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## President's Corner

### *The First Bucks County Residents*

The Leni-Lenape, the “original people”, occupied this area thousands of years before the first Europeans arrived. The Lenape were one of the many nations belonging to the Algonquians who were a large group of indigenous people who spoke similar languages and had similar ways of life. In this area, the Lenape lived in the Delaware River valley and west to the Susquehanna. They were a peaceful people who had a great reverence for, and lived in harmony with, nature.

The Lenape’s affinity with nature likely grew from their dependence on their environment. They planted gardens in their home villages, hunted in the surrounding woods, fished the waterways, travelled to the shore to for oysters and clams, and caught the tree sap to boil down for sugar. In this area, their homes were single-family, one-door, wooden structures called wigwams. Sources indicate that they were very religious with a belief that there was a Creator and that all things had souls making them just a small part of the harmonious whole of nature. Their beliefs made the European concept of land ownership inconceivable.

In the early 1600s, Europeans began to explore and settle in the region that had been solely occupied by the Lenape for approximately 6,000 years. Initially, Dutch and Swedish investors established settlements for the purpose of furthering their fur trading enterprises. The Dutch engagement in the area was short lived, ending when they lost their claims to the area to the British. The Swedish settlers remained but established their community in the Philadelphia area.

The early English settlers in the region were Quakers including William Penn who claimed land in the Delaware Valley granted to him by Charles II to settle debts owed to Penn’s father. Penn’s interactions with the Lenape strictly conformed to his Quaker ideal of fair treatment for all God’s children. He negotiated purchase agreements with the Lenape for the land that had been granted to him by the king and reserved the areas where Lenape villages were located for Lenape use. This peaceful coexistence and relatively fair treatment of the Lenape lasted until Penn’s death in 1718. With the infamous “Walking Purchase” deed of 1737, Penn’s son Thomas cheated the Lenape of the land they had occupied for so many thousands of years.

Displaced from their land, the Lenape migrated west in what is called the Delaware Westward Trek. One source claims that only 985 Lenape survived the westward trip, a drastically reduced number from the 15,000 – 20,000 Lenape who lived on the east coast before the European settlers arrived.

On March 26 at 2 PM, BCHF will host a speaker from PA Humanities for a presentation entitled “The Lenape in Bucks County”. PA Humanities is a non-profit organization whose mission states: “Our mission is to champion the humanities as a means to spark civic engagement, build community, educate, inspire, and make long-lasting change.” I hope to see you all there.

*The sources:*

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*Debbie Pinney, President*

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## TIME OUT FOR TEA

“Art of Tea” has been selected as the theme of BCHF’s 26<sup>th</sup> annual Tea, to be held at BCHF headquarters on **Sunday, April 30**, from 2 to 4 p.m. In our “tea room,” we’re delighted to be featuring an exhibition of artwork by several members of the Artists of Bristol, as well as musical selections by local keyboard virtuoso Francis X. Danis.

Our Ways & Means Committee ladies will have prepared a variety of tea sandwiches, scones, desserts and, of course, brewed tea for your dining enjoyment. We hope you’ll plan on joining us for a pleasant Sunday afternoon!

Cost per person is \$35. A limited number of reservations are available and will be taken starting Monday, April 3, at 215-788-9408. Reservation deadline is April 19, payable at the door. Students are free. Snow date is Sunday, April 2.

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## LEARN ABOUT THE LENAPE INDIANS

On **Sunday, March 26**, at 2 p.m. in BCHF headquarters, a presentation on the Lenape Indians will be given by Barbara Michalski, a member of the Lenape Nation of Pennsylvania.

“Bluejay,” the name given to her by her grandfather, Bill Thompson, late Chief Whippoorwill of the Unalachtigo (people near the ocean) Tribe of the Turkey Clan, serves on the Tribal Council, is the Tribal Secretary, and one of the Storytellers of the Nation. She was recently appointed Chief of Culture.

When “Bluejay” takes the BCHF stage on the 26th, she will provide a brief history of the Lenape people, including their presence in Bucks County. She’ll tell the story of “The Prophecy of the Fourth Crow,” and speak about the healing journey of Walking Purchase.

Light refreshment will be served at the conclusion of a Q&A period. A donation of \$5/adult is requested, payable at the door. Students are free. Snow date is Sunday, April 2.

