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President's Message by Owen Moe

HISTORIC PRESERVATION IN ANNVILLE

It's been interesting (and great fun) watching the Annville Center project take shape, from the beautiful new parking area sequestered by a limestone wall, to the brick walkway alley leading downtown, to the great fountain on the corner - what an addition to Annville! And now our attention is drawn to the restoration of the facades of the first four properties east of the stoplight on Main Street. This **Annville Center Project**, the



second major development project in Annville since the turn of the new century, is being carried out by the Annville Economic Development Authority (AEDA).

As I passed those buildings on Main this morning, looking at them through the lens of my camera, I began to wonder what it was about historic preservation that seemed to feel so right, especially right for Annville. Admittedly, I was buoyed up by the rich and stunning dark yellow paint job on the two street-facing buildings of the second (former Graybill) property, a color that has literally moved those buildings from invisibility to being a highlight of the block

Many older town centers have succumbed to the automobile culture, with its great malls, expansive parking, and big-box stores. In some places, only a collection of deserted shells with low property values remains of once-vibrant local commerce. Resurrecting a town center is not a job for the faint-hearted, and I salute Dick Charles and the AEDA for what they have already completed.

Historic restoration offers a set of intangibles that can greatly support economic development in a town like Annville. Restoration draws forth our local identity, our sense of place; it creates an ambience, quaint and natural, characteristic of an earlier, more slow-paced era; it places new businesses in solidly built structures from the past that have genuine character; and in doing so it creates an environment that is for many a highly desirable alternative to the more artificial and less personal modern shopping mall.



In the best case, Annville will draw interesting and useful shops to inhabit its historic buildings on a beautifully designed streetscape, and people from the entire central Pennsylvania area will come to Annville for a show, to shop, and to dine. I have never been more optimistic for the resurgence of a vibrant town center in Annville.



MEET OUR ANNUAL MEETING SPEAKER

Our speaker for the Annual Dinner Meeting on November 10 will be Dr. Joerg Meindl, who teaches German at Lebanon Valley College. Dr. Meindl comes from the area near Speyer in southwest Germany along the Rhine River, which is the region where Amish settled for roughly 100 years before migrating to the USA or Russia.

He earned an MS degree from the University of Heidelberg, with a focus on dialects of German. In 2003, he went to the University of Kansas to earn his PhD and to conduct research on the Amish in Kansas as part of the Linguistic Atlas of Kansas German Dialects (http://www2.ku.edu/~germanic/LAKGD/Atlas_Intro.shtml). Dr. Meindl examined two Amish districts near Garnett Kansas, studying how they switched between standard German, PA Dutch, and English in their worship services.

Dr. Meindl then taught one year at DePauw University, before coming to LVC in 2009. His talk will give us an understanding of how Pennsylvania Dutch arose from the native German and what the language has meant culturally. Finally, he will teach us all a bit of PA Dutch to take home with us.

Test Your Pennsylvania Dutch

The following quiz appeared in the June 12, 1996 edition of the Lebanon Daily News - give it a try!

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW PA GERMAN?

TAKE THIS QUIZ & FIND OUT!

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| 1. WIE BISCHT? | A. WHAT TIME IS IT? |
| 2. GUTE MARRA | B. SIT DOWN |
| 3. WIE FIEL KOLSCHT SELL? | C. HOW ARE YOU? |
| 4. WIE BISCHT DEI MEMM? | D. THAT'S HARD TO BELIEVE |
| 5. WAS ZEHT? | E. LOOK HERE |
| 6. GOOK MULL DOE | F. HOW MUCH DOES THAT COST? |
| 7. KUMM ALS WIDDER | G. HOW IS YOUR MOTHER? |
| 8. HOCK DICH HIE | H. GOOD MORNING |
| 9. HATT GLAWICH | I. COME VISIT AGAIN |
| 10. NOW WILL ICH IWWER DER DAMM. | J. WELL I'LL BE DARNED |

- ▶ How was your score? (Answers to the right)
- ▶ Need some pointers and some practice?
- ▶ Come to the FOOA Annual Dinner Meeting on November 10 and learn all about Pennsylvania Dutch from Professor Meindl.
Mail in your reservation form on Page 3

SEE YOU ON THE 10TH!



1.c, 2.h, 3.f, 4.g, 5.a, 6.e, 7.i, 8.b, 9.d, 10.j

Annual Dinner Meeting

Friends of Old Annville

Saturday, November 10, at 6:00 PM
Annville American Legion
35 South Manheim Street in Annville

Featured Speaker

Dr. Joerg Meindl, Professor of German at LVC
Talk Title: "Understanding Pennsylvania Dutch"

ALSO, Video Footage from 1976 Bicentennial Celebration in Annville,
Report by Dick Charles on Downtown Redevelopment,
Presentation of 2012 Façade Grants, Report on Quittie Park Expansion,
Pictorial Review of 2012, and More.....

