familiar?

Les had hired every son of Sam Knauss over the years and needed some help for the summer months. I suggested Dan, and Les took him on. During those summers, Dan learned how to make and cut lawns, de-tassel seed corn and bring in hay and straw. Les, at least 15 years Dan’s senior, became aware of Dan’s exceptional athletic prowess through newspaper articles and conversations on the job. This prompted Les to challenge Dan to footraces and other manly feats. Dan would normally beat Les except for one area, push-ups! Try as Dan would, Les always came out on top. This aggravated “Old Mart” to no end.

The last challenge occurred when Dan paid me a visit in Emmaus the summer before his senior year at Princeton. Dan called me and said he’d be up on the weekend and asked me to call Les and arrange a visit on Les’s farm. I did as requested and assumed this would be a normal friendly get together of 3 old friends. Little did I know what was really on Dan’s mind. Les arrived in his old pickup at a pre-arranged time and location on the farm. As soon as Les emerged from the cab, Dan’s first words were, “Let’s get on with it!” “It” was a push-up challenge contest. Immediately Dan, as fine a young physical specimen as could be, promptly did 50 and was content the old bugger would never match his achievement. Les looked his young opponent square in the eyes, got down and struggled to 50 and with red face and eyes bulging, did 51! Needless to say, Dan never challenged Les to push-ups again.

The story does not end yet. In the Fall of that year, Les and I traveled to Princeton for the Princeton-Rutgers football game. Dan was again the star and would have been delighted had he been able to see the exuberant manner in which Les cheered when Dan scored or threw for a touchdown in leading the team to victory.

Great memories of two outstanding and wonderful examples of manhood. What great friends they were, never to be forgotten.