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## TRIPPIN’ THRICE IN TWENTY TWENTY-THREE

BCHF is off and running with plans for three day trips this year, starting with – A VISIT TO ‘DISNEY100: THE EXHIBITION,’ Wednesday, June 21, followed by dinner at Spasso’s Italian Grill. The exhibit made its world premier at the Franklin Institute in Philadelphia on February 18 and celebrates 100 years of the Walt Disney Co. It spans ten galleries, with themes from “Where It All Began” to “We Are Just Getting Started.” There are several interactive elements of the show. At the wall of Disney music, you can listen to short clips of songs from the past, like “Bibbidi-Bobbidi-Boo” from Cinderella.

Stephanie Farr, a staff writer for THE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER, covered the media preview and stated that “the focus of this show is on how Disney tells stories, where the ideas come from, how they’re brought to life, and the ways in which they connect us.” We hope you’ll join us on June 21! Complete cost (transportation, admission to the exhibit, three-course dinner, services of a trip escort and gratuities) is \$145 for BCHF members and \$148 for non-members. Call Jan Ruano at 215-788-2106 for a flyer/reservation form. Based on the restaurant’s cancellation policy, the trip reservation deadline is April 18.

Next is a **LUNCHEON CRUISE ON THE “RIVER LADY,”** sailing on the Toms River and Barnegat Bay, followed by free time to enjoy the ocean breezes in Asbury Park. Date is Tuesday, August 22. Cost is \$115 for BCHF members; \$118 for non-members. Reservation information will be available in a future Gazette.

Last, but far from least, is a return to **“THE ORIGINAL CHRISTMAS LIGHTS TOUR”** in Brooklyn on Thursday, December 7. Those who went on BCHF’s trip in 2011 can testify that the Christmas light displays in Dyker Heights, Bay Ridge and Bensonhurst are the most extravagant holiday light displays in the country. We’ll dine again at Tommaso’s Restaurant where a four-course dinner will be served. PLEASE NOTE: The tour requires getting on and off the bus at several locations and walking through the decorated neighborhoods. Cost is \$169 for BCHF members; \$172 for non-members. Reservation information will be available in a future Gazette.

We regret that plans for a Brunch Cruise around Lower Manhattan and Free Time in Little Italy, mentioned in the February Gazette, had to be cancelled because Bateaux New York no longer offers a brunch cruise.

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# Living In Bristol in 1941

The Borough of Bristol was surrounded by farmland with houses scattered about. U.S. Route 13, as it is presently known, did not exist. To travel through the town via car, one would come from Rohm and Haas up Bristol Pike and then take Pond Street/Farragut to Green Lane.

There were six wards for voting locations and the Burgess (now Mayor as of 1961) was Clifford L. Anderson. He owned the patent leather factory which was located behind the present Amish Market and his house was where the Wade Funeral Home is located on Radcliffe Street.

Fleetwings Inc. manufactured airplanes and the Grundy Mill operated on Jefferson Avenue and Canal Street.

One could travel to Newtown or go to Morrisville on the Neibauer Bus. To go to Philadelphia you would travel through Bensalem Township to the Poquessing Creek. To travel to Burlington by bus, Larrisey Bus Company made the trip across the Burlington Bristol Bridge.

There were 5 bakery shops in town and two banks. There were 22 barbers and 11 hairdressers. There was a bowling alley owned by Francis O'Boyle on Farragut. There were 7 cafes. Nichols operated one camera shop located at 112 Wood Street. There were two chiropodists and one chiropractor. The town had nine churches including two Roman Catholic Churches. There were three cleaners and pressers and one could purchase clothing in 13 stores. There were 24 confectioners - - candy makers or sellers - - including Pappajian's at 207 Mill Street. There were 9 dentists.

W.T. Grant Co. was at 401-403 Mill Street; McCrory 5 and 10 was at Mill and Wood and there were three other similar stores including the Penny Mart at Mill Street and the highway. One could have prescriptions filled at 10 drug stores. There was a feed store owned by Robert Pearson at 316 Mill Street.

There were two greenhouses in town. One was owned by Jacob Schmidt with 16 greenhouses and one was located at 452 Pond Street that was owned by Mrs. Dewitt.

