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Remember this is our organization's 50th Birthday

On Sunday, April 30th from 3 to 5 pm BCHF has the annual tea. See report in this issue from Ways and Means Committee head - Kathy Barniskis.

On Thursday, May 11th, we have a Bus Trip to Baltimore, see calendar of events for 2017.

Baltimore is a place where many interesting things are located. (1) Camden Yards, home of the Baltimore Orioles baseball team. (2) Birthplace of Babe Ruth - it is now a museum. (3) Basilica of the National Shrine of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It was designed by well-known architect Benjamin Henry Latrobe and overseen by American's John Carroll, the neoclassical basilica had the cornerstone set in 1806 and its construction completed in 1821. This makes it the first Roman Catholic Cathedral in the United States. (4) Historic Westminster Hall and Cemetery. Poet Edgar Allen Poe

and James McHenry, U.S. Secretary of War (1797-1800) are buried here. Ft. McHenry - it was this fort that lawyer, Francis Scott Key wrote the words, "The Star Spangled Banner" which when put to music became the U.S. National Anthem, by an act of Congress in 1931.

James McHenry was an Irish-born American military surgeon and statesman. He was a delegate to the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia. It was at this star-shaped fort known for its role in the War of 1812, when it successfully defended the Baltimore Harbor from an attack by the British Navy - September 13-14, 1814. It was first built in 1798. (5) The U.S.S. Constellation Historic ship. This is the last all-sail ship built by the U.S. Navy and the only Civil War - era vessel still afloat.

President's

Corner

All at our 50th Anniversary party had a great time. The committee worked hard to make the event possible. Darlene Carry catered the food and as usual it was fantastic. Ceil Graff made handmade favors for everyone to take home. We showed a short slide presentation about events over the past fifty years. The weather report had us wondering if we would have to postpone but fortunately, that was not the case. Of course, some of this season's balmy weather would have been much nicer.

As the party was held near the deadline for entries of the Gazette we did not have time to post some pictures. Look for them in the next month's issue. For all of you who joined us on a cold and windy night, thank you.

There is a lot of excitement in Bristol these days due to the town winning the Small Town Business Revolution contest. Imagine, from fourteen thousand nominations of small towns across America, Bristol emerged the winner. The town is now eligible for a half million dollars in goods and services from the Deluxe Corporation to help improve the business climate of the town. Six businesses were chosen to be highlighted in a video series about Bristol. The series will be viewed by anyone with access to a computer or who subscribes to Hulu. I suppose we will not be able to say that our wonderful town is a best-kept secret any longer. I am hoping that our history will also be included in the series.

Jan Ruano

Bristol Cultural and Historical Foundation has been publishing THE GAZETTE in its present form for 35 years. We always try to not make errors in the printing. In the last several issues, Russell Angermann, a member of our Board of Directors, has noticed that there were mistakes which we had

not seen.

We want to thank Russell Angermann for finding those mistakes and hope to do better in the future.

THANK YOU RUSSELL ANGERMANN.

A Note from Ways and Means



Please check on the availability of tickets for our annual Spring Tea on Sunday, April 30th from 3 - 5 pm. Call Helen Younglove (215-788-9408) to reserve your seat for a wonderful way to spend a spring afternoon

with your friends. Enjoy traditional tea fare, raffles, and flower arranging demonstrations. Ticket price is \$20.00. Doors will open at 2:30.

As always, if you are interested in joining our Ways & Means Committee, please call Kathy Barniskis (215-943-0258).

OUT OF THE PAST

The following items were excerpted from **APRIL 1917** issues of **BRISTOL COURIER**.

4/2 - **THE WEATHER**. Threatening with rain tonight. Tuesday colder and probably fair.

"**BILL**" **WILL BE COOKER**. "Bill" is the new musical comedy that is being rehearsed every afternoon and evening by one hundred of Bristol's best musical talent, under the direction of Leo McDonald. The musical comedy is being presented at the Forrest Theatre on April 11 and 12 for the benefit of the Bucks County Firemen's Convention, which will be held in June next. Tickets are 50¢, 75¢, and \$1.00.

