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On Historic Preservation & Economic Development in Downtown York, PA, with Annual Dinner Speaker Dr. Silas Chamberlin

President's Message, by Michael Schroeder

With its graceful and exceptionally well-preserved historic structures of stone, brick, and timber, some dating to the mid-18th century, downtown York PA has been aptly called an “architectural museum.” And, like many other communities in South Central Pennsylvania, downtown York has struggled for years to grapple with the decline of manufacturing industries, high unemployment and poverty levels, slow population growth, and urban sprawl.

That's why I was especially keen to meet Dr. Silas Chamberlin, the CEO of Downtown, Inc., a non-profit economic development organization dedicated to promoting businesses and investment in historic downtown York. He also serves as the Executive Director of the York Business Improvement District Authority, an organization much like the City of Lebanon's recently formed Business Improvement District.

I had the good fortune to meet Silas in early September, when he graciously agreed to serve on a panel discussion I was organizing in my capacity as Director of the College Colloquium Series at Lebanon Valley College. The panel, intended to build on our common reading for incoming first-year students, *Callings: The Purpose & Passion of Work* (2015) by StoryCorps founder Dave Isay, offered Silas and the other panelists an opportunity to share with students how they found their “callings” in life.

Inspired by his compelling presentation for the *Callings* panel, I asked Silas if he would consider addressing the Friends of Old Annville at its Annual Dinner Meeting - and was tickled when he said yes, because I know we have much to learn from his insights and expertise. A non-profit executive with experience in the fields of economic development, conservation, and cultural resource management, Silas clearly enjoys applying his critical thinking, research and writing skills with the program management, institutional development, and coalition building skills that affect change in our communities and environment. He holds a Ph.D. in environmental history from Lehigh University (2014), an M.A. in history from Lehigh (2008), and a B.A. from Temple University (2006). His book, *On the Trail: A History of American Hiking*, was published in 2016 by Yale University Press. Silas has also served as executive director of the Schuylkill River National Heritage Area and its non-profit management entity, the Schuylkill River Greenway Association. Previously he was a regional adviser in the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation & Natural Resources, where he served as a key contact person for the \$40 million Community Conservation Partnership Program grant program, reviewed applications and made recommendations for funding. He was also the senior director at the Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor.



Dr. Silas Chamberlin

The Friends of Old Annville has many insights to glean from the experiences of our neighboring communities, including York, PA, which is yet another reason why **we're hoping you'll join us for our Annual Dinner Meeting on the evening of Saturday, November 11 at the American Legion on S. Manheim St.** Please fill out the form on the next page and mail to Jill Palanzo at the address indicated, along with your check for \$28 per person.

At the Annual Dinner Meeting we'll also be voting on six Board members and a revision of the FOOA By-Laws, the first such revision in more than ten years. The slate of candidates appears on page 4, and a summary of our recommended revisions of the by-laws on page 5. The full set of revisions, along with the existing by-laws, can be found on the FOOA website, at www.fooa.org/administration/by-laws-of-friends-of-old-annville-inc/.

Finally, we hope you'll join us for our Fall Program at 2 PM on Sunday, October 15 in Quittie Creek Nature Park, where we'll unveil a new bronze plaque to mark the location of the Historic Bachman Mill. For more details, see the description on page 4.

Fink's: "More Than Just a Bakery": An Update with Corrections

By Douglas L. Nyce, FOOA Vice President

The Friends of Old Annville was fortunate to receive more information about Fink's Bakery from Mr. Charles Fink III, the nephew of Homer Fink, Sr. Thank you to FOOA member Mike Eschenfelder for sharing *The Landmark* article with Charles.

Charles III shared that the founder of Fink's bakery in Annville was in fact his grandfather, Charles Fink I, who was born north of Myerstown. We also learned from Charles III that his grandfather learned the baking business from a Mr. Tschudy of Annville, and that Charles I started the bakery in Annville in 1893. The Harry Fink mentioned in the article as a baker in Myerstown was actually Homer, Jr.'s uncle, a brother of Charles I. Charles III told me that there was also another Fink relative in baking, John Fink, who owned a bakery in Sinking Spring.

So, the Fink genealogy as shared by Charles III is as follows:



Great-grandparents: John and Susan Strack Fink.

Grandparents: Charles Fink I and Mary Fink.

Uncle and Aunt: Homer Fink, Sr. and Ruth Fink.

Charles I and Mary had five children: Homer, Sr., Charles II (Charles III's father), Dave, Esther and Myles.

Charles III also shared that Homer, Jr. was only nine years old when he was hit by a car in 1930 crossing East Main Street from the movie theatre to the bakery. The hit and run driver was never identified. This is a sad but familiar story to Annville residents who have seen several children injured by dangerous driving through Annville on Route 422.

(Photo above of Fink's Bakery truck, ca. 1920s, from the collection of the late Blanche Schaeffer)

Annual Dinner Meeting

Friends of Old Annville

Saturday, November 11, at 6:00 PM

Annville American Legion

35 South Manheim Street in Annville

Featured Presentation

“Historic Preservation & Economic Development in Historic Downtown York, PA”

With Dr. Silas Chamberlin, CEO, Downtown Inc., York, PA

Also, Annual Business Meeting with Pictorial FOOA Retrospective of 2017

Wine and Cheese Mixer, Buffet Dinner by *Chef on the Go* (Rebecca Briody), Dessert, and
Coffee

Cost: \$28 per person



Friends of Old Annville Annual Dinner Meeting Reservation Form

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Number Attending _____ @ \$28/person

Payment Enclosed \$ _____
(payable to “FOOA”)

Mail this form and payment to: Jill Palanzo, 515 East Main Street, Annville, PA 17003

Deadline for reservations: November 1, 2017

NOTE: You can also make reservations online at www.fooa.org/donate-to-fooa/ by filling out the form on that page and by selecting “Annual Dinner” under the **Donate to:** drop-down window. You can pay for the dinner with a credit card, but you must go through PayPal to do so. If you donate to the Annual Dinner as described, you will be registered for the dinner.

