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President's Message

the small town can do much to bring people together and counteract the sense of separation and alienation in our automobile culture. For David Sucher, an important purpose of a town commons is to "encourage human connections through serendipitous interactions," to promote people bumping into people.

It is in these contexts that I have been thinking about the newest, most ambitious, and most creative project of the Annville Township Commissioners – the Annville Downtown Center Project. The Commissioners have engaged McKissick Associates Architects of Harrisburg to help develop a master plan to be completed by late spring, with the first phase of construction slated to begin in the latter half of 2008. The Downtown Center project seeks to develop the north side of Main Street, immediately east of the stoplight in the center of town. The project would incorporate five Main Street houses and the old Fink's bakery into a restored downtown center that would house stores, shops, and professional offices. The existing homes on Main Street would be restored back to how they looked in the late 1800's.

In an upcoming Landmark, we will provide a more complete report on this Downtown Center project. For now, however, I simply want to note that it is my hope that such a project, if it can successfully attract new businesses to downtown Annville, will help to build the critical core of shops necessary to make Annville at least partially self-contained once again. I would also hope that new businesses in the downtown center will be catalytic, attracting more people and more new businesses to the center of town. We may, in the not-too-distant future, have a town commons where we walk, shop, and meet, and where (almost) everybody knows our name. n

Owen Moe, President, Friends of Old Annville, Inc.

Going Forward to an Earlier Time

A number of our long-time residents have often remarked to me that many stores and shops could be found in downtown Annville when they were growing up. Within walking distance of just about everyone in town were grocery, drug, and hardware stores, bakeries, insurance agents, doctors, lawyers, dentists – if you needed something, you could probably get it here in Annville. Annville was a self-contained community and its businesses were small, family-owned enterprises where everybody knew your name. Such memories, of course, hark back to a way of living that was lost to an emerging American automobile culture with its big malls, discount stores, bedroom communities, and sprawl.

With the rapidly escalating price of oil and a looming environmental threat associated with the burning of fossil fuels, the concept of the self-contained local community becomes more than just a wistful glance backward. It becomes an important mechanism for energy efficiency. Annville, if it could restore its town center to something like what it once was, could then offer walking as a viable alternative to driving cars for family shopping and for visits to professional offices.

In his book, *City Comforts – How to Build an Urban Village*, author David Sucher talks about the importance of a "commons," a vibrant town center where people are drawn out of their homes to walk, to shop, to sit and observe, to have a cup of coffee, to see a movie, to grab a bite to eat, to bump into old friends, and to make new ones. The center of

Save This Date

The Friends of Old Anville's annual dinner meeting is scheduled for 5 PM, Sunday, November 9, 2008 at the restaurant Amuse in the historic Batdorf Building on Main Street. We chose this venue because of the historical value to Anville and because of the excellent reviews that we have received on the atmosphere and quality of the cuisine at Amuse. The menu will include a three course meal beginning with Tomato Bisque soup or Whole Leaf Romaine Hearts salad, entrees of Pan Roasted Chicken Breast or Seared Atlantic Salmon, and ending with Chocolate Banana Bread Pudding or Pecan Tart. In order to be able to reserve the entire restaurant for our group, we will be holding the meeting on a Sunday evening.

For our after-dinner address, we are fortunate to have both Gina Douty, historic preservationist, and Vern McKissick, project architect, of McKissick Associates in Harrisburg. They will talk about their work on the Anville Downtown Center project.

We will be doing something new at the annual meeting this year as a fund raiser. We will have available for viewing and ordering a choice of framed photos (the 2008 editions) of historical sites/buildings in Anville. These pictures would make excellent holiday gifts.

Please save this date, November 9, 2008. More information and reservation forms will be sent out in the future.

LANDMARK ADVERTISING POLICY

The Landmark is a bimonthly newsletter published and distributed as a benefit of membership to our members for the purpose of imparting information about the activities of the Friends of Old Anville and the Community. The Board has agreed to accept business card size advertisements based upon space availability, at the following rates and in accordance with the following policies.

1. Copy for advertisements must be delivered to the Landmark no later than the second Friday of the following months: January, March, May, July, September, November.

Mail the business card or camera-ready copy to: The Landmark, P.O. Box 99, Anville, PA 17003. Include name of contact person, phone number, number of issues, and check payable to 'FOOA'.

2. The rate for advertisement for members is \$25.00 per issue, or \$125.00 for six issues. Rates for nonmembers are \$40.00/\$200.00.

3. Advertisements are limited to local businesses and organizations within the Anville-Cleona area. The FOOA Board shall exercise complete discretion over the type size, content, and suitability of any and all advertisements submitted. The Organization may, with or without reason, reject any advertisement for publication.

