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BCHF Is Now 49 Years Old

We hope you will participate in the year's many activities and join with us as we look forward to our half-century mark in 2017.

BCHF BOARD CHOSEN

BCHF Board of Directors' members for 2016 are: Russel Angerman, Kathy Barniskis, Jeri Cole, Barbara Freer, Mary Kehoe, Anna Larrisey, Nancy Maren, Catherine McCarry, Gerry McCarry, Mary McIlvain, Harold Mitchener, Deborah Pinney, Jan Ruano, Tony Russo, Helen Younglove.

The officers for 2016 are: President - Jan Ruano, Vice-President - Deborah Pinney, Corresponding Secretary - Mary McIlvain and Treasurer - Anna Larrisey. Cecilia Graff serves as the recording secretary. (she is not an elected Board of Directors' member).

Special Thanks to Gerry Mc Carry who retired as our President of the Board of Directors.

May 18 - 20 The "Pittsburgh Express" Will Leave Bristol

One of America's great metropolitan areas is the focus of a BCHF tour this year. The city of Pittsburgh has had a fascinating growth over the many years from the Paleo-Indians to the present time. One of the many things that helped the city grow was the confluence of the three rivers (Allegheny and Mononghela to form the Ohio). The Native Americans and later the French and English plus many other foreign immigrants recognized the location as an excellent place for trade and commerce. Steel became one of the most important products. In fact, at one time, Pittsburgh led the nation in steel production and many men made their fortunes at that location.

Checking population statistics, we find that in 1761 the city had 332 people. In 1860, there were 49,221 inhabitants. In 1900 the city had 321,616 people. As the Second World War concluded, the population count reached 676,806. With steel production moving from the U.S. to some foreign locations, population dropped; however at the present time the metropolitan Pittsburgh has approximately 2.4 million inhabitants.

The city originally took its name from William Pitt

who was the British Prime Minister (1783-1801) and (1804-1806).

To learn more about the "Pittsburgh Express" please contact Helen Younglove (215 788-9408) soon. Join friends and members of our organization and see some of Pennsylvania's outstanding attractions. The journey includes a visit to the Flight 93 Memorial at Shanksville, A Gateway Clipper cruise on the three rivers, a guided tour of the University of Pittsburgh's Cathedral of Learning, a tour of the Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens, and a visit to Frank Lloyd Wright's "Fallingwater" which is one of the great architectural attractions. Pittsburgh is also the home of "Three Rivers Stadium" and the Pittsburgh Steelers.

We hope to see you on the motorcoach Wednesday May 18 to Friday, May 20, 2016.

QUOTA ALMOST REACHED

As of mid-December, the May 18-20 "Pittsburgh Express" bus trip was three-quarters of the way filled. The itinerary is contained in the Calendar of Events on the back page of this GAZETTE as well as in the article above. For current status and/or a detailed flyer with reservation coupon, contact Helen Younglove at 215 788-9408.

BCHF Calendar of Events for 2016

MARCH - Sun., 3/13, 2 p.m. One-man show by Neill Hartley entitled "The Magic of Lionel: The Story of Joshua Lionel Cowen." Light refreshment. Suggested donation of \$5 pp. BCHF headquarters. Call 215 788-9408 for info.

APRIL - Sun., 4/10, 2 p.m. Program entitled "The Artist in Your Pocket," by Donald Everhart, lead sculptor-engraver for the U.S. Mint in Philadelphia. Light refreshment. Suggested donation of \$5 pp. BCHF headquarters. Call 215 788-9408 for info.

APRIL - SUN., 4/24, 3-5 p.m. "A Lovely Spring Tea" with traditional Tea fare. \$20 pp. BCHF headquarters. Limited number of reservations; call 215 788-9408 beginning March 19.

MAY - Wed.-Fri., 5/18-20. Bus trip to Pittsburgh, incl. lodging, 2 breakfasts & 2 dinners, visit to Flt. 93 Memorial, Gateway Clipper cruise, guided tour of Pittsburgh incl. Univ. of Pittsburgh's Cathedral of Learning and tour of some of its Nationality rooms, tour of Phipps Conservatory & Botanical Gardens, visit to Frank Lloyd Wright's architectural creation, "Fallingwater." \$395 pp double, \$380pp triple, \$505 single. Call 215 788-9408 for flyer/reservation form.

JUNE - Sun., 6/26, noon-5 p.m. BCHF sales & info table at Annual Celtic Day in Lions Park, Bristol Borough. Event sponsored by Celtic Heritage Foundation, 215 788-5232.