Gasoline for automobiles could be purchased at 12 locations. There were 44 small grocery stores and Acme Market was located at Bath and Otter Street, across from the Keystone Hotel. An A&P Market was on Pond Street across from the Jewish Synagogue.

The two hospitals in town were Harriman Hospital on Wilson Ave. and Wagner's Hospital at the corner of Franklin and Radcliffe Street.

Hotels were the Bristol House at 4 Mill Street, the Keystone Hotel at Bath and Otter Streets and Ye Old Delaware House at 102 Radcliffe, presently the King George II Inn.

There were 10 Lawyer offices, three music teachers and one dance teacher. There were also 13 physicians and Dr. Mary Lehman made the 14th. Also 9 plumbers and 10 shoe repair shops. There were 7 stores that sold shoes including Ballows at 308 Mill Street. For clothing repair there were 7 tailors.

Parking for Mill Street was on the street. The present park-

ing lot behind Mill Street was the Canal Basin.

The canal stopped operation in 1931 but it was great for ice skating and some children would swim there in summer. The main place for swimming was Silver Lake which was also great for ice skating. One of the best places for sledding was the Forge Bridge on Beaver Street.

The Bristol Courier published at 806-808 Beaver Street. The Bristol Diner was located at 421 Market Street and there were an additional 18 other restaurants.

Schools were Bath Street school, Wood Street school, Washington Street school, Jefferson Avenue school, Beaver Street school, Bristol High School, St. Mark school and St. Ann school.

Soap manufacturing was done at Manhattan Soap located at 1400 Radcliffe Street.

Bristol was lucky for train travel. One could board a train at Prospect and Beaver and travel to Philadelphia or Trenton. There were also trains for New York City and Washington D.C. Horace Fine operated a taxicab service at 118 Wood Street.

There were several baseball fields including Memorial Park on Jefferson Avenue and Sullivan's Field on Otter Street.

The Burlington Bristol Bridge opened in May of 1931. There was no turnpike to Bristol but when it did come, the bridge that connects the PA and NJ Turnpikes opened in June of 1956.

There were six fire companies including Consolidated on Pond Street. There were four cemeteries in town plus Bristol Cemetery on Route 13 outside Bristol. There were 4 undertakers.

World War II was in full swing and F.D. Roosevelt was President. There were "Black Outs" where houses and buildings had to turn all lights out in case an enemy plane was coming. There were also plane spotter locations. One was on the Rohm and Haas property. Victory Gardens were located around town including one on the Rohm and Haas property on State Road.

The library in Bristol was on the present parking lot of the current Grundy Library on Dorrance Street and half of the library building was occupied by the Red Cross.

Since the town was rather compact, many people walked around town including going to church and school. The municipal building and police station were located at Pond and Mulberry Streets along with the Consolidated Fire Company and its engines were donated by Joseph R. Grundy in 1927 for the cost of one dollar.

There were social clubs including the Moose, Elks, Masons, Odd Fellows, Ancient Order of Hibernians and the Travel Club.

The people in Bristol at that time seemed happy and enjoyed their lives. In 1941 Bristol was 260 years old. Bristol continues to thrive today and looks forward to the future.

Source: *History of Bristol - 1911*, Doron Green. *Images of America - Bristol*, Harold & Carol Mitchener



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## Out Of The Past

The following items were excerpted from March 1953 issues of THE BRISTOL COURIER.

3/3 – CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH TO DEDICATE NEW EXTENSION. Dedication services tonight will mark the completion of the new, large, three room extension to the Calvary Baptist Sunday School, Pastor Lehman Strauss announced today. The opening of these rooms culminates an effort begun recently to provide for a rapidly growing Sunday School when the building finished four years ago proved inadequate.

HELP WANTED. Local. Weavers. Narrow loom wilton and velvet carpet weavers needed. Thomas L. Leedom Co., Beaver St. Phone Bristol 7878.

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE. Buckley St. Cor. property, contains 12 rms, 3 bths, oil heat. Good condition. Present income of \$48 can be doubled and still have living quarters for owner. Only \$10,500.

