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Celebrating 50 Years (1967 - 2017)

BCHF Calendar of Events for 2017

MARCH Thurs., 3/16, 7-8:30 PM. Members' celebration of BCHF's 50th anniversary. Bristol Centre for the Arts. See "President's Column" in this GAZETTE for more info.

MARCH Sun., 3/26, 2 PM. Program entitled "The Last Flight of Bristol's Gigantic Yellow Bird," by Carl LaVO, feature writer for Bucks County Courier Times. Light refreshment. \$4 pp. BCHF headquarters.

APRIL Sun., 4/30, 3-5 PM. Annual Tea. BCHF headquarters. \$20 per person. Advance reservations required, starting 9 am Sat., March 25 at 215 788-9408.

MAY Thurs., 5/11. Bus Trip to Baltimore for "Crab Feast" or "Plated Menu" luncheon at Phillips Seafood Restaurant and 3-hr. guided bus tour of the city's historic sites. Cost varies depending on luncheon choice. Call 215 788-4138 for detailed flyer & reservation form.

AUGUST Sun., 8/6, 2-4 PM. Annual Peach Social. Angel food cake topped with fresh peaches & ice cream, plus beverage. Takeouts available. Baked goods table. \$5/adult, \$3 under age 12. Benefits BCHF awards to four Bristol High School graduates. BCHF's air-conditioned headquarters.

OCTOBER Wed.-Fri., 10/4-6. 3-day/2-night fully-escorted bus trip to Hudson River Valley, NY> Hudson River cruise, tour

of Wilderstein Historic Site, FDR's Hyde Park home, Eleanor Roosevelt's "Val-Kill" cottage, and West Point Military Academy. \$498 pp double; \$630 single. Reservations accepted starting March 1, accompanied by \$200 pp deposit; balance due by Aug. 15. For info call 215 788-9408.

OCTOBER Sat., 10/21, 10 AM - 4 PM. Annual Historic Bristol Day. Private house tours & riverfront Tea. Free entertainment, car show, sailboat regatta, children's activities, food court, exhibits, and more. Ticket required for House Tour & Tea. For details, see www.bristolhistory.org

NOVEMBER Wed., 11/15, 7:30 PM. BCHF's annual business meeting, incl. election of Board members. Program & refreshments follow. Free. Public is invited. BCHF headquarters. Call 215 781-9895 for info.

NOVEMBER Wed., 11/29. Bus trip to Franklin Inst., Phila., to view "Terracotta Warriors, Guards for Eternity" exhibit. Visit to Irish Memorial and lunch to be included. Trip cost not yet established.

- BCHF Headquarters are at 321 Cedar Street, Bristol
- For current information about activities and events, check out our web site at www.bristolhistory.org.

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Celebrating 50 Years - 1967 - 2017

Our organization is 50 years old and one of the things to call attention to our success is the banners hung on Mill Street and other places.

The banners are rectangular. They are green in color and they were designed by Jan Ruano, the current President of our organization.

On the banner is an image of our headquarters on Cedar Street. Above the building's picture is our logo (BCHF). They are hung on polls and we thank the Bristol Borough Municipality for hanging the banners. There is also one at the Municipal Building at Pond

and Mulberry. We are excited about all of this. Our organization started at the Radcliffe Art Gallery on Franklin Street and we purchased our headquarters at 321 Cedar street in 1991. Our headquarters is a former one-room Quaker School House built in 1874. One of the most important things we do for the community is to host Historic Bristol Day on the third Saturday of October each year. We also give four students at Bristol High School \$500 each as an award for their work in art, music, literature, and history. These four are in our mission statement.

Happy 50th Birthday, Bristol Cultural and Historical Foundation, Inc.

The Margaret R. Grundy Memorial Library and Museum is also celebrating 50 years. Watch for interesting information about these two "treasures" in our community in the next issue of our GAZETTE.

President's Corner

It seems like 50 years is the magic number for organizations in Bristol. The Grundy Foundation and Silver Lake Nature Center celebrated 50 years last year. We are the "new kids" on the block as we celebrate that number this year.