AUGUST - Sun., 8/7, 2-4 p.m. Annual Peach Social. Angel food cake topped with fresh peaches & ice cream, plus beverage.

Takeouts available with own container. Baked goods table. \$5/adult, \$3 under age 12. BCHF air-conditioned headquarters. BENEFITS BCHF AWARDS TO BRISTOL HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES.

SEPTEMBER - Sat., 9/10 (rain date 9/11), noon - 5:00 p.m. BCHF sales & info table at Annual Italian Festival in Lions Park, Bristol Borough. Event sponsored by Bristol Lions Club, www.bristolions.org.

SEPTEMBER - Wed., 9/28 - Bus trip to Longwood Gardens followed by High Tea at Hotel DuPont. Details to be released in 1st quarter of 2016.

OCTOBER - Sat., 10/15, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. 40th Historic Bristol Day. Fee for House Tour & Tea. For details, visit the BCHF's website, 222.bristolhistory.org.

NOVEMBER - Wed., 11/2. Bus trip to Harlem. Details to be released in 1st quarter of 2016.

NOVEMBER - Wed., 11/16, 7:30 p.m. 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.

- 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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Bristol Riverside Theater - 2016 Performances
"The Language Archive", "Rumors", "Man of La Mancha".
Phone 215 785-0100 for further information.

The Founding of the Girl Scouts of America

Juliette Gordon Low envisioned an organization that would prepare girls to meet their world with courage, confidence and character.

In 1912, in the midst of the Progressive Era - and at a time when women in the U.S. couldn't yet vote - this nearly deaf 51 year old lead a worldwide movement inspiring girls to embrace their individuality, strength and intellect.

Juliette, known as "Daisy" by her family and close friends, gathered 18 girls in her hometown of Savannah, Georgia, to share what she had learned abroad about a new outdoor and educational program for youth; thus, the Girl Scout Movement was born - - March 12, 1912.

Katherine Baur MacDonald

Katherine Baur was born May 7, 1913. She started Lone Girl Scout Troop 2 in Bristol, PA in 1942 chartered by GSUSA. (One of the members of her troop at that time was Lois Centafont. Lois was a Girl Scout for 8 years from Intermediate Girl Scouts in 1942 to Senior Girl Scouts in 1950.)

Katherine became a WAC in the Military during World War II from 1944 - 1946. She was in Berlin when the war ended. When she came back to Bristol she picked up with her troop again. She became part of the Bucks County Council which became part of the Freedom Valley Council.

In October of 1950 she married Robert MacDonald. They had a son named William (Bill) who graduated from Bristol Jr. Sr. High School in 1969, married, had a son, and moved to New England.

Robert became a Boy Scout leader when Bill was a Boy Scout and continued until he passed away on July 7, 1977.

Katherine continued to work with the Girl Scouts until she passed away on December 20, 1997.

She was the Service Unit Manager in Bristol for many years, attended several Girl Scout Conventions including Denver, Colorado in 1978, Houston, Texas in 1981, Indianapolis, Indiana in 1984, and Portland in 1987. She earned her pin for 55 years of service to Girl Scouting in 1997.



Katherine is standing on the left with the Freedom Valley President, Marcia Harmon on the right. Seated is Margaret (Peg) Potterton who started the first troop in Croydon. Katherine received her 55 year numeral and years of service pin the night the picture was taken and Peg received her 60 year numeral and years of service pin. Both were part of the Bristol Service Unit at the time.

An Interview with Sonia Foderaro

I am a Life Member of GSUSA. I became a Girl Scout in 1950 and have continued through the years. I received my sixty-five year numeral this past spring.

I earned the Curved Bar as a girl in Girl Scouting which was the highest award at that time.

I received a BS degree in Elementary Education and a Masters Degree in Education, both from Bloomsburg University. I took graduate courses in ESL from what is now the College of New Jersey. I taught English as a Second Language to adults for the Trenton, New Jersey School District before the adult program closed due to lack of funding and finished my career teaching in the elementary schools in Trenton.

I have had many adult roles in Girl Scouting including leading a troop for approximately 25 years and serving on the Freedom Valley Council Board of Directors as Vice-President, Secretary and as a Member at Large.

I currently volunteer as a member of the GSEP Silver and Gold Committees and the GSEP History Committee. I am a GSEP trainer and a member of the local Oakville Service Team. I spend one day a week volunteering in the Archives at one of our local council offices.