3/4 — 51 MEN LEAVE HER FOR INDUCTION INTO SERVICE. Group Leaves in Two Chartered Buses This Morning. Among them were: John Paolini, Lewis Crossan, Richard Kornstedt, Guido Cagnetti, Robert Hartnett, John Mazzanti, William Brownlee, Gerard Lynch and Elwyn Smith, Bristol.

TEACHERS' MINIMUM SALARIES CONSIDERED. Minimum teachers' salaries of \$3,000 per year, prevalent in school districts adjacent to Bristol, were pointed out by Superintendent Warren P. Snyder at the board meeting at Bristol High School last night. Present starting salary for teachers in the borough schools is \$2,800.

3/6 – 4500 LBS. OF CLOTHING SENT TO PIER FOR SHIPMENT. The clothing was collected by residents of Lower Bucks County in the Holland Flood Relief Clothing Drive sponsored by the Bristol and Lower Bucks Chamber of Commerce.

“BRISTOL FORD COMPANY, Beaver and Prospect Sts. (opposite Post Office).....Used Cars. '52 Plymouth Sedan, clean, low mileage - \$1675. '51 Ford Tudor, this week's special - \$1275. '51 Studebaker Sedan, one owner - \$1145. These cars carry a written warranty.”

SOTTILE IS GIVEN HIGHEST AWARD AT WEST VIRGINIA. “Jimmy” Sottile, Bristol High's gift to basketball, was given the highest award of West Virginia University on Wednesday night when he was presented with the Roger Hicks trophy for athletic achievement. “Jimmy” captained West Virginia this season and played outstanding ball. The award was given following Sottile's selection on the first team of the All-Southern Conference.

3/7 – SHOPPERS CROWD MARKET TO BUY NEW ZEALAND BEEF. Bristol Farmers Market was jammed to the doors last night as local shoppers took advantage of the 39-cent steaks and 29-cent hamburgers on sale at the store. Nearly 15,000 pounds of beef, both domestic and New Zealand, passed over the counter into the waiting arms of shoppers who came in to buy the meat in five and ten pound quantities.

3/10 – BOROUGH WATER EMPLOYEES MAY QUIT UNLESS THEY ARE PAID AS MUCH AS POLICE OFFICERS. Amid threats of a walk-out by ten Bristol Borough

Water Department employees, which would close down the water works and thus force various local industrial plants into idleness, borough council last night unanimously refused to grant an additional \$5 a week to the employees and held firm to an earlier proposed compromise of \$8.50 a week increase. Council's offer would give them \$61 a week. They are holding out for \$66 a week.

BRISTOL HIGH TO MAKE FIRST BID IN CLASS B OF P.I.A.A. Bristol High will make its first bid for the Class B P.I.A.A. championship tonight when it meets Darby High on the Lower Merion High School floor in Ardmore. Likely starters for the Warriors will be Bob Strobele, Harold Loud, Fred Kornstedt, Russ Johnson and Frank Manzo, with Bob Braker and Dick Crosby waiting to fill in on a moment's notice.

3/11 – BRISTOL HIGH GETS WORST DUBBING OF SEASON BY DARBY. With the exception of the first few minutes, Bristol was never in the running.

OPENS TICKET AGENCY. For the convenience of their fans in Bristol and vicinity, the Phillies have announced the opening of a ticket agency at The John Fields Luncheonette, 515 Wood Street.

3/12 – SENIORS PACKING BAGS FOR TRIP TO WASHINGTON. The big day is Tuesday, March 17, when the girls and boys of the senior class at Bristol High School will en-train to the nation's capital, returning on Thursday evening. The train trip will be as far as Baltimore, Md., and from that city a bus will take the group to Washington. Enroute they will pass Fort McHenry. Their first stop will be Annapolis, Md. They will then proceed to the Hotel Ebbitt in Washington, DC.

“ACME SUPERMARKETS, 452 Pond St.....Lenten Values! Lobster Tails, rock – 89c/11 oz. pkg. Scallops, bread-ed, ready to eat – 53c/7 oz. pkg. Flounder, fresh frozen filets – 43c lb. Butterfish, fancy, large Jersey – 23c lb. Smelts, cleaned, pan ready – 39c lb. pkg. Star Kist White Chunk Tuna – 34c/6-1/2 oz. can. Extra Sharp Cheese – 79c lb.”