Wine and Cheese Mixer, Buffet Dinner, Dessert and Coffee
Cost: \$22 per person

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Friends of Old Annville Annual Dinner Meeting Reservation Form

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Number Attending _____ @ \$22/person

Payment Enclosed \$ _____
(payable to "FOOA")

Mail this form and payment to: Owen Moe, 308 East Main Street, Annville, PA 17003

Deadline for reservations: November 8, 2012

It's been a hot, dry summer, and there's nothing like a dip the cold, spring-fed waters of the Quittapahilla Creek to cool a body down. But there's something else in the Quittie besides a refreshing swim. Hidden just beneath the surface of its swift-flowing waters lies a fascinating sliver of the history of Annville and Lebanon County. And, it must be said, a legacy of pollution, disregard, and abuse of a precious natural resource that we as a community would do well to try and wrap our heads around.

Imagine putting on a snorkel mask and carefully inspecting every square inch of the creek bottom, looking for every human-created object you could find – for, say, a 50-yard stretch of the creek. What would you find?

Here's what my wife Tricia and I found this summer in one particular 50-yard stretch that flows through Annville:

- hundreds of shards of glass (clear, brown, green, yellow, red, blue);
- over a dozen intact glass bottles;
- over 100 ceramic shards (cups, plates, jugs, sewer tiles, flowerpots);
- hundreds of metal objects, including 8-foot long fence posts, 6-foot iron pipes, pickaxes, shovel heads, copper piping, rust-encrusted nails, the rear axle, wheels & strut of a wagon or trailer, assorted engine parts, the front end of a bicycle, four massively rusted animal foothold traps; and
- a dizzying array of other items too mangled or rusty to identify.

Yes, it's pretty horrifying, and pretty doggone interesting. Some of these items are on display at the Quittapahilla Creek Garbage Museum in the backyard of 8 East High Street. Somehow each of these hundreds of artifacts ended up in the creek. Each was found partly buried in the sand or tightly wedged between rocks. Some had been buried for a very long time. Most all predate our most recent "100-year" floods (Agnes in '72 and Lee in '11). And each has a story to tell.

Right now, the Quittapahilla Creek Watershed Association is involved in a grant-funded project to identify significant archaeological sites along the Quittie. What our experience suggests is that much of creek bed itself is a rich archaeological site, with much to teach us about the history of the Lebanon Valley.

Here I'd like to highlight six of the artifacts we discovered and try to tease out a bit of what they have to tell us about the history of Annville and Lebanon County.

Artifact No. 1: Late 18th or early 19th century pottery shard. At first we thought this intriguing item might be of indigenous origin. Through a series of email exchanges with Patricia Samford, Director of the Maryland Archaeological Conservation Laboratory in St. Leonard, MD, we learned that indigenous peoples didn't glaze their ceramics. "Red earthenware like this one were made both in England (and Europe) and the United States in the colonial period and 19th century," wrote Ms. Samford. "The interior glaze and the size and shape of the vessel make me suspect that it might have been a butter pot or some other vessel used in dairy related food storage." If Ms. Samford is right, here's a pottery shard that speaks to the importance of agriculture, dairy, and domestic food production in the history of the Lebanon Valley – in the days long before we drove to the grocery store for milk, butter & eggs.

PHOTO: Red earthenware interior glazed ceramic shard, probably related to dairy food storage and from the late 18th or early 19th century.



More Artifacts in our Next Issue

Facade Restoration Tour & Community Curators Event

Sunday, October 21, 2012

2:30-4:00 p.m.

**Meet in the New Brick Walkway Along the Fink Bakery
25 E. Main Street in Annville**

Learn about the Historic Preservation Activities in Annville's Town Center

Share your special old Annville treasure!

Find out what's hidden in your community!

For our fall program of Friends of Old Annville, we are offering a guided tour of the façade restoration work taking place at the new Annville Center project just east of the new fountain in Annville. Kathy Moe, a member of the Annville Economic Development Authority will lead the tour and talk about the restorations. Paul Fullmer will provide brief histories of each of the buildings from the Electronic Archive of Annville History. Depending on the amount of work completed at the time of our tour, we may get a peek of the interior of some of the buildings in the former Peter Graybill property (13-15 East Main).

In addition we are holding a curator's event, asking people to bring artifacts from Annville's history to this program. We would like to display your artifacts on tables that afternoon and, if possible, scan documents and photograph objects for inclusion in our expanding electronic archive. So, bring your special, loved, historic, unique, wacky, or interesting object to share with fellow Friends of Old Annville. Board members will bring along a couple of our "very cool" objects to share as well. In case of bad weather, we will display items in the rear building of the Fink Bakery complex.

Plan to enjoy fall apple cider and cookies as you learn about the renovation of some of Annville's historic structures and look over historic artifacts from your town.

Registration is appreciated, but not necessary. Contact Paul Fullmer at [bpfullmer@gmail](mailto:bpfullmer@gmail.com) or 717.867.4640 to

SLATE OF OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

TO BE ELECTED

At the Friends of Old Annville Annual Meeting, November 10, 2012

Co-Presidents..... Owen Moe and Michael Schroeder

Treasurer Charlene Kreider

Members-at-Large Dennis Flake, Vicki Gingrich, and Keith Kreamer



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