NO. 2 SUPPER WAS SUCCESS. Over 600 Were Fed. The supper given Saturday in Pythian Hall, for the benefit of America Hose, Hook and Ladder Company, No. 2, was the largest affair of its kind ever held in Bristol.

"Good Variety of Wines and Liquors. Domestic and Imported. Only the Best Carried. J.M. WINDER, 328 Mill St."

4/5 - **MAUNDY THURSDAY IS OBSERVED BY CHURCHES**. Pupils of St. Mark's Parochial School Form Beautiful Procession; Girls Clad in White.

FOR RENT. Desirable residence on Radcliffe Street along river bank. All modern conveniences including hot water heat. \$60 per month. One residence on Jefferson Avenue at \$16 per month. Inquire of Ellis E. Ratcliffe, Agent.

TOWN & COUNTRY;

The average attendance of the girls in the Seventh Grade, Bath Street school building, during the month ending April 3rd, was 99 and one-sixth per cent.

On Monday afternoon, a meeting of the Bristol Chapter, Pennsylvania Division of Women for National Preparedness, will meet in the high school building.

A marriage license has been issued to Robert C. Weik and Bertha Argust, both of Bristol.

Flags are permanently displayed in the windows of the high school building. Wood and Mulberry Streets. A pupil stands at the entrance to the school building with an American flag as the other pupils enter and leave the building.

4/6 - **WED IN M.E. CHURCH**. An attractive wedding was held in the Methodist Episcopal Church last night when Howard W. Coombs and Miss Nellie H. Updike, both of Bristol, were united in marriage by the Rev. L.P. Karholsen, pastor of the church. Miss Updike wore a traveling dress of silver blue taffeta and a white hat.

NO BASEBALL IN STREETS. Police Dept. Will Enforce Ordinance. Offenders Will Be Arrested. Complaints are being received at the office of the Daily Courier about boys playing in the streets of the borough and on the vacant lots, and the boys even encrouch on private lawns in the upper section of the town.

CROSS BUNS IN DEMAND. All Bristol had hot cross buns today, according to local bakers Theodore Gratz and Axel Swain. Both Bristol bakers said they had sold more hot cross buns today than ever before.

4/9 - **CHURCHES OBSERVE EASTER**. Patriotism Feature of Sermons of All the Pastors of the Churches. A number of the churches had the American flag interwoven with the display of Easter flowers, which was a sight seldom seen in the churches.

GUARDS HAVE STORMY NIGHT. It was a dreary Easter day for the members of the National Guard stationed at the various bridges along the New York division of the Pennsylvania Railroad. The guards were chilled by a biting wind and a blinding snowstorm. A guard is now doing duty at the Bristol Station of the railroad to break up the practice of loungers in the passenger station.

AN EASTER BLIZZARD. The heaviest snowstorm of the season visited Bristol last night and topped off an Easter day. Ten and one-half inches of snow fell between 8 o'clock last night and 7 this morning.

4/12 - **FIVE RECRUITS FOR UNCLE SAM**. Recruiting in Bristol at the office of the United States Army, in the Forrest block, is on the jump. The appeal of the recruiting officers in yesterday's Daily Courier for those who would volunteer the use of their automobiles, along with

a driver, to get in recruits from all sections of Bucks County met with a hearty response.

FIRST SHAD OF SEASON. The first shad of the season was caught this morning at about 3 o'clock by Swangler Brothers, Joseph Fox and Daniel Bradley. The men were fishing off Bristol and captured a big roe shad which tipped the scales at Fox's Fish Market at 6 1/2 pounds. The price asked for the shad was \$2.50.

4/14 - **BRISTOL SOLDIER DROWNED**. Thomas E. Flannigan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Flannigan of Lafayette Street, was drowned in the Delaware River late yesterday afternoon while doing patrol duty as a member of the National Guard at the Pennsylvania Railroad bridge which crosses the Delaware at Bridesburg. The accident occurred when the small boat in which he and another Guardsman were riding was swamped by the swell from a passing steamer near the drawbridge.

WANTED:

Good girls for sewing; also learners taken. **BRISTOL OVERALL COMPANY**, 410 Mill Street.

White girl for chamber work and waiting. Apply Miss Frances Landreth, 628 Radcliffe Street.

