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“In Her Sweet Little Alice Blue Gown”

In 1919, the daughter of former U.S. President (Theodore Roosevelt), Alice Roosevelt Longworth, was very much pleased with a pale azure blue color and selected it for gowns. This helped to inspire a fashion sensation in the U.S. and a hit song followed called “Alice Blue Gown”. The Broadway Musical, “Irene”, included this song and eventually in 1940 a movie followed. It is interesting to note that the U.S. Navy has specified that the same color would be used as trim and insignia on vessels with the name of Theodore Roosevelt.

We hope that you are already planning to be our guest on Sunday, March 25 when historical impersonator Kim Hanley will give a first-person portrayal of Mrs. Longworth. See included article below.

Important Deadlines

- Friday, February 24 was the reservation deadline for the private, docent-led tour of the “Van Gogh Up Close” exhibition at the Philadelphia Museum of Art, Saturday, March 31 at 9:20 a.m. Cost to BCHF members is \$38; to non-members, \$40. A minimum of 15 people was required. To check on current status, contact Mary McIlvain at 215 788-5232.
- Thursday, March 15, is the deposit deadline for our Mackinac Island & Frankenmuth Michigan, bus trip, June 17 - 22. By the 15th we must have 35 people signed up with a \$200 pp deposit or the trip will be cancelled.

Some of you have inquired as to the estimated departure and return times, and what hotels we will be using. According to the information received from Dean Kraras, Charter tour consultant at White Star Tours, Reading, the bus will leave at 7 a.m., Sunday, June 17, from the Grundy Ice Skating Rink on Beaver Street and return on Friday, June 22, at approximately 7 p.m. There will be an overnight lodging stop to and from Michigan. In Michigan, our first overnight will be at the Marriott Fairfield Inn, located in the heart of Frankenmuth. Following that, there will be two nights’ lodging at the Best Western Harbour Pointe in Saint Ignace, situated on Lake Huron. Those not wishing to take the optional trip to the Kewadin Shores Casino may wish to take a dip in the Harbour Pointe’s indoor pool or relax in a hot tub.

Travel insurance is available. For a trip flyer and an insurance form, contact Helen Younglove at 215 788-9408. Rates per person are: \$570 double, \$550 triple, and \$740 single.

- March 29 is Collette Vacations’ deadline to qualify for a \$100 per person savings on their Sept. 29 - Oct. 8 “Trains and Canyons of the Southwest” excursion which will include the Grand Canyon, the Painted Desert, Petrified Forest National Park, and the Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta. Reservations will continue to be available after March 29. To receive a trip brochure, call Helen Younglove at 215 788-9408.

Alice Comes Calling

Historical impersonator Kim Hanley will take on the persona of Alice Roosevelt Longworth on BCHF’s stage, Sunday, March 25, at 2 p.m. Ms. Hanley will be remembered for her entertaining and educational character portrayals of Abigail Adams and Annie Oakley in 2010 and 2011, resp.

Alice Roosevelt Longworth was the first child of Theodore Roosevelt. According to Hanley, “Alice was every bit her father’s daughter, and an integral part of an extended family which would help dictate American politics for more than half a century. Always near the center of the social melee, she exhibited a precocious nature that kept people talking. Referred to as “Princess Alice,” she chose personal independence over social and proprietary expectations. Her marriage to Ohio Congressman Nicholas Longworth deepened her involvement in the Washington political scene.”

Light refreshment will be served at the program’s conclusion. A donation of \$3 per person is requested.

Potential attendees are encouraged to plan on an early arrival since BCHF’s seating capacity is limited. Thanks to the kindness of the Bristol United Methodist Church and Bristol Masonic Lodge No. 25, we now have the use of two parking lots. The former lot is on Cedar Street, adjacent to BCHF headquarters; the latter is in the 200 block of Market Street and has a large sign at the entrance.