3/13 – POST OFFICE ANNEX WILL SOON OPEN STAMP WINDOW. The new Post Office annex, 1410 Farragut Avenue, should be ready to give financial service, including stamp and money order sales, by April 1. The building, which formerly housed an Acme Market, is now used for mail handling only.

TWO TAKE OATH AS BRISTOL POLICE OFFICERS. Matthew Bragg and Lester Shire were sworn in by Burgess I. J. Hetherington, Sr. This brings the total number of patrolmen in the Bristol Police Department to 15 and a chief.

3/17 – PINDAR IS AWARDED HIS SECOND LETTER FOR BASKETBALL. John Pindar, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Pindar, 248 Jackson Street, a junior at Western Michigan College, has been awarded his second letter as a member of the Western Michigan College basketball team. He is one of eight men to receive letters on the varsity squad.

“Order Now! EASTER EGG HEADQUARTERS. A Complete Line of Easter Candies. Cor. Pond and Mill Sts., just one block from Mill St.”

3/19 – BOROUGH COUNCIL TO BE REQUESTED TO

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## Out of the Past . . . continued

HAVE RECREATION BOARD JOIN WITH SCHOOL BOARD IN OPERATION OF PLAYGROUNDS IN BRISTOL. Up to the present time, the borough has been supporting Memorial Field and the school board has cooperated with an organized group in a program including the school playgrounds. Now the school board and the recreation board want "to join forces."

"Bristol's Easter Fashion Center. Our Own Exclusive All New Wool Coats - \$29.95. New Spring Toppers - \$17.95 to \$39.95. FASHION FAIR, 130 Mill St."

3/21 - BRISTOL BORO' RESIDENTS SAID TO BE "WELL OFF." By almost every standard that might be chosen, the people of Bristol Borough can be called "well off." Figures just compiled by the U. S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, and released in an advanced report based on the latest census findings, prove just how high a standard of living exists in Bristol Borough. If, as has generally been believed, the bathtub is the mark of a community's civilization, the average person of Bristol has it all over his average counterpart in nearly all the rest of Pennsylvania.

3/24 - BOROUGH COUNCIL NAMES MRS. FINE FOR TAX COLLECTOR. Bristol Borough Council last night unanimously elected Mrs. Marie Minster Fine, widow of the late William H. H. Fine, to serve out the balance of the term of her husband as borough tax collector. The term expires at the end of this year.

"BOGAGE & SONS, 409-411 Mill St.....Men's Suits for the Easter Season. Futura Worsted, Distinctively Tailored by Hart Schaffner and Marx. From \$65."

3/26 - BRISTOL INTERCHANGE PROPOSED FOR PROJECTED TURNPIKES.

A preview was granted this newspaper today of the proposed two Lower Bucks County interchanges of the Pennsylvania Turnpike extension now being built to connect the Pennsylvania Turnpike with the New Jersey Turnpike.

BRISTOL BOYS LEAGUE WILL CHANGE NAME TO BRISTOL LITTLE LEAGUE. The change in the name of

the league is the result of the league having been granted a franchise to play under the banner of and in association with Little League Baseball, Inc. As pointed out by Warren M. Armstrong, 261 Taft St., president of the local league, "our being admitted to Little League Baseball gives the boys of this area their rightful place in an organization that is national in its scope."

"W. T. GRANT CO., 216 Mill St.....Jr. Boys Leisure Suit - \$5.98. French Cuff Dress Shirt - \$2.29. Little Girls Check Suit - \$6.98. Imported Straw Hat - \$1.69."

3/31 - ECONOMIC LEAGUE RECOMMENDS NEW ELEMENTARY PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR BRISTOL BOROUGH. The Lower Bucks County Branch of the Pennsylvania Economy League, in its report on the survey of Bristol Borough public schools presented to the school board last night in special session, recommended that the school board enter upon a program of replacement of all the borough's elementary schools except the Jefferson Avenue school. The report pointed out that all elementary buildings except the Jefferson Avenue school were built in the last century and that, while these schools meet the architectural and educational standards of that time, they do not measure up to current standards and their cost of maintenance and operation becomes increasingly expensive each year.

