

THE LANDMARK

NEWSLETTER OF THE FRIENDS OF OLD ANNVILLE, P.O. BOX 99, ANNVILLE, PA 17003
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President's Message

With the holidays coming many of us are beginning to schedule our time more wisely so everything can be completed for these special celebrations. Perhaps as Thanksgiving ends we have already started with our decorations and a bit of baking. As each year passes we are instilling in our family's younger members the traditions of our own get-togethers. Perhaps it's that special cookie that Grandma always made with love; or the train set that Grandpa so elegantly set up for all to enjoy.

Today we have the advantage of saving our memories with digital cameras, camcorders and even phones - then saving the images on computer! Our ancestors of long ago had their craftiness and memories. And thank goodness they passed those memories down through the generations. Children often do not listen to their parents; but grandparents and great-grandparents usually have young people's total attention when they speak of "the good old days." The older people will also take the time to listen to the questions of the younger set and answer with their stories. It's amazing how much these kids retain when they're not in school!

The other month I was talking with my mother (86 years young) about her growing up years in Hartford CT. Both of her parents had immigrated from different parts of Sweden before 1910. Until I was about 7 years old we lived in a duplex, with my grandparents on the first floor and my family on the second floor. I spent a lot of time with them and, as an inquisitive child, was always asking questions and getting good stories along with the answers. As Mom and I talked about her parents and growing up as a child of immigrants, I learned from her perspective that it wasn't always that easy. They only spoke English in their house, as they were now Americans and very proud of that honor. My grandfather even changed the spelling of his first name to the American spelling of Adolf (Adolph.) Now, they did speak Swedish as they discussed something not for the children to understand. Since I did spend so much time with them as I

got older I usually knew what they were speaking of, much to their dismay.

As Mom and I talked about her parents, both of us learned new things. She made the comment, quite a few times, of "I never knew that!" I explained that she probably never asked the question. I shared that her father was not in the Swedish Navy, rather the Merchant Marine for his obligatory military service. And how did I know this? One day as he was bouncing me on his knee he sang "Auch Du Lieber Augustine" - a German tune.

Realizing this was not Swedish I asked how he knew that song. The Swedish Merchant Seamen would often exchange crews with the German Merchant Seamen for practice, and he learned the tune while on a German ship (this was around 1900.) A simple question about a song gave me a grand memory of my grandfather's early life I would not have heard from anyone else. And I'm sure he enjoyed telling me. Moments like that cannot be wasted - tell your stories when you have the chance!

It doesn't matter how young or old you are, we all have little tidbits to share with others. And someone will be listening and remember so they can pass that memory along.

I hope everyone has a grand holiday season... with lots of memories shared!

-Linnea Miller
President



Old Annville Trivia Questions:

1. In what town was *Laudermilch Meats* first established?
2. What year did Annville High School become Annville-Cleona High School?
3. How many books did the Annville Free Library have when it first began?

**Answers will be posted in the next issue of the *Landmark*

**Answers to Trivia Questions Found in
the Last
Edition of the Landmark:**



1. Lebanon Valley College opened its doors to both men and women when it was founded on February 23, 1866, becoming one of the few co-educational institutions in the region during the mid-1800s--a full 10 years before the University of Pennsylvania became co-educational. To find out more about LVC history, visit www.lvc.edu.
2. Annville was originally called "Millerstown," after the founder Abraham Miller, whose father, Andrew Miller, started a flour mill here in 1747. Some resources claim the community was renamed Annville, after Abraham Miller's wife, Ann Miller. Others claim German immigrants changed the name to "Annville" to show their appreciation to Britain's Queen Ann for her help in purchasing land in America.
3. In the early 1900s, local deeds suggest that the theatre had been called the "Hippodrome" and later the "Astor," which carried on well into more recent decades. It was while the theatre was named the Astor in the 1940s that the space was expanded to constitute what is now the present auditorium, with its expanded stage and seating area. For more information about the Allen Theatre, visit www.allentheatre.com



Just Inquiring

Who within our membership remembers the old iron bridge that crossed over the railroad track at the north end of Lancaster Street? When did "they" make Lancaster Street *one way*? When did they tear down the old bridge and build a new one? And where did R934 go after you make the stop at Lancaster and Main (R422)?