BCHF Calendar of Events for 2012

- MARCH** - Sun., 3/25 2 PM at BCHF. Program: 1st person portrayal of Alice Roosevelt Longworth by historical impersonator Kim Hanley, who has portrayed Abigail Adams and Annie Oakley at past BCHF programs. Light refreshment. Donation of \$3 per person requested.
- MARCH** - Sat., 3/31, 9:20 AM at Phila. Museum of Art. Docent-led Tour of “Van Gogh Up Close” Exhibit. \$38 per BCHF member; \$40 for non-members. Call 215 788-5232.
- APRIL** - Tues, 4/17. “Best of the Bronx” bus trip, incl. a riding tour, lunch & free time on Arthur Ave., “The Real Little Italy.” \$86 for BCHF members; \$89 for non-members. SOLD OUT; call 215 788-4138 for wait list.
- JUNE** - 6/17 TO 22. Bus trip to Mackinac Island & Frankenmuth, MI. \$570 pp double; \$550 pp triple. Cancellation insurance available. \$200 pp deposit by 3/15; balance due 4/27. Call 215 788-9408 for flyer & trip insurance form.
- JUNE** - 6/24, 1 to 8 PM. BCHF sales & info table at Annual Celtic Day in Lions Park. Sponsored by Celtic Heritage Foundation 215 788-5232
- AUGUST** - Sun., 8/5 between 3 & 6 PM. Annual Peach Festival. Angel food cake topped with fresh peaches & ice cream, plus beverage. takeouts available; bring container. Baked goods table. \$5 adult, \$3 under age 12. Benefits BCHF awards to

- Bristol High School Graduates.
- SEPTEMBER** - 9/9, Noon to 8 PM. BCHF sales & info table at Annual Italian Festival in Lions Park. Sponsored by Bristol Lions Club, 215 785-2677.
- SEPTEMBER** - 9/29 TO 10/8. “Trains & Canyons of the Southwest” trip by Collette Vacations, featuring Scottsdale & Sedona, AZ, the Grand Canyon, Santa Fe, and the Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta. Book by 3/29/12 for a \$100 per person savings. Call 215 788-9408 for detailed flyer.
- OCTOBER** - Sat., 10/20, 10 AM - 4 PM. 36th Annual Historic Bristol Day. Theme: Harriman and the Shipyard. Details to be announced at a later date.
- NOVEMBER** - Wed., 11/28, 7:00 PM. BCHF’s annual business meeting incl. election of Board members, followed by program & refreshments. BCHF headquarters. Free.
- FEBRUARY 2013** - 2/3 through 2/15. 13 day/12 night Southern Caribbean Cruise on the “Norwegian Pearl” from NYC. For cruise flyer call 215 788-9408.
- 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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This Year The Magic Number is 331

On the 4th of March, Bristol will be remembering the 331st year as a community along the Delaware River. Samuel Clift from Burlington, NJ crossed the Delaware River and helped to found Bristol. Clift obtained a grant for two hundred and sixty-two acres, which basically covered the original site of Bristol. It was the area between Mill St. and Walnut St. and between Radcliffe St. and Pond Street. Burlington was founded four years before Bristol in 1677.

Clift obtained the right to establish the ferry between Bristol and Burlington. The ferry was very simply constructed and the operators of the boat used oars to propel the vessel. From 1681 until 1931 the ferry boats connected the two towns. With the opening of the present Burlington-Bristol bridge in 1931, the ferry was no longer needed. It should be added that there were various ferry connections between NJ and Bucks County including another at the north end of Bristol near the present Green Lane. Remember that

HAPPY BIRTHDAY BRISTOL (1681 - 2012) !!!

Basket Of Books

We are pleased to announce a new fundraising event at BCHF. We are holding a “Basket of Books” sale this coming Fall. BCHF would like your new and very gently used books. All types of books are welcome to cover every interest. We will take history, art, children’s, crafts, cook-books, novels and everything in between. In this day of e-books there are many of us who still love good “old fashioned” books!

We will have a few drop-off dates. The first will be Sunday, March 25th from 1 pm - 2 pm. This is prior to our Alice Roosevelt Longworth impersonator event. Please stay to hear Kim Hanley; she has portrayed several historically prominent women at BCHF in the past. The second date will be Sunday, August 5th at our Annual Peach Festival. Bring your books and stay to enjoy your dessert or purchase takeout.

If you would like, BCHF will also take your donations of new or very gently used baskets. We will post other drop-off dates.

If you have any questions please call Robin Butrey 215 788-4406, BCHF 215 781-9895, or contact us via our website: www.bristolhistory.org.

Keep the “Basket of Books” in mind for your Holiday 2012 gift giving.

the Native Americans used the river for their canoes as their main highway before the advent of European settlers.

