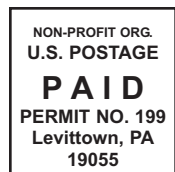




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BE SURE TO CHECK THE PLANS FOR TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES

During the past years, BCHF has sponsored many trips, both domestic and foreign, of one-day duration and trips that last a week or more. Be sure to read about the trips that have been planned for this year and check the dates carefully. BCHF would very much like to host you on one or more of these well-planned adventures.

Travel Update

As expected, our Sept. 12 bus trip to the 9/11 Memorial, Little Italy and the Highline Park in New York City was an early sellout. For those who didn't get their phone call in soon enough, a waiting list is being taken by Ellanna Delaney (215 788-4138).

At the time of this writing, space was available on the Sunday, **June 2**, bus trip to **"Steamin' Days"** at Auburn Heights, DE. In addition to touring the Marshall Family's antiques-filled, Victorian mansion, we'll have the opportunity of visiting the Marshall Steam Museum which features the world's largest operating collection of steam vehicles, a 1930s working Lionel electric train display, vintage music machines, and more. Our admission also includes rides on the Auburn Valley Railroad and in select antique automobiles from the Marshall collection. 9:30 a.m. is the departure time from Bristol, with an estimated return time of 6:00 p.m. A sit-down lunch at Six

Paupers Restaurant in Hockessin, DE, is included in the trip cost of \$80 per BCHF adult member, \$85 per adult non-member, and \$75 per child through age 12. Contact Helen Younglove at 215 788-9408 for a trip flyer /reservation form. **Reservation deadline is Friday, April 26.**

In last month's GAZETTE, a bus trip to the **Fairmount Park Holiday House Tour** was mentioned. The Ways & Means Committee has now booked this for Friday, December 6, leaving Bristol at 9 a.m. and returning by 6 p.m. The itinerary will include a sit-down luncheon at the Waterworks and tours of Mount Pleasant and Strawberry Mansion, plus Belmont Mansion which is an underground railroad museum. Cost is \$90 for BCHF members and \$93 for non-members. Reservation information will be provided in a future issue of the GAZETTE. **Hold the date!**

BCHF Calendar of Events for 2013

MAY - 5/19 - 23 Bus trip to Charleston, SC. City tour, plantation & gardens tour, harbor cruise & visit to Fort Sumter. free time in Charleston City Market. Lodging, 4 breakfasts, 2 full-course dinners. \$470 pp double, \$450 pp triple, \$615 single. Call 215 788-9408 re current availability

JUNE - Sunday, 6/2. Bus trip to "steamin' Days" at Auburn Hgts., DE. Admission to mansion, steam museum, steam train & antique auto rides, demos & lunch. \$80/BCHF adult member, \$85/non-member, \$75/child. Call 215 788-9408 for flyer/reservations.

JUNE - Sunday, 6/30, 1 - 6 PM. BCHF sales & info table at Annual Celtic Day sponsored by Celtic Heritage Fdn., Lions Park, Bristol. 215 788-5232 for info.

AUGUST - Sunday, 8/4, between 2 & 5 PM at BCHF. Annual Peach Social. Angel food cake topped with NJ peaches & ice cream, plus beverage. Takeouts available; bring container. Baked goods table. \$5/adult; \$3 under age 12. **BENEFITS BCHF AWARDS TO BRISTOL HIGH GRADUATES.**

SEPTEMBER - Thurs., 9/12. Bus trip to NYC incl. 9/11 Memorial, free time and lunch in "Little Italy" for annual San

Gennaro Festival, visit High Line Park. \$90/BCHF member; \$95/non-member. **WAITING LIST BEING TAKEN AT 215 788-4138.**

OCTOBER - 10/5 - 13. Avalon Waterways' "Romantic Rhine" river cruise from Basel, Switzerland to Amsterdam, Holland. Call 215 788-9408 for info.

OCTOBER - Saturday, 10/19, 10 AM - 4 PM. 37th Annual Historic Bristol Day, spotlighting the Delaware Canal. Details to follow. Fee for house tour and tea.

