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## **A Smashing Successful 25th Annual Historic Old Annville Day** *President's Message, by Michael Schroeder*

This past June 8th marked the 25th Anniversary of Historic Old Annville Day. We're delighted to report that this year's HOAD was bigger, better, longer, more delicious, more musical, and more fun than ever.

Numbers tell part of the story: 105 vendors lined the west end of Main Street, compared to 78 last year. Local businesses supported the event in record numbers. Music drew crowds of listeners at three venues, two officially planned and one spontaneous. We occupied a full eight blocks, edging west all the way to Cherry Street. Main Street closed at 7:00 a.m. rather than 8:00 a.m. as in years past. And while there's no official count, all observers agree that the number of visitors reached a historic high - probably more than 3,000 people over the course of the day. Plus the weather cooperated. Who could ask for more?



It's important to recognize that Historic Old Annville Day doesn't just happen - it happens only because of the hard work and commitment of a team of dedicated volunteers. Jill Palanzo communicated with and organized each of the 105 vendors. David Palanzo meticulously recorded the sundry expenses & receipts. Vicki Gingrich and Dennis Flake arranged the music & entertainment. Laura Charelian headed up our fundraising efforts & Michael Charelian sold raffle tickets on the street. Michelle Poorman took charge of advertising and Rachel Noll organized the FOOA store. Owen Moe, Kathy Moe, Paul Fullmer, Keith Kreamer, and yours truly took care of other odds & ends. Township officials & employees and Annville fire police did everything possible to work with FOOA to make the day the smashing success it was.

Last but not least, Mike Bowman served as HOAD Committee Chair, as he has for the past five years. A modest, plainspoken, unassuming man, Mike's contributions to HOAD over the past have been invaluable. Because he's stepping down in his role as HOAD Committee Chair, it seems appropriate to pause for a moment to spotlight Mike's role in making Historic Old Annville Day the tremendous success it's become.

### **“More of the Past in the Future”**

Born and raised in Lebanon City, a retired chemist and teacher, and lifelong resident of the Lebanon Valley, Mike Bowman is a relative newcomer to the town of Annville, having moved to his current home on West

Main Street in 2005. But he knows the town intimately. His wife Bonnie's mother has lived here since 1968. Joining the FOOA Board in 2006, Mike soon became an integral part of HOAD, and became HOAD Chair in 2009.

"There wasn't a lot of interest in Historic Old Annville Day back then," recalls Mike. "It had become pretty stale." Perhaps the biggest challenge, he says, was to grow HOAD by closing down Main Street. "Once we got the Township behind us and Main Street closed to traffic, HOAD really took off," he recalls. "There were only 26 vendors back in 2009, lining the parking spaces along Main Street as traffic zipped past, with pedestrians crowding the sidewalks. It was noisy, kind of dangerous, and pretty untenable." After securing the cooperation of former Annville Police Chief Michael Burdge, the Township Commissioners, and the Union Hose Fire Company, HOAD mushroomed and, in Mike's words, "took on a life of its own."



Photo: Mike Bowman

None of this would have been possible, says Mike, without a team of dedicated volunteers. "These are all such good and smart and capable people, there's no way HOAD could've happened at all without their energy & support. Back in my working days, I'd have loved to have every one of these folks working with me."

And what of the future? "It's time for new energy & new blood," says Mike. "Personally, I'd like to see more of a focus on the *historical* side of Historic Old Annville Day. The street fair side of it is fantastic and a huge draw. But for the future I'd like to see more of the past. Guided walking tours of historic buildings, brief talks and events celebrating various aspects of Annville's history, maybe a trolley-car tour - there's all kinds of possibilities. It is *Historic Old Annville Day*, after all."

Words to chew on as FOOA contemplates next year's 26th annual HOAD. Meantime the entire FOOA Board extends its heartfelt thanks to Mike Bowman for shepherding Historic Old Annville Day to its current state of rising success. Anyone strolling Main Street this past June 8 would surely agree: It was a great day to be in Annville.



### AN ADDITION TO THE ELECTRONIC ARCHIVES

This 1920's photo of the interior of Bordlemay's Market, once located at 35 S. King Street, is just one of the thousands of photos and historical documents now available online as part of the Electronic Archives.

For one year of direct access to the Archives, mail \$5 to "Friends of Old Annville, 444 E. Main Street, Annville, PA 17003."

## Recent Acquisitions to the Electronic Archives

Now available via Google Drive at [Annville/Collections Donated](#)

along with more than 16,000 electronic files.

Contact [bpfullmer@gmail.com](mailto:bpfullmer@gmail.com) for more information.

A donation by Rachel Noll included two documents copied by the courthouse in 1816: a deed from 1786 and a warrant from 1749! After they were properly scanned, these documents were promptly passed along to the Lebanon County Historical Society.

Beverly Yingst recently came across a high resolution image of the interior of Bordlemay's Market (shown on previous page), once located at 35 S. King Street. The picture, dating from the 1920s, was previously available to us only as a photocopy of poor quality. Thank you, Beverly!