4/16 - **METHODISTS OFFER CHURCH TO UNCLE SAM**. The Methodist Episcopal Church of Bristol is the first church in Bucks County to be offered to the United States Government for war purposes, if necessity demands. The pastor has also offered his service to Uncle Sam as chaplain.

"**TOWNSEND'S VELVET ICE CREAM** is the best made in Bucks County. Flavors made from fresh fruits. Prompt attention and best service in our cafe, both day and night. 227-229 Mill St."

4/18 - **BRISTOL'S CHIEF BURGESS ISSUES PROCLAMATION**. Chief Burgess Thomas Scott issued a proclamation today in order to assure all foreign residents of Bristol that they need have no fear as to any infringement of their rights, so long as they act in a peaceful manner and conduct themselves in a law abiding way.

4/23 - **FIRST SERVICE BY LUTHERANS**. The first religious service of the English Lutherans was held on Sunday morning in Pythian Hall. So far about 80 persons have promised to become members of the church.

4/24 - **HEBREWS TO BUILD CHURCH**. Bristol Hebrews are planning the building of a synagogue here in which they can worship. A preliminary meeting was held Sunday at the home of A. Hoffman, 234 Mill Street. Contributions were received amounting to about \$500.

TOWN & COUNTRY:

Both the Bell Grocery Stores and the stores operated in Bristol by Childs Company are now operating under the new American Stores Company.

One of the milk delivery wagons of Dr. E. J. Laing was broken in half yesterday when a horse became frightened and started to run away.

4/25 - **H.S. BOYS PRODUCE FOOD**. 89 per cent of the Bristol High School boys are engaged in producing food material. Some of the boys are farm boys, but 36 town boys have garden plots.

R.C. WORKERS VERY BUSY. The women of the Bristol Chapter of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Chapter, Red Cross, are making garments and doing other work for the benefit of our soldiers.

4/26 - **TWO ITALIAN BOYS ENLIST**. Richard Puchino and Louis Spinelli Go into Infantry Service. Boys of American parents are slow in joining the colors. Out of the 24 enlistments here, but three are native American born boys.

"**BRADY'S Special Prices**. Doz. Fancy Sunkist Oranges - 22¢. Large Tin Good Salmon - 12¢. Buckwheat or Pancake Flour - 7¢. Large Can Baked Beans - 12¢. Brady's Banquet Coffee - 19¢ lb. Jello Powder - 8¢. **ARTHUR P. BRADY**, Jefferson Ave. & Wood St."

4/30 - **CHILDREN DELIGHTED**. Miss Mary Gilkeson entertained the children at the last story-telling hour of the present season at the Bristol Free Library on Saturday morning.

Come Help The Grundy Museum Celebrate Their Golden Anniversary 1967-2067

UNDER GLASS: A VICTORIAN OBSESSION
Tuesday, April 18, 2017, 6:30 pm

John Whitenight will explore the role that natural history played in the everyday lives of people with this program that investigates the 19th century obsession with the natural world. It was a time when cabinets of curiosities were assembled by gentlemen naturalists and collectors.

There will be a book signing to follow the presentation.

Grundy Library, 680 Radcliffe Street, Bristol, PA. FREE.
Space is limited, Registration required. Register at www.grundylibrary.org.

Old-Time Picnic on the Delaware

Saturday, May 20, 2017, 11 am - 3 pm

The public is invited to bring a picnic basket, blanket, or lawn chairs, and enjoy an old-time summer picnic on the Grundy campus. Live music, lawn games, cake & ice cream, pony rides, and make it-take it activities along with How-To demonstrations.

Grundy Museum and Library riverfront park, 610-680 Radcliffe Street, Bristol, PA. FREE.

No registration required.

We hope to see you at these events, when GRUNDY MUSEUM celebrates their GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY 1967-2017.

Trip Talk

Historic Baltimore, May 11 - See "Calendar of Events," elsewhere in this issue, for trip details. As of this writing, only a few remain. Call Ellanna Delaney at 215-788-4138 to check on current availability.