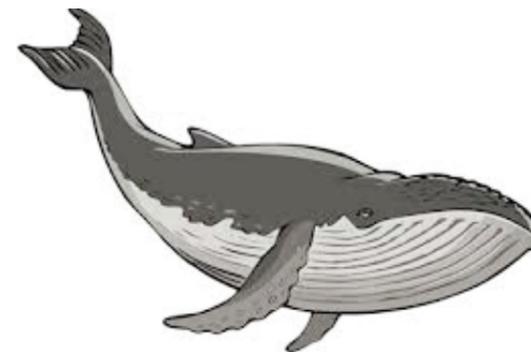
We are going to recognize this milestone with various events throughout the year. In order to show our appreciation to our loyal members and volunteers, a party will be held on **March 16th** at the **Center for the Arts** on

Mill Street in Bristol. All members are invited to attend anytime between 7 and 8:30 PM. There will be refreshments and activities for all to enjoy. We are not planning to send out individual invitations so we hope you will put the date on your calendar and plan to help us celebrate.

Happy Anniversary to Us. Looking forward to a great party. See you there!

Jan Ruano

Whale in the Delaware River



A black whale (grampus) was spotted in the Delaware River on April 22, 1861. It was swimming between Burlington and Bristol and for a short distance it was spotted above Bristol spouting a stream of water several times and several feet high. The length of the whale was estimated at about 46 feet long.

The next day it was captured near the site of the "Treaty Elm Tree" in the Kensington section of Philadelphia.

Another whale was spotted in Bristol near the former Harriman Shipyard in the early part of the 21st century.

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History Questions For Your Enjoyment

1. One in ten Canadians can claim a Loyalist ancestor and organization has been founded in Canada called “the United Empire Loyalist Association of Canada”? Approximately how many Loyalists left the 13 Colonies that would become the U.S.A. and moved to Canada.

a. 30,000 b. 43,000 c. 46,000

2. Benjamin Franklin’s son William was a Loyalist. In which U.S. state was he once the Governor?

a. Delaware b. Pennsylvania c. New Jersey

3. What American was named a delegate to the first United Nations General Assembly in London, December 1945? a. Eleanor Roosevelt b. Alice Roosevelt Longworth c. Margaret Truman

4. On the afternoon of November 19, 1863 Abraham Lincoln delivered his famous “Gettysburg Address”. Another man also gave an important speech. What was his name? a. Walt Whitman b. Henry Wadsworth Longfellow c. Edward Everett

5. In the 1936 Olympic Games in Germany, what American won 4 gold medals? a. Jesse Owens b. Jim Thorpe c. Jesse James

6. Wyoming gave women the right to vote in 1869. In what year were all women in the U.S. given the right to vote? a. 1918 b. 1919 c. 1920

7. What Indian tribe was forced to walk from Georgia (on the famous “Trail Of Tears:”) to Oklahoma in March 1939? a. Cherokee b. Delaware c. Iroquois

8. In the 17th century witch trials in Salem, MA, how many witches were hanged? a. 17 b. 18 c. 19

9. In the same witch trials in Salem, some witches were stoned to death? a. 1 b. 4 c. 5

10. William Penn (1644-1718) was the proprietor of Pennsylvania and the first Governor. There is a bronze statue of Governor Penn on top of City Hall in Philadelphia. It is the tallest statue of a person on top of a building in the world. How high is that statue?

a. 15 feet b. 37 feet c. 63 feet

11. 440,000 Americans died in the famous world influenza epidemic in what year?

a. 1917 b. 1918 c. 1919.

It is also interesting to learn that the Elk’s Home at the corner of Radcliffe and Walnut Streets in Bristol served as a hospital for some of the ill people. There was not enough room in hospitals in the area.