To honor the memory of Clift, a small street along the river, perpendicular to Mill St., was renamed from Water St. to Samuel Clift St.

Transportation was soon very important to Bristol, not only by river but on land. The Provincial Council of Pennsylvania, meeting in Philadelphia on November 19, 1686, ordered the building of the King’s Highway. That road became the first public road to pass through Bucks County and was to connect Philadelphia and Morrisville via Bristol. There were only two towns in the province - Philadelphia and Chester; Bristol became the third. By 1705, Bristol became the seat of government for Bucks County. As the population in the county expanded northward, the county seat was moved to Newtown. By 1813 it was located more centrally in the county at Doylestown.

WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBER

Recently, Barbara Freer of Bristol was appointed to be a member of the Board of Directors of our organization. We welcome Barbara and look forward to working with her as a member of the Board.

3rd Annual Celebrate Art! Exhibition

March is the month to celebrate art - *new and historical!* Community art is celebrated at the Margaret R. Grundy Memorial Library, 680 Radcliffe Street, with the third annual exhibition titled, ***Celebrate Art!*** Join us beginning Sunday, March 11, 2012, from 1 - 4 pm, when the ***Artists of Bristol on the Delaware***, and students from the St. Mark Catholic School, Grundy Library Homework Center and Snyder-Girotti Elementary/Middle School open a three week long exhibition of their art. Following the Sunday reception, the exhibition continues during regular library hours. The exhibition’s historical highlight is the art rendered by Margaret R. Grundy. Scheduled for display are some of her drawings, paintings and sketches completed as an adult. Library hours are Monday to Wednesday 11:00 am to 8:00 pm and Thursday to Saturday 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. Further information can be obtained by calling the library at 215 788-7891, or online at www.grundylibrary.org

Bristol Riverside Theater - 2012

“Steel Magnolias” - - March 20 - April 8, 2012 / “Rent” - - May 8 - June 3, 2012

Phone 215 785-0100 for tickets, dates and additional information.

25th Anniversary - Congratulations, Bristol Riverside Theatre

From Out Of The Past

The following items were excerpted from **March 1942** issues of the BRISTOL COURIER.

3/2 - - AT STATION TO SEE BOYS LEAVE. There was a large group of relatives and friends at the P.R.R. station this morning to see those leaving to be inducted into the U.S. Army. A number of boys were taken to the station on the apparatus of the various fire companies of which they are members.

3/3 - - FLEETWINGS GIVES \$5,000 TO RED CROSS. Another Bristol industry has made a substantial contribution to the Red Cross war fund which is being raised for the benefit of the United States Armed Forces and for civilian relief.

NEW BLACKOUT RULES FOR VEHICLES GIVEN. Must Be Equipped with the Proper Masks for Headlights.

BIG ALUMNI COURT FRAY TO PRECEDE TITLE CONTEST. Old Grads of Bristol and Fallsington to Vie for Honors. An imposing array of former schoolboy basketball stars from Bristol and Fallsington will get an opportunity to relive some of the scenes of the past, Wednesday night in the local gymnasium. Some of the best basketball players in town were on Coach Clarence Bartholomew’s list Monday evening. Among those to be invited to compete for the “Bunnies” were: Ralph Cahall, Vince and “Buck” Profy, Bob Monti and Gusty Carnvala. Other outstanding players on the list were: Cappecci, Petrick, Sak, Lupkin, Pieo, Bill Mignoni, Howell and Fiorito

3/4 - - BRISTOL SCHOOL TEACHERS GET \$100 INCREASE IN THEIR SALARIES. Adds \$6,500 to Budget. Request by Teachers’ Ass’n Was for an Increase of \$200.

LECTURES FOR WARDENS AND EMERGENCY POLICE SCHEDULED. A series of two lectures for air raid wardens, emergency police and any others interested is scheduled to be held in Hibernian Hall, Corson Street, on March 9 and 16, from 7:30 until 9:30 p.m. The course is compulsory for all air raid wardens.

3/6 - - MILL STREET STORES TO CLOSE TWO EVENINGS. In order to conserve electricity for national defense and also to give employees more time for recreation, as well as protect the health of these employees by giving them shorter working hours, members of the Mill Street Business Men’s Ass’n have instituted a program whereby they hope all members will close on Tuesday and Wednesday evening during the entire year.

HELP WANTED: Exper. woman, for cooking and housework, no nights, sleep out, no laundry. Salary \$10. Phone Bristol 2127.