PREMIER SHOWING OCCURS FOR CADET "MIDGETS". On Saturday evening at the Henry H. Houston Post, American Legion Hall in Phila., before a crowd of 600, Robert W. Bracken Post Junior Drum and Bugle Corps introduced a new idea to the drum corps world with a premier showing of its midget color guard and drill squad. This consists of little girls between the ages of six to ten. This group is said to be the only one of its type in the country.

"It's Your New Hat That Makes You Feel Like Spring! It's the Bonnet, the Cloche, the Pillbox, the Sailor or the Beret. It's the Pretty '53 Versions of One of These That Will Put Spring in Your Heart. See Them Here Today! \$2.95 up. KAY ANN'S HAT STORE, 431 Radcliffe St."

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## January Program

All those that attended the January program enjoyed professional actor Neil Hartley's portrayal of a World War One soldier singing and relating events that took place during the war. He also read letters written by soldiers and those written by those at home.

We began the program with a dedication of a portrait of one of BCHF's founding board members, Dr. Julius Sobel, given to us by the Sobel family. Dr. Sobel's son, Dr. Bernard Sobel, presented the portrait. He provided the audience with information about his dad's career. Dr. Sobel was responsible, among many other things, for establishing the first hospital in the area. We will hang the portrait in our headquarters building on Cedar Street.

Our next program will be held on **Sunday, March 26 at 2 PM.** The topic is the Lenape Indians presented by a member of the PA Humanities organization. We hope to see you there.

*Neil Hartley at the January program portraying a World War 1 soldier.*

*Below: Dr. Bernard Sobel (left) presents a portrait of his father to Board President Debbie Pinney. Two other family members present at far right*





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## BCHF Calendar of Events For 2023

**MARCH.** Sun., 3/26, 2 PM. Snow date is Sun., 4/2. Presentation on "The Lenape Indians." Light refreshment. BCHF headquarters. Donation of \$5/adult requested; students free. Payable at the door.

**APRIL** Sun., 4/30, 2 to 4 PM. Annual Tea featuring Francis X. Danis at the keyboard. BCHF headquarters. \$35 pp. Advance reservations required. See details in main body of this Gazette

**JUNE** Sun., 6/4, 2 PM. Professional storyteller and independent historian Caron Simon Levin's first-person portrayal of Emily Warren Roebling, entitled "Bridge Builder in Petticoats." Light refreshment. BCHF headquarters. Donation of \$5/adult requested; students free. Payable at door.

**JULY** Sat., 7/15 (rain date 7/16), 10 am to 4 pm. Annual "Mahogany & Steel," featuring antique and classic boats and cars on display at the wharf area and river side of the Borough parking lot (behind Mill St.) See [bristoldaycarshow.com](http://bristoldaycarshow.com) for registration details.

**AUGUST.** Sun., 8/13, 2 to 4 PM. Annual Peach Social at BCHF headquarters. Fee. Take-outs available. Event benefits awards to Bristol High School graduates.

**AUGUST** Tues., 8/22. Luncheon cruise on "River Lady" followed by free time to stroll the boardwalk in Asbury Park. \$115 for BCHF members \$118 for non-members. More info in future Gazettes.

**OCTOBER.** 10/6-17. Holy Lands & Aegean Majesty (Jerusalem to Rome) cruise on Oceania Cruises' "Oceania Nautica." **Space is going fast!** Call 215-788-9408 for a detailed flyer.

**OCTOBER** Saturday 10/21, 10AM to 4 PM. Annual Historic Bristol Day. Consult future Gazettes for details.

**OCTOBER.** 10/26 - Nov. 4. 10-day cruise aboard Royal Caribbean Cruise Line's "Vision of the Seas," sailing from Baltimore to King's Wharf, Bermuda, Nassau, and Cococay, Bahamas. Call 215-788-9408 for a detailed flyer.

**NOVEMBER** Wed., 11/15, 7:30 PM. BCHF's annual meeting at BCHF headquarters. The public is cordially invited.

**DECEMBER** Thurs., 12/7, Bus trip to "The Original Christmas Lights Tour" featuring the most over-the-top decorations of homes in the Dyker Heights, Bay Ridge and Bensonhurst sections of Brooklyn. Full-course dinner at Tommaso's in Brooklyn. \$169 for BCHF members; \$172 for non-members.

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