4. Printing of advertisements may, at the discretion of the editorial board, be postponed based upon space availability.

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*The Friends of Old Anville
Train Station is open to
visitors Tuesday, 7-9 PM,
and Saturdays, 9 AM-12
noon, or upon request.*

*The Station is also
available for parties and
meetings. Please write
Friends of Old Anville,
P.O. Box 99, Anville
17003, or call
(717) 867-0770 for
information.*

Spring 2008 Program, Friends of Old Annville
Open House and Tour of the Aaron S. Kreider Mansion



Saturday, April 19, 3 PM – 6 PM
515 East Main Street, Annville

Come and see the restoration work that current owners Jill and David Palanzo have accomplished to date on this 1898 home of a former US congressman. Drop in and leave whenever it is convenient for you. View an introductory slide show that includes before and after pictures of the restoration which is still in progress. Then take a full guided tour of all three floors of this elegant, historic home. Jill and David will be available to talk about their experiences in the restoration process.

Finally, plan to stay awhile to relax and socialize with other friends of historic Annville. Enjoy springtime in Annville, sipping wine or lemonade and sampling hors d'oeuvres while sitting on the wrap-around front porch or walking through the lovely yard and grounds.

This program will be a fund raiser for Friends of Old Annville, and we therefore ask for a donation of \$10 per person for FOOA members, and \$15 per person for nonmembers. Please fill out the reservation form below, clip it out, and send it with your check to Friends of Old Annville, PO Box 99, Annville, PA 17003. Dead line for registration is April 17, 2008.

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RESERVATION FORM – TOUR OF KREIDER MANSION (April 19, 2008)

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Number Attending _____ (\$10/person for FOOA members, \$15 for nonmembers)

Payment Enclosed \$ _____ (Payable to FOOA)

Mail this form and donation to Friends of Old Annville, PO Box 99, Annville, PA 17003

Deadline: April 17, 2008

If you have a renovation or repair tip for This Old Annville House, or a restoration project that you would like to share, please write it up and send it to the Landmark Editor at valerie@ezonline.net.

Down Memory Lane (Cont'd)

by Verna Ziegler Kwiatkowski

We had tragedies as well as good times in Annville in the 1940's. It was safe for children to walk all over town, but we still had to be careful of certain places. I remember in 1943 hearing that three young boys had been seriously burned in an accident in the quarry at the western edge of Annville. One of them, Robert Fasnacht, was a classmate of mine. All three died. Tragedy hit our block of S. Lancaster Street also when Mrs. Anspach was burned in an accident at the shoe factory and, sadly, died soon afterwards.

Besides the residents, their visitors, and ball players and the spectators, who came down S. Lancaster Street and why? I remember a rag man coming with his horse and wagon, announcing his approach in a loud voice: "Raaags! Haaags!" (At least, that's what it sounded like to me!) Mom would have him check her rag bag and pay her for what he wanted. An ice man came in the early 40's. My grandma had an ice box in her out kitchen that needed frequent refilling. The delivery man would give us children ice chips, freshly manufactured with his ice pick, if we asked - and we did. A few years later the ice man no longer came, but an ice CREAM man did! What a treat on hot summer days! Mom would give us a nickel and for that we could buy something I have never seen anywhere else: a ChoCho. It was on a stick and had a delicious malted milk flavor.

Mr. Dipper came down the street with his horse and plow every spring as Dad hired him to prepare our fields. One time as Mr. Dipper was leaving to return home, his horse dropped dead right at the end of S. Lancaster Street. It's funny, isn't it, the things we remember. I don't know how the horse was removed, but in my mind I can still see it falling and lying there by the side of the road. A bakery truck also drove down our street, I believe from Fink's Bakery. Mom would send me out to buy day old sticky buns or cinnamon buns and bread, either a small loaf for 8 cents or a large 11 cent loaf. My mouth is watering now as I envision sticky buns with nuts and raisins! I think for a

while a butcher truck also came down our way. Certainly the milkman did. And so did the newspaper carrier. I can't say paper BOY, because for a long time our paper was delivered by a classmate, Elsie Sweigert. There was equal opportunity in the work force!

Each of our houses also needed regular coal deliveries. I liked to watch the coal man insert a chute through our opened basement window and send the coal pouring into the various bins in our cellar according to the size of the coal. To reach the farthest bin, the chute had to be supported by a rope that Dad kept hanging there for that purpose alone. I say that because I tried to use that rope as a swing one day, broke it, fell onto the coal, injured myself slightly and received quite a scolding from Dad. I never did it again!

And then one day a most unusual object came down and forever changed S. Lancaster Street: A HOUSE! Yes, our street was being extended and a new one, High Street, was being built perpendicular to ours between the edge of the school grounds and what had been Liskey's potato fields. The house rolling down the street came from a triangle of land on S. White Oak Street in front of the school. It was to be placed on a foundation at the end of the new block that had been opened beyond our house for this purpose. That house came slowly down Marshall Street, turned at the factory and moved down our block, being for a while right in front of our house.