Colored Girls. With sewing experience on electric machines. Apply to Peerless Dress Factory, foot of High St., Burlington, NJ.

3/7 - - WILSON EMPLOYEES PURCHASE BONDS THROUGH PAYROLL PLAN. Employees of Wilson Distillery, Inc., are participating 100% in a voluntary payroll deduction plan for purchase of U.S. Defense Bonds.

“NOTICE . . . Due to Labor Conditions, the KEYSTONE RESTAURANT, Bath and Otter Streets, Will Close at 9 P.M. Each Evening, Except Friday and Saturday, when the Restaurant Will Be Open to 12 P.M. Beginning Sunday, March 8.”

3/10 - - ITALIAN SOCIETY MARKS ANNIVERSARY. Mutual Aid Society Organized Here 35 Years Ago. Celebration of the 35th anniversary of the founding of the Italian Mutual Aid Society was held Sunday in the lodge’s hall, Wood Street, and attended by over 200 members and guests. The only surviving one of the founders of the organization is Joseph Gilardi.

SEVEN WOMEN ARE EMPLOYED IN ROHM & HAAS PLANT. First Women to Work in Plant Proper Are in Plexiglas Dept. Seven young Bristol women are the first of a number of women employees to be engaged for actual production work at

the Rohm & Haas Chemical Company plant. The seven who commenced their duties yesterday morning, and others yet to be employed, are replacing men lost to the company through service in the U.S. Armed Forces, and are also being placed where they can suitably be assigned as the expansion program of the company calls for additional employees.

BRISTOL TO SUPPLY WATER TO GOV’T HOUSING PROJECT. Bristol Borough is going to furnish water to the United States Government for the 200 housing units which are now being erected on Beaver Dam Road for defense workers.

3/11 - - URGE PLANTING OF VEGETABLE GARDENS THAT AID WAR EFFORT. Victory Garden Committee Organized by Bucks County Defense Council. Because such a large percentage of the fruits and vegetables grown by commercial gardeners must go to the Army, the Navy and to the Allies abroad, it will be necessary for civilians to help in the production of their own foods. Advice will be given on planting is such is requested.

REQUEST BIDS FOR 300 BRICK HOUSES TO BE BUILT IN FOURTH WARD; EXPECT TO START WORK WITHIN ONE MONTH. Houses Are To Be Built in Rows on Land at Second and Third Avenues. 6 Rooms and Bath. The site selected is on land of the Bristol Development Co., between Beaver Street and Silver Lake.

3/13 - - STUDENTS HERE ARE MAKING MODEL PLANES FOR GOV’T. Will Be Used by Military Units to Instruct Anti-aircraft Gunners. Built to Scale. Government Will Supply the Templates and the Drawings. Bristol is one of the numerous high schools in the United States whose industrial arts students have been selected by government agencies to make models of United Nations and Axis planes.

FLEETWINGS REPLACES “DEFENSE” WITH “ATTACK”. From today on, Fleetwings, Inc., aircraft and aircraft parts manufacturers, will be known as an “attack plant” instead of a “defense plant.”

HELP WANTED - - MALE. Laborer. Work part time, couple of days per week. 50¢ an hour. Phone Bristol 2834.

3/18 - - FIRST DRAFT SERIAL NUMBER WHICH AFFECTS BRISTOL MAN IS THAT OF SAMUEL H. DIETRICK, SPRUCE ST. The first serial number of a Bristol man drawn in the first American wartime draft lottery of World War II, in Washington, last evening, was that of S.H. Dietrick, 626 Spruce Street.

“Opening Thursday, March 19. BOWEN’S RESTAURANT, Route No. 13, below Green Lane. Lunch and Dinner. Steaks, Chops, Oysters, Seafood.”

3/20 - - BRISTOL SAILOR TELLS GRAPHIC STORY OF HIS EXPERIENCES WHEN ABOARD DESTROYER AT PEARL HARBOR. Clothers Blown Off. Rendered Unconscious for a Time. Recuperating from wounds received during the initial Japanese raid on Pearl Harbor, 1st Class Machinist John J. Nelson, of the U.S. Navy, has arrived in Bristol to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Nelson, 712 Pine Street. The two pieces of shrapnel he received in his left leg have been removed, the 3rd degree burn on his left knee, and 1st and 2nd degree burns on his body are practically healed, but the Bristol sailor will never forget Sunday, December 7, the day he was “blown out of his clothes” and after a period of unconsciousness was forced to dive from the top of a dry-dock into the bay and swim for his life.