Ann Summa is my oldest daughter and she earned the First Class Badge as a Girl Scout which was the highest award at that time. She is currently a first grade teacher in the Pocono Mountain School District.

Beth Foderaro earned both the Silver and Gold Awards which are the current awards. She owns and operates Living Images Landscaping in Asbury Park, New Jersey.

John Jr. was a Boy Scout. He currently is a Senior Loan Officer at Guild Mortgage in Sacramento, CA.

My husband, John, is a retired science teacher. He taught in the Bristol Township School District.

Out Of The Past

The following items were excerpted from **JANUARY 1966** issues of THE BRISTOL DAILY COURIER. Price: Ten Cents.

1/1 - - SPRINGTIME WEATHER SET A RECORD HIGH YESTERDAY. A reading of 62 broke the old mark of 60 set in 1936 locally.

"FEMALE HELP WANTED. Clerk-typist. Part time, 20 to 30 hours per week. \$1.40 /hour to start. Fringes of Levittown area. Provide own transportation."

"MALE HELP WANTED. Laboratory technician. 1-2 years chemistry classes, for research and development. \$7000-\$8400."

1/4 - - JOHN C. BLACK DIES. J.C. Black, Bucks County deputy coroner and Bristol funeral director, died suddenly today at his home. He was 58. Mr. Black resided at 314 Cedar Street where he continued his funeral business since 1948.

RODGERS, BRESCIA PROMISE PROGRESSIVE ERA IN BORO. Nearly 150 citizens of Bristol Borough were told last night what the area needs to become a better community. Shortly afterwards, suggestions were made on how to go about doing it by newly-elected council president Stephen Brescia.

1/7 - - STATE TO TEST JUG HANDLES ON RT. 13. Pennsylvania's first jug handles will be constructed on Route 13 in Bristol Township when the state road is widened to six lanes to connect to the Delaware Expressway. When completed, the six land stretch of Route 13, from Beaver Dam Road to the Levittown Parkway, will be identical to Route 130 in Burlington County with right-hand and turn jug handles.

BENSALEM, COUNCIL ROCK, NESHAMINY GIRLS TRIUMPH. The LB County high school girls basketball league opened yesterday. Bristol trounced Wilson 47-16. Mary Woods matched the loser's total with 16 and Jane Wilson almost did it with 15 more.

1/11 - - PONY EXPRESS COMING BACK? WEEKEND MAIL DELIVERY IN THREE DAYS. Mail a letter early Saturday afternoon in Lower Bucks and it may not be delivered in Lower Bucks until Tuesday afternoon, and it will be postmarked in Philadelphia.

LAND CAUSES SNAG IN MARINA PLANS. Bristol Borough is still trying to free itself from the snag that has been hampering its plans for the proposed pleasure-boat marina near Mill Street. Borough council officials have been negotiating for the plot of ground west of Maple Beach Road behind the old Grand Theatre. The land is adjacent to the site proposed for the marina. The borough solicitor told the council last night that Penn Sanitation is unwilling to sell the land "unless another suitable location can be found" and "not under any other circumstances."

1/17 - - JUST WHAT THE DOCTOR ORDERED FOR

LBC HOSPITAL. They dined, danced and had a ball at this year's Charity Ball, which was held on Saturday evening at the Cherry Hill Inn. A luscious dinner was served to the 436 guests in the Inn's enormous Presidential Suite.

"Great Shows Tonight! Conveniently located and electrically heated. \$1 carload. Cont. from 7 p.m. LINCOLN DRIVE-IN THEATRE, Roosevelt Blvd. at City Line Route #1. ANDALUSIA DRIVE-IN, Frankford Avenue at City Line Route #13.

1/20 - - "HEMS CHRISTIAN BOOK STORE, 244 Wood Street . . . Weekend Special - 10% off every record album in our store. We have the largest selection of religious records in all of Bucks County."

"PATIO RESTAURANT AND COCKTAIL LOUNGE, Beaver Dam Road, one block west of Rt. 13, New Ownership. Bucks County's most beautiful dining room, with an atmosphere unequaled in the entire area."

"A & B WIG-A-DO, 417 Mill Street . . . Distributors for the Two Finest European Wigs in the World."

"Friendly Mill Street Continues Its GIGANTIC January Clearance Sale! Visit Richman's, Nichols, Kanter's, Paroly's, S&J Linoleum Co., Dries Furniture, Chris' Restaurant, Bristol Floor Covering Co., Gilardi's Men's Store, Norman's Stationery Co."