Hudson River Valley of New York, October 4-6 - See "Calendar of Events" for trip details. Helen Younglove began taking reservations on March 1 and reports that the bus became nearly half-filled by the end of that week. Don't miss out on what should be a very pleasurable and informative trip! Contact Helen at 215-788-9408 for a detailed flyer and reservation form. A deposit of \$200 per person will secure your reservation. The balance is not due until August 15.

Philadelphia, November 29 - You won't want to miss the only East Coast stop of "Terracotta Warriors of the First Emperor," on loan to the Franklin Institute from the People's Republic of China. Our itinerary will begin with a visit to the Irish Memorial in Philadelphia, followed by a 3-course luncheon at Spasso Italian Grill. From there, the bus will head to the Franklin Institute. The admission ticket will allow you to visit other areas of the Institute, after viewing the special exhibit. The all-inclusive cost of the trip is \$98 for BCHF members and \$100 for non-members. Sue Watkins (215-781-8591) will have the flyer/reservation form available for distribution the week of April 17. Because of the expected demand for this exhibit, we will have to close reservations on August 30.

Mary A. Wilkinson

The Margaret R. Grundy Memorial Library in Bristol opened in 1966 along the Delaware River on Radcliffe Street at Dorrance Street.

The Bristol Free Library on Dorrance Street, was the library location prior to the opening of the Grundy Library.

That building had been built c. 1917 and was the project of Joseph R. Grundy. The portion closer to Radcliffe Street was for the Bristol Free Library. The portion closer to Cedar Street was used by the Red Cross. The building was removed when the Margaret R. Grundy Library opened in 1966. That land is now the parking lot for the new library.

One of the paid librarians at that location was Mary A. Wilkinson. Miss Wilkinson was born in Lahaska, PA, in 1872. She came to Bristol at the age of 3. She lived at 309 Radcliffe Street and later moved to 1115 Radcliffe Street. Her education included being graduated from Bristol High School, when it was located at the corner of Wood Street and Mulberry Street. Her college education included Temple University and the University of Pennsylvania.

She became a teacher in 1900 in Bristol's Schools. She was a teacher in the following schools: Wood Street, Washington Street, Beaver Street, Jefferson Avenue and Harriman, after it was annexed to the Borough in 1922; she taught at the Harriman building on Wilson Avenue and Garfield Street.

One of the most unusual teaching jobs Miss Wilkinson had was teaching in the William H. Grundy Co. building from 1917-1921. This was under the supervision of the Bristol School District. School age children were hired in many factories and the Grundy family insisted that the children working for them in their mill on Jefferson Avenue and Canal Street have a basic education.

Miss Wilkinson helped raise funds for the new gymnasium at the High School in the mid 1920s.

In 1943, Miss Wilkinson retired from teaching in the Bristol Schools. She was hired as librarian for the Bristol Free Library and retired as librarian in 1953. She died in 1960.



Robert Herjavec

It is because of the business organization, the Herjavec Group, that Bristol was awarded the half-million dollars for improving six businesses. The money is not given to the business but what it does is pay for people to advise on how to improve and promote the business.

Robert Herjavec was born September 14, 1962. A native of Varazdin, Croatia, he moved to Halifax, Canada after living and working on a farm with his family. While spending his youth in the relative middle class, he gained admission to the University of Toronto where he graduated with a double degree in political science and English.

He holds a Croatian and Canadian citizenships. As of June of 2016, his net worth is listed as one billion dollars.

His permanent home is Bridle Path, Ontario, Canada. He has been married twice. The first marriage was in 1990 to Diane Plese. They had three children. In 2016, they divorced and he married Kym Johnson-Herjavec. On February 24, 2015, he announced that he was one of the contestants for the season 20 of the reality series "Dancing with the Stars." His partner was Australian dancer and his eventual wife, Kym Johnson. On May 5, 2015, during a double elimination, he and Johnson were eliminated and finished in 6th place.

In television, he has appeared as a regular on the Canadian CBC Television series "Dragon's Den" and in America on ABC version of the series, "Shark Tank", where business pitches from aspiring entrepreneurs are heard by a panel of potential investors. "Shark Tank" has an estimated 7 million viewers, while "Dragon's Den Canada" has been one of the highest rated and most watched television shows in that country. As of 2014, it is the top-rated show after "Hockey Night in Canada". He has won three Gemini Awards as part of "Dragon's Den" for Outstanding Reality Show in Canada.