“BRISTOL, Bucks County’s Finest Theatre. Saturday, continuous from 1 P.M. Adults 20¢ plus tax, to 5 P.M. In these times of stress, relax at the movies. Five Big Attractions! Attraction No. 1 - “Harvard, Here I Come.” Attraction No. 2 - “Public Enemies.” Attraction No. 3 - “Calling All Tars,” a Bob *Continued on Page 6*

Creating History: the Life of Pearl S. Buck

One of Bucks County’s most famous citizens, author, activist and humanitarian Pearl Buck (*The Good Earth*) will be the topic of a program titled ***Creating History: the Life of Pearl S. Buck*** on Monday, March 19, 2012 beginning at 6:30 pm at the Margaret R. Grundy Memorial Library, 680 Radcliffe Street, Bristol. Conducting the media presentation on the legacy and dreams of Pearl S. Buck is Donna Carcaci Rhodes, curator of Green Hills Farm, the Pearl S. Buck National Historic Landmark Home.

Bronx Trippers

Here are two pieces of important information for those signed up for our April 17 bus trip to the Bronx:

- The departure point has been changed from the Mill Street parking lot to the Beaver Street side of the Grundy Recreation Center lot, 475 Beaver Street, opposite Snyder-Girotti School. The bus will leave at 8:30 a.m. sharp.
- Small coolers or insulated bags with dry ice are recommended for those planning to bring home some of the Italian specialties sold in the Arthur Avenue markets.

Welcome Everyone

As per a Board of Director’s request on February 9, 2011, the members of the Board asked that the membership be made aware that the Board meetings are held on the SECOND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH AT 7:30 p.m., 321 CEDAR ST., BRISTOL. These meetings are not closed meetings and are OPEN to members, guests and prospective members. Please come; you are invited to be recognized and contribute during the proceedings. The meetings are usually less than two hours in length. Please note that the Board does not meet in July or December.

From Out Of The Past . . . (Continued From Page 7)

Hope comedy. Attraction No. 4 - “Dick Tracy Vs. Crime Inc.” Attraction No. 5 - “Univ. of So. California Band & Glee Club.”

3/25 - - WOMEN BEING TRAINED IN AIRCRAFT WORK. Females Now Attending the Classes for Ten 40-Hour Weeks. Sheet-Metal Lessons. Classes for training women for production jobs at the expanding Fleetwing plant have started. Additional classes are being formed as rapidly as new candidates apply. The school is part of the vocational training system of the Bristol public school system. Classes for men over 18 years of age are also being held at the Fleetwing school and prospective students are constantly being added.

3/26 - - 972 CANS OF FOOD ARE “PAID” AS ADMISSIONS. At the “canned food” matinee held in the Bristol Theatre yesterday afternoon, the children of Bristol did their part for the Food Conservation Committee of the Bucks County Council of Defense. Ned Egnal, of the Bristol Theatre, made this possible by furnishing the films and the theatre free of charge. This food has been stored in Bristol in various buildings to be used in case of an emergency.

“Look Your Loveliest on Palm Sunday with the Latest in Spring and Easter Fashions from SMITH’S MODEL SHOP, 412-414 Mill Street. 3-Piece Suite - \$19.95 to \$33.50. Easter Hats -

Reservations for the program can be made online at www.grundylibrary.org or by calling 215 788-7891 ext. 5 or ext. 6.

Ms. Rhodes earned dual undergraduate degrees in Art History and Business; her graduate programs include art, history, religion and cultural studies. She has authored and lectured in museum studies, art history, and architecture. A former business owner and a life long native of Bucks County, Rhodes’ museum studies have included travel studies to 11 countries.

We Continue To Need Your Financial Support

Please mail your membership dues to P.O. Box 215, Bristol, PA. We thank you for your support. Membership dues help support the various activities we provide for the community and for the care of our historic headquarters. All workers for our organization are volunteers.

Dues are \$12.00 for an Individual / \$24.00 for a Family / \$50.00 for a Business.