BALLOT FOR ELECTION TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF FRIENDS OF OLD ANNVILLE, INC.

Secretary Tucker Hull (through 2018)
Treasurer Brian Nornhold (2018-2019)
Member at Large Mark Lesher (2018-2019)
Member at Large Jill Palanzo (2018-2019)
Member at Large Liz Lingle (2018-2019)
Member at Large Rachel Noll (2018-2019)

Introducing our new Board Member Liz Lingle

Born in Lebanon, PA, Elizabeth “Liz” Lingle has lived in Annville since 1968, when she moved here at age 14. A graduate of Annville-Cleona High School, Liz spent 19 years teaching Spanish at her *alma mater* until her retirement year before last. The mother of four grown children and grandmother of seven beautiful grandchildren, she has been active in the Annville community for many years, including as chair of the Quittie Creek Nature Park Committee and as a member of the Board of Directors of the Annville Free Library.



FOOA Fall Program: Unveiling a New Historical Marker for Annville!

We hope you’ll join us on Sunday, October 15, at 2 PM in the Quittie Creek Nature Park for the unveiling of a new bronze plaque marking the location of the Historic Bachman Mill.

The historical marker, produced by Franklin Bronze Plaques, Inc. of Philadelphia, provides a brief history of the mill and an accompanying image. The historical plaque is a gracious gift from Ann and David Lasky of Annville.

The program, to begin at the Raymond J. Swingholm footbridge in the park, will include a brief overview of the history of Bachman’s Mill and its importance to agriculture and lime production in Annville, the unveiling ceremony of the bronze plaque, and a short walking tour of the still-existing Annville Lime Company lime kilns and the associated earthen ramp from the quarry to the tops of the kilns.

We will serve apple cider and cookies in the park on what we hope is a beautiful, sunny fall afternoon in



Annville. The program should be completed by 3 PM. We hope to see you on October 15 at 2 PM, gathering at the Swingholm Bridge!

Revisions to the FOOA By-Laws: A Summary

After many years, the FOOA Board decided to revisit its by-laws and make any updates and revisions deemed appropriate. The revisions suggested by the By-Laws Committee are summarized below. The complete text of the revisions can be found on the FOOA website. (From the homepage, hover your mouse over “Administration” and click on the “By-Laws” tab. On the top of the By-Laws page you will find a link to a PDF file with the revised by-laws; immediately beneath is the full text of the current by-laws.)

Members of the Friends of Old Annville will be asked to approve these revisions at our Annual Dinner Meeting in November.

The most important changes are summarized below:

- Memberships revised from six classes to eight classes: (1) Individual members; (2) Student members; (3) Family members; (4) Business members; (5) Friend of FOOA; (6) Benefactors; (7) Founders; and (8) Honorary members.
- Members whose dues are in arrears shall be dropped from the membership after six months (currently 12 months).
- Board of Directors membership increased to a maximum of 12, with a maximum of eight members-at-large (currently six members-at-large).
- Biennial independent review of financial records shall be conducted by a third party approved by the Board (compared to the present language, to an “audit committee appointed by the president”).
- Members of the Board are disallowed from receiving compensation for services rendered, and from receiving Façade Grant awards for one year before and after their terms of service (the latter provision noted not in the by-laws but in the Façade Grant guidelines).
- Façade Grant Awards description added to Article VI, “Awards” (it should also be noted that our Façade Grant guidelines were also revised to make the specifications clearer and to allow the Board greater flexibility in approving applications). The new description, taken from the Façade Grant application materials, appears below:

“Façade Grant Awards – Façade Grant Awards shall be presented annually or at a different interval deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors. These monetary awards are intended to provide financial assistance to owners of residential and commercial properties to restore and preserve historic buildings in Annville. The number and value of the grants awarded in any given year shall be determined in the discretion of the Board of Directors. Awards shall focus on the facades of historic properties that are visible from the street and the public view.”

The Friends of Old Annville, Inc., an all-volunteer, non-profit corporation with over 400 members, offers annual memberships at the ridiculously low price of \$5 for individuals, \$10 for families, and \$25 for businesses — a great yet affordable way to become involved in your local community. Gift memberships can be a wonderful way to welcome your new neighbors, demonstrate pride in your community, or show that you remember an old friend. Membership fees support our Façade Grant, seasonal programs, and other initiatives.



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Individual & Student \$ 5.00 Family (2+ persons) \$ 10.00 Business \$ 25.00 Friend of FOOA \$ 50.00 ★
Benefactor \$ 100.00 § Founder \$ 250 ❖

RENEWALS

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Stan & Joanne Anspach
The Beazley Family ★
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Tim & Audrey Brandt
Ken & Pat Buchmoyer
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M/M John Witmer
Allen & Beverly Yingst

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Paul & Tracy Allgier-Baker
M/M James Gardner §