Robert was born in Varazdin, Croatia (formerly Yugoslavia) and grew up in Zbjeg. In 1970, at the age of eight, the family left the country, which had previously incarcerated Herjavec's father for speaking out against the regime. They arrived in Halifax with a single suitcase and only \$20.

The family settled in Toronto, where they lived in the basement of a family friend's home for 18 months. Herjavec, spoke no English and the transition proved difficult. Having grown up on a farm and raised by his grandmother among neighbors with similar lifestyles, he now found himself in a much poorer economic class than his neighbors. His father got a job in a Mississauga factory, making \$76 a week. He cites his father, whom he describes as a really, really tough guy" as a major influence in his life.

Herjavec came home one day to complain to his mother that his classmates were making fun of him. His father who used to walk to work to save money on bus fare, heard what his son described. He instructed his son to never complain, which became a guiding principle in Herjavec's life, one which he says sparked his sense of perseverance. Another influential episode in his youth came when his mother

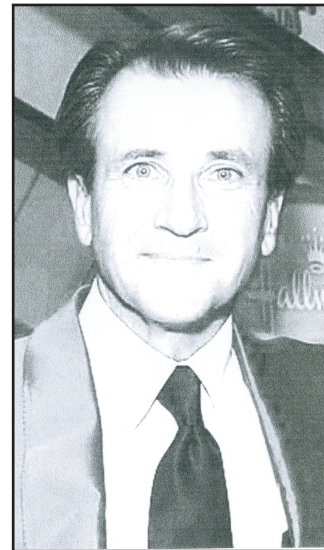
was persuaded by a traveling salesman to buy a vacuum cleaner for \$500, which was seven weeks' salary. As a result, he swore his family would never be taken advantage of again. To help make a living and help support his family, he took on a variety of minimum wage jobs in the 1990s, such as a waiter, a newspaper deliverer, a retail salesman and a collection agent.

As a published author, he has written two books. Driven: How to Succeed in Business and Life (2010) and The Will to Win Leading, Competing, Succeeding (2013). Driven is organized by the work and life principles that made him both wealthy and successful, while The Will to Win delivers life lessons that promise to guide readers to greater happiness and success. The Will to Win is also the name of public presentation he has given, which features his advice to business people, based on his life experiences. His newest book was released on March 29, 2016, entitled You Don't Have to Be a Shark: Creating Your Own Success.

Mr. Herjavec and the Herjavec Group Inc. have been the recipients of numerous entrepreneurial and business achievement awards including: 2012 Ernest and Young, Entrepreneur of the Year Award, Technology, Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal by Governor of Canada - 2012 for outstanding Service to Canada, Profit Magazine "Hot 50" (2006), Profit Magazine #108 on the Top 100 Fastest Growing Companies for 2013, Branham Ranking - Canada's #1 Security Company (2012) Top 5 Fastest Growing Technology Companies (2010-2013) Top 100 Integrators.

For those who read the "Bucks County Courier Times". Robert was seen walking on Mill Street in Bristol on March 10th. Robert Herjavec, will be returning to Bristol in June for another appearance.

14,000 towns in the U.S., Bristol was selected #1 in the Small Business Revolution.



Some Immigrants in the United States

On July 1, 1862 President Abraham Lincoln signed the Pacific Railway Act. This piece of legislation authorized the construction of a transcontinental railroad that would stretch from Nebraska to California. Under the Pacific Railway Act, two new rail companies were created to undertake the daunting task of planning and construction. The Central Pacific would start in Sacramento, while the Union Pacific would build west from Omaha. The rail companies would also receive government subsidies to help with the construction.

While Central Pacific had the hardest job, the construction gangs, (which included thousands of Irish and Chinese immigrants) had to tackle the Sierra Nevada Mountains. Using picks and shovels, mule-drawn carts, and black gunpowder construction gangs inched slowly

forward but were hampered by heavy snows in the mountains. The men dug 14 tunnels and constructed 40 miles of wooden sheds to protect stretches of track from snow fall. When this was done, the United States now had a "TRANSCONTINENTAL RAILROAD". There were already tracks that were built to Nebraska.