It didn't take long for other houses to appear along the new roads. My father helped to put them there, for about 1950 he left factory work and became a building contractor. He put several houses on the new portion of S. Lancaster Street, including one for our family built literally in our former side yard. He then began building in Palmyra, and after my brother Bob graduated from Annville-Cleona High School, my parents and Bob moved to that town into another new house that Dad's crew had built. From then on Palmyra was the place I went to visit my family. Occasionally, though, I would make side

trips to see Annville, my old hometown, when I needed to refresh my memory, to enjoy, to reminisce....
Note: Look for the conclusion in the next issue.

Should you wish to contact Verna, her web address is www.vernakwiatkowski.com, and her e-mail address is vernakwiartkowski@mailbug.com

New Historical Archives Committee

Friends of Old Annville accepts from residents and other donors various documents, photographs, and artifacts related to the history of Annville. We are now in the process of constituting a new archives committee to sort through recent donations and to catalog and store them safely in our archives at the Annville Train Station. A secondary goal of the committee will be to develop from our contributed materials an Annville memorabilia display to be featured at the train station.

We currently have three new members on the archives committee: Jane Quairoli, David Palanzo, and Kathy Moe. We would like find at least two more members for this committee. If you would like to help with this project, we would love to have you join the committee. Please call or email Owen Moe (867-4326 or moe@lvc.edu) to let him know of your interest.



Train Station Work Day – May 17, 2008

Friends of Old Annville is planning a work day at the Historic Annville Train Station on Saturday, May 17 from 9 AM to noon. We need to clean (vacuum, dust, wash) rooms inside the station, work on the grounds, repair a railroad side car (carpentry work) that sits on the short section of tracks in front of the station, and perhaps do some electrical repair. If you are handy in any of the areas listed above, we could use your help on the 17th. Please call or email Owen Moe (867-4326 or moe@lvc.edu) to let us know that you plan to help out on May 17th.

" RAFFLE "

From Blanche Schaeffer

We are getting ready for our annual fundraiser. Tickets will be arriving in the mail the first week in May. I hope you will be able to support this project. WE NEED YOU.

1st Prize: \$500.00, 2nd Prize: \$250.00, 3rd Prize: \$100.00

Winners will be drawn at 1:00 PM at the Band Stand on Historic Old Annville Day.

Board Members will have tickets to sell, and tickets will also be available at our Country Store in front of the Coptic Church. Tickets are \$5.00 apiece. We have a few members of FOOA that purchase a group of tickets to pass out in their families. Again, please support this project.



RENEWALS

Michael & Barbara Arnold
Dr/M Robert Bauer
M/M Alfred P. Bernardo
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Robert & Thelma T. Clark
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Mrs. Betty Streicher
M/M Edgar Teahl, Jr.
Mrs. Gloria Wentling
Eleanor Witmeyer
Arlene Zeiters

NEW MEMBERS

Donna Salerno
Sharon Ulishney
M/M Orlando Vazquez

Calendar of Events

- April 19..... Tour of the Kreider Mansion (3-6 PM) – Register by April 15th
April 29 “Spruce Up for Spring” (Lawn & Home) presented by Lowes at the Annville Free Library
May..... Watch for your Raffle Tickets to support Friends of Old Annville
May 17 Work Day at the Train Station – 9 AM to Noon
June Time to decorate your door as part of the Flag Day “Doors of Annville”
June 14..... Historic Old Annville Day – 9 AM to 2 PM
November 9..... Friends of Old Annville Annual Dinner – 5 PM at Amuse

For information on the Annville Free Library’s children’s Storytime Programs, after school Youth Room, and Summer Reading Programs, please ask a Librarian or call the Library at 867-1802. For adults, call the Library for details on Yoga and Tai Chi classes.

www.fooa.org 

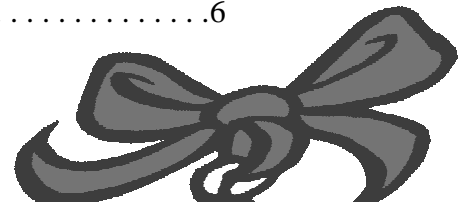
When you have a moment or two, why not stop by the Friends of Old Annville web site, www.fooa.org. The web site has announcements of upcoming meeting, news articles about past events, and special features. One new feature that you may enjoy is a set of photographs of historic Annville taken by Annville resident, Laura Charelian. You can also take the East End Walking Tour online at the web site. Please stop by and spend some time there.

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Individual & Student	\$ 5.00
Family (2+ persons)	\$10.00
Business	\$25.00
Friend of FOOA	\$50.00

(Make checks payable to Friends of Old Annville)

And please remember what an excellent gift a membership in FOOA can be. What better way to welcome a new neighbor to Annville, or to recognize a special occasion. All gift subscriptions will be acknowledged by FOOA to the recipient.