12. The U.S. was involved in the Spanish-American War. One of the places that we received was the Island of Guam in the Pacific Ocean. How many Americans died in the capture of that island? a. 0 b. 23 c. 101

13. In what state was the famous “Scopes Monkey Trial”? a. Tennessee b. Arkansas c. Kentucky

14. On May 19, 1804, President Thomas Jefferson wanted to explore the Louisiana Territory which the U.S. had purchased from France. He asked his correspondence secretary “Meriwether Lewis”, a former army captain, to lead the group and Lewis has his friend Lieutenant William Clark to serve as the primary record keeper. Congress allocated \$2,500 and the cost was almost \$40,000. How did Lewis die? a. fell from a cliff b. possibly murdered c. attacked by a large brown bear and killed.

15. During the early days of the American Civil War, Andrew Carnegie brought the first line of troops by railroad to protect what Union city?

a. Washington b. Pittsburgh c. Philadelphia

16. Two people are on the monuments in Bristol’s Riverfront Park area.

a. Joseph Grundy b. Samuel Clift c. Michael Dougherty d. Christopher Columbus e. Harriet Tubman.

Answers: 1.b; 2.c; 3.a; 4.c; 5.a; 6.c; 7.a; 8.c; 9.a; 10.b; 11.c; 12.a; 13.a; 14.b; 15.a; 16.d&e

Come Along With Us

We hope that many members and friends of BCHF will join us on one or all of the following bus excursions.

HISTORIC BALTIMORE, THURSDAY, MAY 11 - The countdown has begun to the reservation deadline of March 31! As of this writing, Ellanna Delaney reports that seats are available. The bus will be leaving from the Grundy Arena parking lot on Beaver Street at 8:45 a.m. sharp and returning at approx. 7:30 p.m. We’ll be lunching at Phillips Seafood Restaurant in the Inner Harbor, where the options are an All-You-Can-Eat Crab Feast (served family style) or a Plated Menu consisting of three entree choices. Afterward, you can sit back and relax as we’re taken on a 3-hr. guided bus tour of Baltimore’s historic and renowned sights. A local step-on guide will share information about the city’s best-known personalities, including Babe Ruth, Edgar Allen Poe and Billie Holiday; the guide will point out historic and popular landmarks and neighborhoods, including Ft. McHenry, Fells Point and Little Italy. Rest assured, there is little walking on this tour . . . you’ll see it all from the window of the bus!

Trip price is all-inclusive and depends upon your luncheon selection. For a detailed flyer and reservation form, contact Ellanna Delaney at 215 788-4138.

HUDSON RIVER VALLEY OF NY, WED.-FRI., OCTOBER 4-6 - See the “Calendar of Events” in this GAZETTE for the trip’s itinerary, cost, and payment information. Helen Younglove will begin accepting reservations, accompanied by a \$200 per person deposit, on **Wednesday, March 1**. A detailed flyer with reservation form is available now by contacting Helen at 215 788-9408. Trip cancellation insurance is available on request.

PHILADELPHIA, WED., NOVEMBER 29 - As announced in last month’s GAZETTE, we’ve made a group reservation at the Franklin Institute to view the “Terracotta Warriors, Guards for Eternity” exhibit, which will be in Philadelphia on its only East Coast visit. Arrangements for lunch have not been finalized. Check future issues of the GAZETTE or BCHF’s website (www.bristolhistory.org) for updates.

Out Of The Past

The following items were excerpted from **FEBRUARY 1897** issues of the BUCKS COUNTY GAZETTE.

2/4 - - BRISTOL’S RAILROAD WAR. Last Friday morning, the railroad crossing at Mill Street was the scene of considerable excitement. The railroad company had a large force of men at work there, making ready for the shifting of the track, taking twenty-two inches more of the tracks. The company had not applied for permission from the borough authorities and, as a consequence, there was considerable ill feeling engendered.

FOR SALE. One of the best horses in Bristol. Apply at William Trudgen’s Grocery, 241 Mill Street.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE:

The duplicate whist club held its usual meeting last Saturday evening.

The ice dealers in Bristol have their ice houses filled with solid chunks of the cold stuff.

The mule ferry between Bristol and Burlington was put in operation last week and passengers are now transported across the frozen Delaware for the small sum of ten cents per head.

During the month of January, there were 14 deaths in the borough of Bristol from the following causes: consumption - 2, pneumonia - 2, heart disease - 2, and one each from bronchitis, general debility, congestion of lung, congestion of kidney, convulsions, meningitis, cancer and lockjaw.