NOVEMBER - Wed., 11/20, 7 p.m. BCHF's annual business meeting, incl. election of Board members, followed by program and refreshments. BCHF headquarters. Free. Call 215 781-9895 for info.

DECEMBER - 12/6, Bus trip to Fairmount Park Holiday Houses + Belmont Mansion and sit-down lunch. \$90/BCHF member; \$93/non-member. Call 215 788-9408 for flyer/reservations.

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

Bristol Riverside Theater - 2013

"Pirates of Penzance" - March 19 thru April 28, 2013 / "Inherit the Wind" - May 21 thru June 9, 2013
Phone 215 785-0100 for tickets, dates and additional information.

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JUNE WILL SOON BE HERE

It is in the June issue of THE GAZETTE that the names of the people who have paid membership dues are listed. Be sure to have your name included and help us with the financial responsibilities involved in the operation of our organization. We welcome your paid membership. Thanks in advance to all who have paid for the year 2013.

Gratitude Extended

The Bristol Cultural and Historical Foundation extends its sincere gratitude to BCHF member **Dave McGlynn** for setting up the chairs/tabs whenever a program or special event is scheduled in our historic headquarters.

We are also extremely grateful to our **faithful volunteers** and **financial supporters** who continually respond “YES” when asked for help - - whether it be serving on a committee, staffing an event, furnishing a refreshment, performing any of th myriad tasks required during the year, and/or providing monetary support.

It’s probably not said often enough, but it’s meant most sincerely. . .

THANK YOU!

Planning for Historic Bristol Day 2013 Is Well on Its Way

The committee chair people, Kathy Barniskis and Jan Ruano, have conducted several meetings to date and soon you will be learning much more about this day on the third Saturday of October. The theme this year involving the Delaware Canal in Bristol has been selected and research continues on that subject.

A watercolor by Bristol artist, Joseph Sagolla, has

Looking Back Approximately One-Hundred Years

When William Howard Taft, the 27th U.S. President (1909-1913) was in office, prices were considerably different. One of the most noticeable was the cost involved with the automobile. Since the private car was very new, fuel to power it was usually purchased at a pharmacy. In the 45 states that made up our nation at that time, there were only 8,000 cars and not much more than 155 miles of paved roads. In most cities, the average speed was 10 miles per hour. (Horse and wagon was the chief form of privately-owned transportation.)

In 1910, the average wage per hour was 22 cents and most workers were earning between \$200 and \$400 per year. One of the professions that paid much more was that of the mechanical engineer (average about \$5000 per year).

Physicians were not required to attend college. (Only about 10 percent had a college degree). Many attended the so-called medical schools and these were condemned

Farms Once Surrounded Bristol Borough

In the 1950’s when most of the farms were sold to William Levitt and other builders, the adjacent lands around Bristol became residential and commercial. One of the men who was engaged in farming and dairying in Bristol Township was Robert B. King. For many years he served the town and region as a farmer; however, he then moved to 117 Mulberry St. in Bristol Borough.

He became a member of American Hose Hook and Ladder Co. No. 2 and attended the Bristol Presbyterian

Celtic Music Program



On Sunday, March 10 Tom and Marianne Tucker entertained with a variety of Celtic songs and musical instruments

been completed and this years’ painting includes the Delaware Canal. Tickets for the raffle for this painting will soon be available. The drawing will take place at the end of Historic Bristol Day, October 19, 2013.

Be sure to reserve the date on your calendar and join the many people who will participate.

Out Of The Past

The following items were excerpted from **April 1963** issues of THE BRISTOL COURIER.

4/1 - - 28 RAINBOW GIRLS HOLD LILY PARADE.Twenty-eight members of the Order of Rainbow for Girls will hold lily parades Friday and Saturday in shopping areas of Bristol for the Easter Seal campaign of the Society for Crippled Children and Adults. Mrs. Helen S. Lynn, mother advisor, of 312 Mill St., is chairman of the event.

63 COMPETE IN KART RACE. A full race program was run off yesterday at the Bristol Kartway, with a total of 63 karst competing. This was 15 more than the 48 which raced last week. Races are held at the Bristol Kartway each Sunday at 2 p.m., weather permitting.