Footnote: I remember taking my sled to the top of gravel hill (in winter, of course, when there was snow on the road) and coasting down the hill over the new bridge and on down to the post office. Yes, the post office was on N. White Oak St! And last, when did the post office move to N. Lancaster Street?

-Henry Jake
A.H.S. Class o' '44



Holiday Jumble

at the

Friends of Old Annville

Train Station

155 N. Moyer Street, Annville, PA

Saturday, December 10, 2005

9AM-2PM

New! Vicki's Poppycock Jewelry—Small Quilted Items—Handcrafted Articles—Kiwanis Annville Crocks—Pkgd Fair Trade Coffee/Tea

And Old! Old Textiles—Old Costume Jewelry—Used Books—Games—Puzzles—Christmas Table—Flea Market Items—Collection of Tins—and more!

Bake Sale! Breads, Cakes, an Assortment of Snacks, Cookies, Candies

FOOA Items! Pins, Cookbooks, Prints, Note Cards, Maps, Memberships

Food to Eat In or Take Out! Svirsko's Hot Chili—Blanche's Chicken Corn Soup—Lee's Hot Dogs

Donations of articles for the sale excluding baked goods must be received by Friday, December 9. For information, call 867-1632



Washington Band of Annville

Christmas concert

Sunday, December 11

@1:30 pm

Allen Theatre

Free Admission

Annual Dinner Meeting



The FOOA annual dinner meeting was held, Thursday, November 10th, with approximately 30 members and guests in attendance. Everyone enjoyed a family-style dinner served by members of the kitchen crew in the Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church, Annville.

A brief business meeting was conducted by Rachel Noll in the absence of President Linnea Miller. The following individuals were elected to fill the board positions indicated — Alice Diehl, treasurer; Rachel Noll, membership; Jane Quairoli, publicity. Still vacant are the positions of vice-president, archives, and program. Any member interested in serving in one of these positions is strongly urged to contact either Linnea Miller (867-2047), Blanche Schaeffer (867-1632), or Rachel Noll (867-2137). It is imperative for the perpetuity of the organization and for what it represents that more people become involved. We urge you to volunteer!

Following the meeting, Richard Harris introduced the speaker for the evening, Mr. Rudy Husband. Mr. Husband joined Conrail in 1988 and Norfolk Southern in 1998, and, since 1993, handles railroad public relations in Pennsylvania. He holds a BA in Political Science from the University of Vermont, and a MA in Education from George Washington University. Additionally, he serves on the Board of Directors for the Railroaders Memorial Museum in Altoona, PA. In his conversational presentation he shared with the group the fact that Norfolk Southern will be celebrating its 175th anniversary this December. It is also the largest and safest freight carrier primarily east of the Mississippi. He also mentioned that Pennsylvania has the highest incidences of accidents due to the carelessness of drivers, and urged all to STOP-LISTEN-LIVE at all crossings.

Mr. Husband lives in Downingtown, PA with his wife and two teenage children.

-Rachel Noll

Community Calendar

- **November 24:** Thanksgiving Day
- **November 26:** Annville Free Library, "Decorate a Gingerbread Cottage"—FEE \$5.00—Children ages 6 and up—pre-registration required—10am/10:30am
- **November 29:** Annville Free Library, Master Gardeners present "Making Herbal Vinegars," 6:30pm
- **December 3:** Santa's Arrival, Allen Theatre, 9:00am; Christmas Tree Lighting and Carols, 50 W. Main St., 6:00pm
- **December 11:** Washington Band, Allen Theatre, 1:30pm
- **December 25:** Christmas Day, Hanukkah begins at sundown
- **January 5:** FOOA Board Meeting, at the Train Station, 7:30pm
- **January 13:** Deadline for Landmark articles

Dear Friends of Old Annville,

If you have any ideas or thoughts you would like me to express in the *Landmark*, please email me at vekerwin@yahoo.com or write to me at R.D. 2 Box 1000, Annville, PA 17003.

Sincerely,
Victoria Kerwin



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Individual and Student.....\$ 5.00
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