2/11 - - THE BOROUGH ELECTION. There is every indication that there will be a full Republican vote polled next Tuesday. Bristol is a Republican town. It “didn’t use to be,” but it is now and it takes a mighty poor candidate or a very vigorous onslaught by the machine politicians to defeat a Republican now-a-days when he once gets on the ticket.

THE WORLD’S COSTLIEST BOOK. The Bristol Library has a copy of the most expensive book ever published in the world. It is the official history of the War of the Rebellion, now being issued by the Government of the United States and costing up to date the snug sum of \$2,334,328. It is estimated that it will require at least three years longer and an appropriation of perhaps \$600,000 to complete the work.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS. The regular meeting of council was held on last Monday evening. It took some little time to get a quorum. Officer Tice was sent out and eventually got back with two members. The Police Committee reported 361 tramps lodged in the station house during the month.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE;

The ferry boat William E. Doran has resumed her trips.

City Ice Boat No. 1 went up the river as far as Florence on Tuesday.

“Ye Merrie Euchre Club” held its sixth meeting at the residence of Miss Alice Lippincott on Tuesday evening.

“A Complete Establishment. JOHNSON BROTHERS, the popular clothier at the corner of Mill and Wood Streets, are now ready for the Fall and Winter trade. They can dress a man from head to toe in the best style and for a small amount of cash.”

“Trusses in every size and in numerous designs! DR. PURSELL’S DRUG STORE.”

“Charlie Lee, First-Class CHINESE LAUNDRY. 111 Cedar Street, between Market and Mill Streets.”

2/18 - - THE ELECTION IN BRISTOL. The election of Benjamin S. Johnson for the office of Burgess on last Tuesday is the first time that a Democrat has been chosen for the office since it was filled by Hon. Symington Phillips in 1870.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE:

There were about 1200 votes cast in the borough.

The annual “St. Valentine’s Fair” of St. Paul’s Mission was held in their building on Jefferson Avenue on Friday. Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, the fair was a success and between \$50 and \$60 were cleared. The money is to be applied to the fund for the erection of an addition to their present place of worship by St. Paul’s congregation.

2/25 - - A NEW LODGE IN TOWN. Mrs. E.C. Rich, an organizer of the Order of Shepherds of Bethlehem, has been in town during the past few days, interesting the ladies and gentlemen of this borough in the Order she represents. We learn that it is an excellent Order and is said to date its origin from the birth of Christ when the angel appeared to the shepherds of Bethlehem. The degree work and ritualistic work are said to be magnificent. A lodge of this Order is now being started in Bristol.

AN EVENING WITH HERMIONE COMPANY. Washington’s Birthday was fittingly celebrated by Hermione Company, No. 10, U.R.K. of P., by holding their annual inspection and installation of officers on February 22. The ceremonies were held in the assembly room of Phythian Hall, second floor, and the lady friends and relatives of the Sir Knights were there to lend beauty and grace to the occasion.

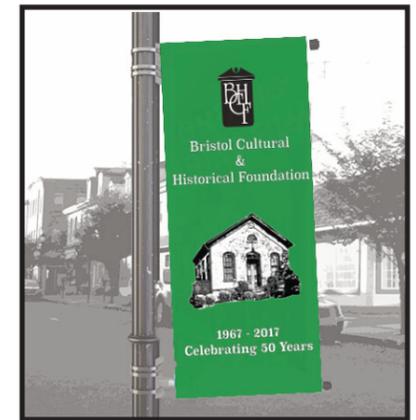
LOCAL INTELLIGENCE:

The little “Mother Goose Concert” given by the Presbyterians last week netted them between 40 and 50 dollars.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Bethel A.M.E. Church gives a three evenings entertainment this week, beginning with “Tom Thumb’s Wedding” on Thursday evening.

Spring is fast approaching and it will soon be time to get the bicycle roads and paths around Bristol into shape for this summer’s riding. The cinder path from the Hollow Bridge to Landreth’s Lane is still in the experimental stage. There are at present too many bumps in the path to enjoy riding upon it.