“Prom Dresses - Sheaths & Bouffants. BRIDAL CENTER, 700 Pond Street.”

4/3 - - BRISTOL HIGH STUDENTS WILL PRESENT RECITAL. Bristol High School students will present a recital of classical and contemporary music in the high school auditorium on Thursday night. The students taking part are: Mary Frances Asta, James Barthold, Beverly Buck, Karen Carlson, Candy Cole, Darla Fairinger, Christine, Cynthia, Celeste and Chernow Favata, Melinda Giordano, Kathleen Nicoletti, Cheryl Ryan and Claire Schmidt.

GLAUCOMA CLINIC SLATED FOR BRISTOL. On Saturday, the Bristol Lions Club and the Bucks County Association for the Blind will sponsor a special glaucoma clinic at the Bristol workshop of the Blind Association 635 Bath Stret, from 3 to 6 p.m. Free transportation will be provided from Wood & Mill Sts. during the afternoon. The tests will be carried out by Dr. Alvin Smith and Dr. Marvin Radloff.

D'ANGELO RESIGNS AS COACH. “Chic” to Stay as Athletic Director. The Courier-Times learned last night that Anthony “Chic” D’Angelo has resigned as basketball coach at Bristol High Shool. As of the moment, no successor has been named for the coaching job.

“LANZA’S BAKERY features Italian Easter Bread.Call ST 8-7944. Sorry, no delivery.”

4/8 - - BRISTOL BOROUGH SCHOOL SUPPLEMENT. Today’s special magazine supplement in the Courier-Times is devoted to the Bristol Borough school system. The supplement is the fifth of an unusual series on Lower Bucks County educational processs. Content is prepared by school administrative and faculty people themselves.

BRISTOL GRADS IN COLLEGES. Approximately 30 per cent of the seniors at Bristol High School continue their eduction after graduation. 2 per cent of these students attend four-year colleges. In the 1961-62 school year, Bristol had a 100 per cent college placement of those seniors desiring to attend college and for the present year, 98 per cent of those applying have been accepted in the college or university of their first choice.

1725 BRISTOL STUDENTS SIGN, PERFORM AND LISTEN. All pupils in the Bristol Borough schools are part of the musical program through singing, performing or listening experiences.

“All Mill Street Stores Are Open Every Evening This Week! Excepting Saturday Night. Win a live pony this Saturday. Drawing at 5 p.m. in font of Premier Jewelry Store.”

4/9 -- “ROBERT HALL Easter Week Specials for Boys & Girls! Girls’ New Spring Hats - \$9.8 to \$12.89. Boys’ Ivy and Continental Spring Suits - \$14.95. Free alterations in time for Easter, plus free alterations as he grows! Rt.U.S. 13, just north of Rt. 413, Bristol.”

4/10 - - BRISTOL MAY JOIN BUCKS TECH SCHOOL. Students in te senior grades at Bristol High School may be able to attend Bucks County Technical School in 1965. To join, Bristol wil have to pay its share of the cos of building the school. This amounts to \$22,173.58, which will be paid over three years. In addition, Bristol will pay 4.4 per cent of the annual operating costs of the school, figure based upon the present secondary school enrollment in Bristol.

“Friedman Lingerie Easter Sale. Baby Doll P.J. - Was \$3.98, Now \$1.59. Pop Over P.J. - Was \$3.98, Now \$1.59. All perfect merchandise, no damages or irregulars. SOL FRIEDMAN & SONS, Canal & Dorrance Sts.”

“Dine Out This Easter at Picturesque Pennsbury! Full-course dinner. Baked Ham, \$3.50. Leg of Lamb, \$3.50. Roast Beef, \$3.50. PENNSBURY INN, Bordentown-Perry Rd., Morrisville. “Recommended by Ducas Hines.”

“A & P, 320 Pond St., Bristol . . . Baskets of Values for Easter

Feasters. Red Circle Coffee - 3 lb. bag \$1.71. Bake & Serve Rolls - 10 in bag, 29¢. Sultana Fruit Cocktail - three 30-oz. cans, \$1. Sunnybrook Fancy Creamery Butter - 1/4 lb. prints, 68¢. 12-14 lb. Smoked Hams - 43¢ lb.”

