

The PARSIPPANONG PHOENIX

The Parsippany Historical & Preservation Society Newsletter



Presidents Message

Harvest time, the busiest season for farmers and us. Now that our “Pathways of History” event is over, we will have a good amount more to accomplish. But first, I want to thank all our volunteers for their work and devotion for the event. And not just for the 2 days we opened the “Old Littleton Schoolhouse,” but for the MANY hours it took to present this display. There were over 50 visitors to the schoolhouse, which is 10 times more than would have attended if we weren’t part of the tour. “Pathways” has been a very successful event for all the historical societies involved. It has now also been highly recognized by the State.

We have been asked by the “Parsippany Women’s Club”, to share their membership drive on November 9th, to which we have accepted. Please try to get a new member to join. Next, will be our flea market, to be held at the Smith/Baldwin House on Nov. 16th and 17th. A 7 ft. sale space is \$15 for members, \$20 for the public. Please email me by Oct. 18 at Rtortorello@parsippany.net, if you want a space. We will supply chairs.

The last event will be, “Old Dutch Christmas” at the Parsippany Historical Museum on Dec. 7th, 8th, 14th and 15th. The DeGelleke family lived in the house from 1910 until 1976, when it was sold to the Township by Alethea DeGelleke. We will be celebrating the Holiday season at the house, decorated for the 1920 Christmas season, with Sinterklass and the DeGelleke’s. There will be Dutch food and desserts as well as a display of Delftware, throughout the house. This event will be directed towards children, so bring them along! **Randy Tortorello President PHPS**

Message from the Trustees

Our 2019 year is coming to an end. The Society still has many events planned. We end the year with our annual holiday party. We have 60 members and that number has held over the past years. We are looking for more of our members to take an active role in developing our programs and events. In the beginning of January, we set our calendar for the coming year. Please consider taking an active part in this process. If you wish to participate contact Randy Rtortorello@parsippany.net, Barbara 201-519 4412 or Mary 973 887 0662.



Parsippany Historical and Preservation Society Up Coming Events



Traditional Ethnic Foods of Society members.

October 16th Time 7PM Smith/Baldwin House 460 South Beverwyck Road

Bring a dish your grandmother made or a dessert

Membership Drive Nov. 9th Time 11AM to 3PM

Smith/Baldwin House 460 South Beverwyck Road

Joint membership drive with the Parsippany Women’s Club and the Historical Society

Flea Market November 16th 9AM to 4PM & 17th 9AM to 3PM

Smith/Baldwin House 460 South Beverwyck Road



Contact Randy at rtortorello@parsippany.net for spaces before October 18th

Come and Celebrate the Feast of St. Nickolas / Sinterklass
with A Traditional Dutch Christmas celebrated by the DeGellekes Family.

Saturday & Sunday December 7th & 8th, Time 11AM to 3PM and

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Parsippany Historical Museum (Bowlsby/DeGelleke House at 320 Baldwin Road)

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Holiday Party Thursday December 12th Time 6:30PM

Smith / Baldwin House, 460 South Beverwyck Road.

Cost is \$20.00 per person.

RSVP to Barbara Seaman 201-519-4412 by Dec 6th.