To Help Us Celebrate



Look for the Green Street Banners that will be hanging this year on Mill Street to help us celebrate our 50 year anniversary. They show an image of our headquarters on Mill Street and our logo. They were designed by Jan Ruano and hung by the generosity of the Borough Municipality

Bristol Riverside Theater - 2017

“Driving Miss Daisy” | “Jesus Christ Superstar” | “Witness For The Prosecution” -
Phone 215 785-0100 for information about their live productions.

A Convenience Store

In Bristol Borough during the 19th and early 20th centuries, people shopped for foods at a neighborhood store. They had to walk, but there were many within the town.

In 2017, those stores are all gone and there are two main places within the town to buy products quickly, including cooked foods, newspapers and cigarettes.

One is the Uni-Market at the corner of Bath and Otter Streets. The Uni-Mart is a Pennsylvania-based company owned, operated and franchised in the Mid-Atlantic region of the United States. Henry Sahakian was Uni-Mart's founder in 1972; the first store was at State College, PA. Uni-Mart developed into a convenience store brand. Some Uni-Marts have gas stations.

The other is the WAWA store at the corner of East Farragut Avenue and Green Lane. This writer will focus on the WAWA Store.

The name WAWA takes its name from a Native American word for the Canadian goose. That is the logo on the outside of each WAWA store. George Wood was the founder and the first store opened April 16, 1964 in Folsom, PA. Milk had been delivered to the front door in bottles and so it had to be bottled in clean surroundings that met state standards.

By 1976 milk was no longer delivered to individual homes by the milkman. WAWA opened stores which had to be clean and staffed by attentive people. These stores were stocked with fresh foods like delicatessen meats, vegetables, fruits, dairy products and groceries. WAWA stores were one of the few places open after 6pm and on Sundays where one could buy fresh products.

WAWA had a dairy farm in Delaware County on U.S. Route #1 and it was from there that the first milk products were produced. The company grew, they opened their 36th store in Millville, NJ. By 1970 there were 50 WAWA stores. On August 12, 1971 in West Haven, Connecticut a store was opened and in 1972, the 100th store was opened in Marlton, NJ. In 1972 WAWA opened 24-hour stores. "People on the go" was more than a slo-

gan for WAWA; it became a company's mantra. The company sought store sites with more parking spaces and added more convenience products. They eliminated displays to reduce clutter and placed newspapers in the front of the store. They also examined traffic patterns but they wanted the store near homes.

Coffee was added in 1980 selling the WAWA coffee brand. In the 1980s WAWA coffee had become the company's most profitable product. By the mid-1980s, dieticians recommended WAWA as a place where customers could get a variety of delicious choices such as fresh fruit, soups, yogurts, and freshly-made hoagies. Many stores now have rest rooms, which is convenient for people like mail carriers and others who stop quickly before they drive on to another location.

In the mid-1990's, WAWA started to sell gasoline. In 2004 over 140 of WAWA's 540 stores sold gasoline. ATM machines were added with no surcharge.

WAWA employs over 15,000 associates in their stores. In 1996 the first WAWA store was built in Virginia, and Aberdeen, Maryland. In 2004 the majority of WAWA stores were within a 100 mile radius of Philadelphia. In 2017 Philadelphia added a new store in center city. There is also a WAWA in the Fox Chase section of Philadelphia.

A WAWA store was added in Tampa, FL at the airport. And in 2016, stores were added in quite a few areas in the state of Florida. All of this started with a herd of milking cows and a dairy in Delaware County, Pennsylvania.

In the Philadelphia area, WAWA is advertised on television several times each day and they have sponsored many charity events in the Philadelphia area. One of the nice things about a WAWA store is that it is very clean and not a "hand-out" for people who want to play game machines. Within each store, a customer knows where to find the products. Paying for products is made very simple with ample people to wait on the customers.

"I Gotta Have a WAWA." All of this started with a milk company.

HEAR ALL ABOUT IT!