4/13 - - CHURCHES SET SPECIAL RITES TOMORROW. The fifth annual community Easter sunrise service will be held tomorrow at 6 a.m.in Bristol at the foot of Market Street, along the Delaware River. The public is invited to the service sponsored by the Bristol Presbyterian Church and the Bristol Methodist Church.

4/17- - SILVER LAKE PARK OFFERS BOATING. Silver Lake Park, located at Rt 13 at Bath Road, Lower Bucks County, is a beautiful green spot ideal for family picnics. Tables and fireplaces are available. Those who bring their own boats may enjoy boating on the lake. There is also a large Olympic-size swimming pool, flanked by wading and training pools, all supervised by trained lifeguards, and a ballfield is located at the southern tip of the park.

4/18 -- BRISTOL TO GET INDUSTRIAL CENTER. Hunter Plant Is Sold. The former Hunter-Wilson Co. Distillery on Green Lane has been sold to Eugene Kardon Enterprises, Inc., of Philadelphia, and will be developed as a multi-million dollar industrial center.

BRISTOL LIONS WILL DONATE BENCHES. The Bristol Lions Club will donate five park benches to the proposed Bristol waterfront park.

4/19 - - OLD KEENE HOME WON’T BE TORN DOWN. Escapes Being Park Lot. The site of the present Bristol Free Library will be used for a parking lot when the Margaret R. Grundy Library is built on Radcliffe Street. As a result, the historic Keene Home will not be torn down.

BRISTOL, DELHAAS NAME GRID COACHES. Two new head football coaches will be at the helm in Lower Bucks County next season: Ted Kowal at Bristol High School and Stan Lelinski at Delhaas.

“Come to Our Grand Opening, Monday, April 22! Continuous Entertainment. Filet Mignon Dinner, \$2.50. Bossa Nova every Friday - Arthur Murray Dancers. Bucks County’s Fashionable G L E N LAKE INN on Rt. 213 at U.S. Rt. 1, Langhorne, near Roosevelt Drive-In.”

4/23 - - TOM JUNO MEMORIAL FUND CAMPAIGN STARTS TOMORROW. “The Tom Juno Memorial Fund joins with the American Cancer Society Crusade in Bristol this year,” said Bristol Postmaster Lawrence Mulligan, chairman of the Bristol Crusade. “We feel that the friends of Tom Juno will want to make it a success.” Juno was assistant postmaster at Bristol and a sports writer for the Courier-Times.

CJA CHAIRMAN. Alan J. Vogenberg is chairman of the Pharmacists’ Division of the \$50,000 Combined Jewish Appeal being staged in Lower Bucks County. The CJA will hold its \$100 minimum dinner on Saturday night at the Temple Shalom, Edgely Road, Levittown.

4/25 - - THEY DREAM - AND PLAN - FOR BRISTOL’S FUTURE. Three years ago, five men sat down and each wrote a list of improvements they would like to see in Bristol Borough. From these lists and the discussion and work that have followed, has come a dream that is already being turned into a reality. The five men are members of the Bristol Borough Planning Commission. Here are some of the things they would like to see happen in Bristol in the future: **a waterfront park, a small boat marina, an Early American motif for the entire borough, the development of industrial parks within the borough so that small businesses would be more concentrated, large scale urban renewal plan over a course of years that will upgrade housing while still retaining the borough’s charm.**

4/30 - - HISTORIC BRISTOL CHARTER IS SOUGHT. An application has been filed with the Bucks County Court of Common Pleas for a charter for “Historic Bristol - on - Delaware” by the group recently formed to preserve and develop interest in the history of Bristol Borough. The organization is a non-profit group presided over by Bristol attorney Paul V. Forster. Its immediate objective is to secure the historic Keene Home on Radcliffe Street, both as an historic site and as a possible headquarters for the group. The aims beyond this are to stimulate interest in Bristol through gathering and displaying documents and other objects of historic interest. The group also hopes to assist in the preservation of the historic character of the borough.