

The PARSIPPANONG PHOENIX

The Parsippany Historical & Preservation Society Newsletter



A Message from Officers and Trustees



In reviewing the past year our Society has had great success. Our programs and events, particularly our Pathways exhibit at the Littleton Schoolhouse were enjoyed by all. Thanks to Barbara Seaman and Mary Purzycki for all the work they put into our programs. The programs were well received with an average of 20 members attending. Our Pathway of History Weekend in September reviewed our five years of participation with displays from each year. We thank all who gave their time to the preparation and the weekend. A big thanks to Barbara and Katie Ries for planning and organizing the celebration of the Feast of St. Nickolas/Sinterklass weekends. Thanks to Randy for all the work he did for our Flea Market in November.

Our Society depends on membership. **Please** renew and recommend your friends and family to join the Society. The membership form for 2020 is included. Please renew early. To make the year 2020 a success we encourage all members to become actively involved.

Happy Holidays to all and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

December Special Event: The celebration of Saint Nicholas Day

Come and enjoy a 1920 traditional Dutch Christmas with the DeGelleke family. Learn the legend of St Nicholas read by Sinterklass himself and why children leave their shoes by the fireplace on the eve of Saint Nicholas.

The museum will be filled with period decorations and traditional Dutch foods candies and desserts. Our display will be of dishes, bowls and silver from Holland along with a vintage mask of Zwarte Pirten.

We encourage all to attend and bring your families and children. They will enjoy this event. See the back of the Phoenix.

Holiday Party Thursday December 12th 6:30 PM

Our Annual Holiday Party will be again at the Smith / Baldwin House. The cost will be \$20.00 per person. Please make Checks payable to Parsippany Historical & Preservation Society. You can pay in advance or at the door. Must RSVP to Barbara Seaman 201-519-4412 by December 6th.

Sinterklaas

Saint Nicholas Day

The Patron Saint of Children

December 6th

The real man behind Sinterklaas was Saint Nicholas who was known for giving anonymous gifts to help those in need. Children left their boots in front of the fireplace for Sinterklaas to fill. Each child received a quarter to signify the money Saint Nicholas left and healthy treats such as nuts, chocolate and an orange - Saint Nicholas's favorite fruit. The candy cane represented the staff Saint Nicholas carried on his rounds. The children, in turn, often left carrots as legend had it that Sinterklaas arrived by horse.



Come celebrate a traditional Dutch Christmas. The Feast of St. Nickolas (Sinterklass). Celebrated by the DeGellekes Family.

**Saturday & Sunday December 7th & 8th, Time 12 AM to 3 PM and
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Museum (Bowsby/DeGelleke House at 320 Baldwin Road)



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Smith / Baldwin House, 460 South Beverwyck Road.

Cost is \$20.00 per person.

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Do you know your Roots?

Buon Natale

Feliz Navidad

Gledelig Jul

Happy Hanukkah

Joyeux Noël

Merry Christmas

Nollaig Shona Duit

Frohe Weihnachten

Veselobo Rizdva

Zalig Kerstmis

Wesołych Świąt Bożego Narodzenia