Red Sudbury has discovered four complete copies of the Annville Journal dating from the period 1926-1928. These papers were previously available from no other source, including the Microfilm Service of the Library of Congress. Thank you, Red!

A substantive collection of documents dated from 1947 through 1983 were recently donated by the Stachow Family. These treasures include documents from Lebanon Valley College, the Lebanon Daily News, and St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church.

Carl and Mary Jane Gacono's albums related to the Annville Christmas Tree from 1993 to 1995 were recently scanned and added to the online collection. We came across many familiar faces in the process!

Do you have an item of interest to share with the Friends of Old Annville? In most cases, we are able to return items within days of their scanning, should such be desired. Contact [bpfullmer@gmail.com](mailto:bpfullmer@gmail.com).

## FOOA Hosts Dinner with LVC President Lewis Thayne & Wife Dorry



*(Lebanon Valley College President Lewis Evitts Thayne).*

On Thursday, June 20, FOOA Vice President Paul Fullmer and his wife Becky hosted a scrumptious “get acquainted” dinner at their home with special guests Lebanon Valley College President Lewis Thayne and his wife Dorry Thayne.

Recently inaugurated as the 18<sup>th</sup> President of LVC, Dr. Thayne hopes to build on the strong “town-gown” relations nurtured by former LVC President Stephen MacDonald. “I’m very impressed with the work of FOOA,” said Dr. Thayne, “and look forward to learning more and offering my personal support as well as that of the college.”

Also in attendance were Kathy Moe and FOOA Board Members Rachel Noll, Owen Moe, and Mike Schroeder.

# **FOOA FALL PROGRAM: PENNSY SUPPLY BUS TOUR & HISTORY OF LIMESTONE MINING**

## **Slated for Saturday, October 12**

The town of Annville sits atop a geologic formation known as the Annville Limestone.<sup>1</sup> Providing the building materials that grace many of our town’s most beautiful historic buildings, those seams of limestone may be a primary reason that Annville was settled back in the 1730s and 1740s, as Welsh quarrymen and their families were drawn like magnets to a seemingly endless supply of high-quality building materials and to the stone-hewing labors they already knew. The Annville Limestone is also why Pennsy Supply’s parent company, Old Castle Materials, purchased the Millard Quarry just west of Annville in 2001 – a quarry established in 1880. Pennsy Supply has played a vital role in our town’s rich history.

In partnership with Pennsy Supply, FOOA is arranging a presentation on the history of limestone mining, to accompany bus tours of Pennsy’s huge Millard Quarry, for our Fall 2013 Program. Spanning over six square miles of quarries, retention ponds, and processing facilities, and one of the biggest quarrying operations in Pennsylvania, Millard Quarry generates annually over 2 million pounds of dolomite and limestone for cement and agriculture, along with other materials vital to the local and regional economy.

The bus tours and brief history program are planned for **Saturday, October 12, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.** We’re still ironing out the details, so keep your eyes peeled on the FOOA website or Facebook page for more information on what promises to be an unforgettable tour of one of the pillars of Annville’s history.



*(Photo: Jim DiScuillo, operations manager at Pennsy Supply’s Millard Quarry, holds a piece of limestone in his left hand and a piece of dolomite in his right. Lebanon Daily News, 30 July 2010).*



### **RESERVATION FORM – TOUR OF PENNSY SUPPLY QUARRIES (October 12, 2013)**

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

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Payment Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (at \$5/booklet, payable to “FOOA”)

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Deadline: October 9, 2013

<sup>1</sup> “The Annville belt of high-calcium limestones has been an important source of pure limestone for cement manufacture, blast furnace flux, chemical lime, and agricultural lime for many years.” Carlyle Gray, *The High Calcium Limestones of the Annville Belt in Lebanon and Berks Counties Pennsylvania*, (PA Geological Survey, Dep’t of Internal Affairs, Feb. 1952), p. 1. For an informative survey of Pennsy Supply’s Annville operations, see “No Ordinary Hole-In-the-Ground,” *Lebanon Daily News*, July 30, 2010.

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Please remember that your MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL DATE can be found on the mailing label of this issue of The Landmark. Please send your dues and address change to: Rachel Noll, 1673 Louser Road, Annville, PA, 17003-8856. Have questions? Call Rachel at: (717) 867-2137.

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### RENEWALS (April – July)

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Sons  
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## **CONTINUING THE WORK**

Increasingly each year, FOOA gives back to the Annville Community. Through educational programs, tours, and social events like Historic Old Annville Day, FOOA brings Annville's history to life. And unlike many organization, FOOA doesn't squirrel away the proceeds from these efforts to build FOOA. Instead monies raised are channeled into Facade Grants to aid residents in restoring their Main Street properties - enhancing the entryways of our town.

Now, through the electronic archives, FOOA is managing to corral thousands of pieces of Annville's history and residents' memories and to bring that to your home computer.

To keep this important work growing, won't you please remember FOOA when you prepare or update your Will. Your legacy perpetuates your values, while it allows the Friends of Old Annville to remain as a strong influence for preservation in years ahead

Your kindness will be greatly appreciated and serve to maintain our Old Annville heritage for decades to come.