Without this railroad, think of all the passenger and freight trains that would not have been able to cross our country. During World War II, troops and military equipment were brought on this route. Many people are now free that may not have been free had the opposition won the war in Europe. This railroad certainly helped the United States. Thank you, Chinese and Irish immigrants. You did the job well.

The Barrymore Award

"Despite widely-circulated stories that the Barrymore Awards, (until last year presented by the Theatre Alliance of Greater Philadelphia to recognize outstanding theatre companies and their productions) would cease, they are back and better than ever. After more than two decades (dedicated to developing the theatre community and its audiences in Philadelphia) the Theatre Alliance discontinued operations at the end of its fiscal year on June 30, 2012. Volunteers, however, continued the work demanded by the highly competitive process and selected productions worthy of prizes. The awards program (now managed by the Theatre Philadelphia) has served as Philadelphia's professional theatre awards program since 1994, honoring artists for excellence and innovation while stimulating and increasing awareness of the city's thriving theatre community and its offering. The Barrymore Awards are a nationally recognized symbol of excellence for theatre in the area, raising the bar for work produced by local theatres and individual artist. The media has described the awards as Philadelphia's equivalent of a "Tony".

An all-volunteer team of performing artists, theatre critics, historians and scholars saw nearly 100 professional productions in the greater Philadelphia area to continue the award and celebrate the region's collective achievement at the new Barrymore Award for Excellence in the Theatre in the fall of 2014. The honors were presented by the Theatre Philadelphia.

Philadelphia claims 51 professional stages, the most in the city's history, which employ more than 1,000 individuals, including actors, directors, producers, musicians and costumers, sound, lighting and scenic designers, in addition to box-office and management personnel. Nearly 1000 people in the region are members of the "Actors' Equity Association."

Bristol Riverside Theatre has received BARRYMORE AWARDS in the past and we look forward to them receiving the awards in the future. The Bristol Riverside Theatre on Radcliffe Street is 30 years old. In the next issue of the Gazette, the Barrymore family will be featured.

Home Delivery by Horse and Wagon: Ice

During the next few issues of the Gazette, we will feature products delivered to the home by horse and wagon. In this day of Fed-Ex, U.P.S., etc. and other delivery services and with future thought of using drones, it will be interesting to note the products and services that were used by the residents of Bristol and the surrounding areas using horse and wagon

The following businesses/people appeared in city directories and in newspapers concerning ice:

1887 - M.K. Baker - Natural and Artificial Ice

1898 - Poquessing Ice Co. Manufactured from distilled Artesian Well Water

Patterson Bros.

F.W. Minster Natural and Artificial Ice

Jacob White (Mgr.) Office: Cedar & Walnut Sts.

1929 - Atlantic Ice Mfg. - Washington & New Buckley Sts.

Hoffman's Ice Service 729 Mansion St.

Maurice Hibbs - 255 Jackson St.

McCoy Ice Co. 225 Cedar St.

Walker & Gosline 547 Linden St.

1941 - Atlantic Ice Mfg. Co. 670 New Buckley St.

Still in 1949 there were Ice Dealers: Atlantic Ice Mfg. Co - 500 New Buckley St. Geo. Patton (mgr.)

Thomas Gosline 547 Linden St.

An article in the Bristol Observer - Dec. 18, 1898 mentioned that the "Mill Pond has been frozen over for several days and ice dealers were making preparations to fill the houses located on the banks of the pond. Last year the town was supplied with the artificial ice made by the Artesian Ice Co. But for butchers and other purposes except for domestic use, the natural ice is claimed to be better."

In Dec. 1898, "William Blackwood was harvesting a crop of five inch ice from the Canal Basin and the Bristol Ice Co. was preparing to cut ice from the mill pond.

Ice was stored in icehouses and delivered to the home as "ice boxes" became more common. Ice was cut into blocks and was stored usually covered with sawdust which was obtained from mills. Later as ice plants could produce clean, sanitary ice year round, this product gradually replaced ice harvested from ponds.

There was mentioned at the end of May, 1906 that ice prices would have a slight increase. Still, the Artesian Ice. Co had the lowest prices of Burlington and Philadelphia. Prices in effect on June 1st. would not change during the summer.