Some Interesting Things That Relate To Alice Roosevelt

Probably the most interesting is the birth of Alice Roosevelt. The Roosevelt family was a wealthy family from New York City and Alice was born in New York City at 6 West 57th Street. Her father, Theodore Roosevelt (a New York State assemblyman), and her mother, Alice Lee Roosevelt, daughter of a wealthy Boston banker, were living in the Roosevelt family house. Theodore and Alice had been married in 1880 and their daughter Alice was born February 13, 1884.

When her father was contacted in the state capitol at Albany to tell him to come home as his wife was giving birth, he had no idea that his wife would soon die with kidney failure (at the time called Bright’s Disease). The next day (Valentine’s Day), his mother Mittie Bullock Roosevelt died in her bedroom at the family house of typhoid fever and Alice in her bedroom also died on that day. A combined funeral for both his mother and wife was conducted in New York City. He was crushed! When the funeral commitments were completed, he turned over the care of his new daughter, Alice, to his oldest sister, Anna (whom they called “Bamie”). Theodore left for several years to travel to North Dakota on land he owned and lead the life of a cowboy. Aunt “Bamie” had a great influence on his little girl, Alice. She was the one strong stabilizing influence on the child. When Theodore eventually did marry again (in 1886 in London to Edith Carow), Alice joined her father and new step-mother upon their return.



The First family on the portico of the White House in 1909 when the President was leaving office. The President and First Lady are in the center surrounded by their children. Alice is on the right standing next to her husband, Nicholas Longworth.

Theodore and Edith had five children (Theodore, Kermit, Ethel, Archie, and Quinton). Theodore went on to be New York City Police Commissioner, Governor of New York State, Assistant Secretary of the Navy and Vice President of the U.S. with William McKinley. With the assassination of President McKinley in 1901 at the Buffalo Fair, Roosevelt became the 26th U.S. President.

Alice had an excellent opportunity to meet many of the well-known people of politics and society and to travel extensively not only in Europe but also in Japan, China, Korea and the Philippines. She was treated royally and

was given many gifts in her travels.

In 1906, Alice was married in a ceremony in the White House to the 43rd Speaker of the House of Representatives, Nicholas Longworth of Cincinnati, Ohio. The couple moved to a house at 2009 Massachusetts Avenue, Washington, D.C. Nicholas was 14 years older than Alice. They raised one child, a daughter named Paulina Longworth was born in Chicago on February 14, 1925. Paulina died January 17, 1957. (Paulina was actually the biological daughter of Senator William Borah. This was admitted in a diary of Alice. In 1925, things like that were not discussed in the news media.)

Paulina Longworth had one daughter, Joanna, born in 1946. Joanna married Alexander McCormick Sturm. Joanna lived with her grandmother from the time she was 10 until the passing of Alice on February 20, 1980 at the age of 96 in Washington, D.C. Alice was buried in Rock Creek Cemetery in Washington.

It is interesting to note that Alice survived all of her step - siblings. Her brother Quentin was a pilot and was killed behind German lines in 1918 in World War One.

Nicholas Longworth died in 1931. Alice’s father, former President Theodore Roosevelt, died in 1919. Former First Lady, Edith Roosevelt lived until 1948. Theodore Roosevelt was also a distant cousin of both Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt and escorted Eleanor down the aisle at the church on her wedding day.

Alice was very unconventional and at times controversial. Fortunately for Alice, her step-mother recognized that as a young person she probably had a mild form of polio and insisted on exercise and much physical therapy. This is said to have helped her greatly in recovery and enabled her to walk much better in her adult life.

Theodore once told someone something to the effect that he could either “get better control of Alice or run the country; he was not able to do both.”

Alice was a frequent guest at the White House with both Republican and Democrat Presidents. With her social and political stature in the Washington, D.C. community, Alice was often referred to as the “Other Washington Monument.”



Alice Roosevelt taken in 1903 when her father was President

Historic Bristol
Day Report

The 2012 Historic Bristol Day Committee has been formed and is actively engaged in making October 20th a day for all to enjoy. The committee, which is comprised of over twenty people, has been divided into subcommittees such as children’s activities, fund raising, transportation, entertainment and many other necessary components needed to plan a successful day.

This year the historical emphasis is on the Harriman District which was created for ship building in 1917. It was annexed as a part of the borough in 1922. In that short period of time, the whole complexity of Bristol was changed and enhanced. The committee hopes to bring that rich history to life as we plan to provide narrated trolley tours to the area, pointing out sites of interest. You might even hear some voices of the past as they relate their experiences. Of course, the traditional market day held on Radcliffe Street will not be neglected so plan on spending a fun-filled and educational day with us on next Oct. 20th.