At 2 p.m., Sunday, March 26, retired Calkins Media editor Carl LaVO will take BCHF's stage to talk about "The Last Flight of Bristol's Gigantic Yellow Bird." We're sure that members and friends of BCHF will be interested in this tragic tale of two Navy pilots who, using a plane that was built right here in Bristol, tried to beat Charles Lindbergh to Paris.

Light refreshment will be served following the program. A goodwill offering of \$4 per person is requested; students are admitted free. The program is open to the public and no advance reservations are required.

For further information, contact Helen Younglove at 215 788-9408.

Archaeology at BCHF Headquarters: Winter Update

by Jesse Walker and Meagan Ratini

The archaeological project at the BCHF headquarters continues with indoor work. Students from Bristol Borough School District along with their teacher, Mr. Doug Braun, volunteers from Bucks County Community College, community members, and professional archaeologists found over 1,300 artifacts while digging around the yard of the former Quaker Schoolhouse at 321 Cedar Street.

The excavation itself was only the beginning of the research. Documenting what was found is an important aspect of archaeology. Additional tasks need to be completed after the digging is done and the holes are filled in with soil. A large part of professional archaeological work includes office work and indoor activities such as map making, conducting historical research, transcribing field notes, cleaning and counting artifacts, and classifying the objects by age and type. A list of artifacts is created to help interpret what kinds of activities happened at the former school house.

Some interesting artifacts found during the 2016 fieldwork include metal printers type, marbles and other children's toys, smoking pipes, an intact medicine bottle, and a glass milk bottle fragment embossed with "Bristol, PA". Many of the artifacts found date from the nineteenth century. Further research into them should give us more insight into the history of the property.

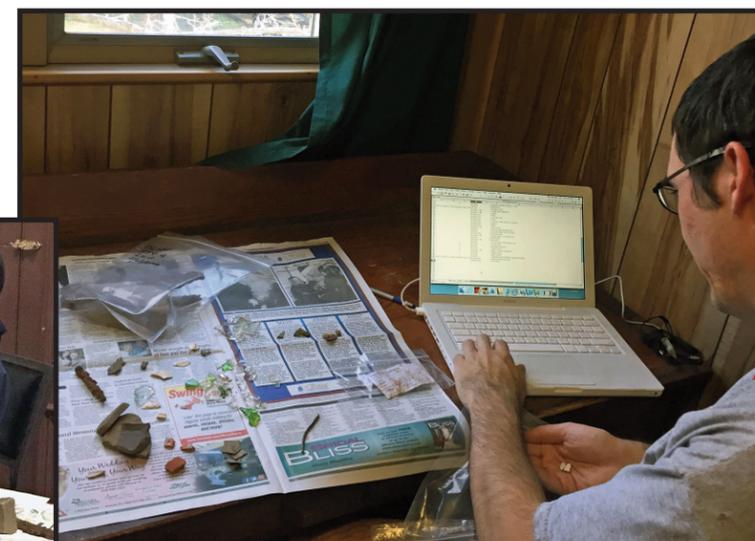
Bucks County Community College volunteers

are conducting research at the Margaret Grundy Memorial Library, the Recorder of Deeds in Doylestown, Swarthmore College, and other archives to understand the history of the old school house and its later incarnations, such as the printshop for the *Gazette*.

Another task to be finished after excavation is completing an archaeological site form, which will be submitted to the Pennsylvania Historic and Museum Commission to obtain a site number based on the Smithsonian's site numbering system. This will give official recognition to the existence of the site and help other researchers learn from it. The archaeological site will be one of the few registered sites within Bristol Borough. Jesse Walker and Meagan Ratini are looking for volunteers to help with other indoor activities such as photography, historical research, and display preparation. Volunteers can contact Jesse Walker at 215 788-5824 or walkerfamily320@verizon.net. Ms. Ratini will be teaching classes on introductory archaeology and artifact analysis at Bucks County Community College in the summer and fall of 2017. Individuals interested in learning more are encouraged to contact her at meagan.ratini@bucks.edu



Ms. Ratini and Alice George washing artifacts



Jesse Walker enters artifact information from the BCHF site into a spreadsheet.