In 1901, The Artesian Ice Co. had an article that "lake or river ice is never fit for families because of all the impurities in the water at the time of freezing. The people of Bristol were fortunate in having a plant equipped with all modern devices and appliances for turning out a pure grade of artificial ice. The water is both filtered and distilled before being converted into ice and it would last longer than natural ice. The company was selling ice in blocks of 50 lbs - 15¢ delivered.

In 1911, The Artesian Ice and Ice Cream Company was advertising "100% pure - Our ice is made from the best and purest water in the world by the most improved sanitary apparatus. The water is from deep, driven wells, double-distilled and filtered through charcoal and then frozen in sterilized cans. 30¢ for 100 lbs., 15¢ for 50 lbs., and 10¢ for 35 lbs." During deliveries, children would sometimes follow the wagon and take chips of fallen ice as treats during the summer.

The design of the "ice box" was such that a large block of ice was held in a tray or compartment near the top. Cold air circulated down and around storage compartments in the lower section. Some finer models had spigots for draining ice water from a catch pan or holding tank. In other models a drip pan was placed under the box and had to be emptied at least daily. The melted ice had to be replaced with bought ice from an iceman.

Gradually, the horse and wagon delivery was replaced by motorized vehicles. Home delivery of ice for "ice boxes" saved the homemaker a daily visit to the corner grocery store. "Ice boxes" became a "relic of the past" or a piece of interesting furniture. However the name "ice box" is still used colloquially for the modern home refrigerator by some people.





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BCHF Calendar of Event for 2017

APRIL

Sun., 4/30, 3-5 PM. Annual Tea. BCHF headquarters. \$20 per person. Advance reservations required, starting 9 a.m., Saturday, March 25, at 215-788-9408.

MAY

Thurs., 5/11. Bus Trip to Baltimore for luncheon at Phillips Seafood Restaurant and 3-hr. guided bus tour of the city's historic sites. \$91 for BCHF members; \$96 for non-members. Call 215-788-4138 for detailed flyer & reservation form.

AUGUST

Sun., 8/6, 2-4 PM. Annual Peach Social. Angel food cake topped with fresh peaches & ice cream, plus beverage. Takeouts available. Baked goods table. \$5/adult, \$3 under age 12. Benefits BCHF awards to four Bristol High School graduates. BCHF's air-conditioned headquarters.

OCTOBER

Wed.-Fri., 10/4-6. 3-day/2 night fully-escorted bus trip to Hudson River Valley, NY. Hudson River cruise, tour of Wilderstein Historic Site, FDR's Hyde Park home, Eleanor Roosevelt's "Val-Kill" cottage, and West Point Military Academy. \$498 per person, double; \$630 single. Reservations

accepted starting March 1, accompanied by \$200 pp deposit; balance due by August 15. For info, call 215-788-9408.

Sat., 10/21, 10 AM - 4 PM. Annual Historic Bristol Day. Private house tours & riverfront Tea. Free entertainment, car show, sailboat regatta, children's activities, food court, exhibits, and more. Thicket required for Hose Tour & Tea. For details, see www.bristolhistory.org.

NOVEMBER

Wed., 11/15, 7:30 PM. BCHF's annual business meeting, incl. election of Board members. Program & refreshments follow. Free. Public is invited. BCHF headquarters. Call 215-781-9895 for info.

Wed., 11/29. Bus trip to Franklin Inst., Phila., to view "Terracotta Warriors of the First Emperor" exhibit. Visit to Irish Memorial and 3-course lunch included. All-inclusive cost; \$98 for BCHF members; \$100 for non-members. Call 215-781-8591 after April 16 for detailed flyer & reservation form.

BCHF headquarters is at 321 Cedar St., Bristol Borough; 215-781-9895. For current information, visit BCHF's website at www.bristolhistory.org.

Bristol Riverside Theatre - 2017

"Jesus Christ Superstar" "Witness For the Prosecution"

Phone 215-785-0100 for information about their live productions.

This theatre has been presenting live performances in Bristol at the corner of Radcliffe and Market Streets for 30 years.

Be sure to call or stop by for tickets.

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