Historic Bristol Day Update

Dear Members,

We are in the early stages of planning 2012 **Historic Bristol Day** to be held on **October 20th**. Now in its 36th year, this day has evolved into a significant event for the Bucks County Community, attended by hundreds of people. BCHF, our all-volunteer organization, is asking you for a donation to make this annual event a very special community celebration.

As in past years there will be open houses, trolley tours, a craft and vendor area, art and historic exhibits, and of course children’s activities and entertainment all designed to make HBD a memorable event.

This year we are pleased to announce that we are showcasing the historic Harriman section as it celebrates its 90th anniversary of it annexation to Bristol.

In order to maintain the quality of entertainment, exhibits, etc. we need your support. Patrons will be listed in the Gazette as well as program literature. For planning purposes we would appreciate a donation as soon as possible.

Please send donations in care of **HBD Committee, PO Box 215, Bristol, PA 19007**. Please make check payable to **Bristol Cultural & Historical Foundation**.

Thank you for your support,
HBD Planning Committee

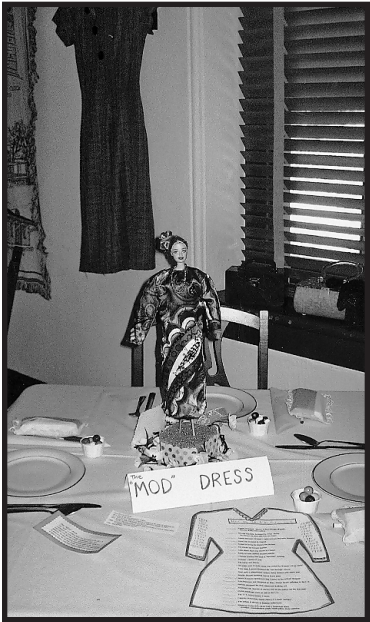
Some Interesting Facts About Harriman

- Starting with this issue and for the next several issues, there will appear questions about Harriman, a former community and presently part of Bristol Borough. A trolley tour of this section of the borough will be part of the Historic Bristol Day celebration on Saturday, October 20, 2012.
1. How did Bristol’s Harriman section get its name?
 2. During which 20th century war did the shipyard along Radcliffe St. operate?
 3. Which kind of ships were built at the Merchant Shipyard at Harriman, military vessels or transport ships?
 4. What form of public transportation could carry workers from Mill St. to the shipyard?
 5. People from NJ also worked at the shipyard. What form of public transport did they use to get to work?
 6. Prior to the shipyard and the development of Harriman, a small community was located on what was to become Hayes, Cleveland and McKinley Sts. What products did they manufacture on the 80 acres along the river?
 7. When Harriman was planned, some people said the main thoroughfare through the village reminded them of the keel of a ship. What name was give to this street?
 8. Throughout Harriman, what kind of names were mostly used for the street names?
 9. Harriman had some municipal services including a police headquarters, fire station and post office. Along what street were these facilities located?
 10. A 500-room hotel was built on Farragut Ave. extending from Jackson St. to Garfield St. Although never filled to capacity, it served visitors and workers. What was the hotel’s name.

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“A Fashionable Tea” Sunday, Feb. 12 at BCHF Headquarters

The Bristol Cultural and Historical Foundation extends sincere thanks to Carol Mitchener and the many volunteers who shared their time and talent to make this year’s Tea such an enjoyable and financially successful event.



Tables were decorated in some of the fashion trends of the 20th Century



Shannen Kathleen Gora (far left), niece of BCHF member Nancy Doyle, and Ways & Means committee member Susan Swift (abovd) showcased some fashions of the past century.



Above: The dessert table was filled with a variety of sweets. Below: Tea chairlady Carol Mitchener (back to camera) welcomed the 62 attendees

Answers to Harriman Questions

1. From Averell Harriman, administrator of the shipyard at Harriman
2. World War One
3. Transport ships
4. Electric trolley cars
5. Regularly scheduled ferry boat
6. Metal pipes
7. Wilson Avenue
8. Names of U.S. Presidents
9. Farragut Avenue
10. Victory Hotel