1/22 - - CLUB WILL HAVE BRISTOL SALUTE. A "Salute to Bristol" will take place tonight when the Kiwanis Club of Lincoln Highway presents a film in the Kiwanis room of Greenwood Dairies, Langhorne. The film was prepared by WFIL television studios and was arranged by Warren Likens, executive vice-president of the Lower Bucks County Chamber of Commerce and other Chamber members.

1/26 - - BRISTOL CLUB NAMES MISS FAVATA GIRL OF THE MONTH. Miss Cynthia Favata, a senior of Bristol High School, was named January Girl of the Month by the Bristol Junior Travel Club. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lucian Favata, 411 Radcliffe Street.

"A&P Stores . . . Red Delicious Apples - 2 lb., 35¢. Regular or Thin Sliced White Bread - Two 1-lb. Loaves, 37¢, in resealable bag. A&P French Fries - 2 lb. Pkg., 37¢. Rib End Pork Roast (full 7 ribs) -47¢ lb. Center Cut Pork Chops - 99¢ lb. Jumbo Shrimp - 5 lb. Box, \$5.89. Cheerios - 15 oz. Pkg., 41¢. Wisk Liquid - \$2.65 gallon bottle."

1/31 - SEASON'S HEAVIEST SNOWFALL. The weekend storm dumped 7.3 inches of snow in Lower Bucks. Drifts 12 to 15 feet high were reported in the northern sectors with many roads, including the Pennsylvania Turnpike, closed to all traffic.

"HOUSE FOR SALE. 227 Green Lane. Recently remodeled Cape Cod. FHA approved \$15,000."

A Good Time Had By All

Very positive feedback has been received from the 46 people who participated in BCHF's bus trip to Newport, RI, December 2-4. These photos show some of the trip's highlights.

Right: *THE BREAKERS*, the 70-room summer estate of Cornelius Vanderbilt II, built in 1895.

Below: Magnificently decorated tree in the foyer of Marble House



Left: *THE ELMS*, the summer retreat of coal magnate Edward Berwind and his wife Herminie, built in 1901.

Below: Holiday scene in the foyer of The Elms



Above: *MARBLE HOUSE*, created by Alva Vanderbilt and Richard Morris Hunt, and inspired by the Petit Trianon at Versailles. Built in 1892 and containing 500,000 cu. ft. of marble.

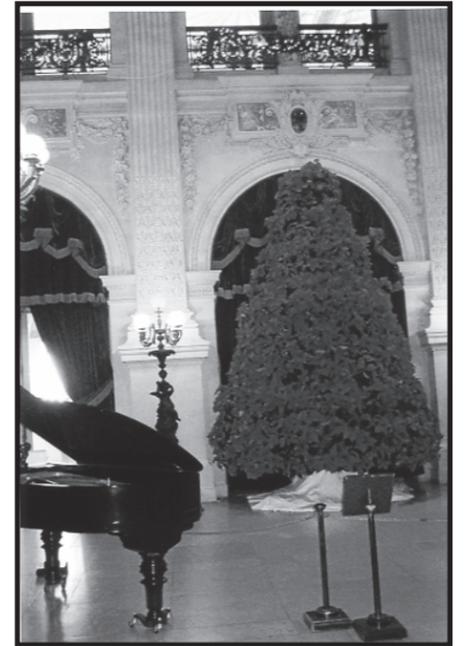
Left: Entering the grounds of Marble House

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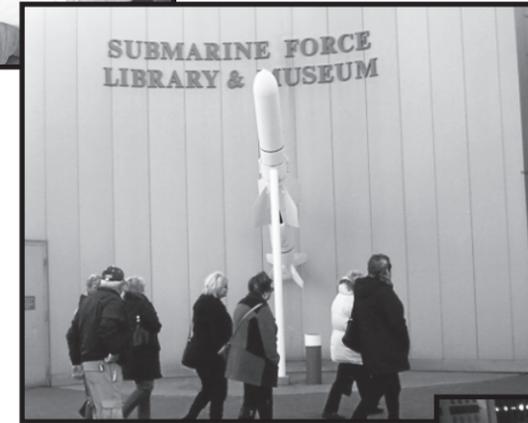


Left: Some of the BCHF group at dinner in the Atlantic Beach Club

Right: Poinsettia tree in the foyer of The Breakers



Right: Approaching the *SUBMARINE FORCE LIBRARY & MUSEUM*, adjacent to the main gates of the Naval Submarine Base New London, in Groton, CT.



Above: Ellanna Delaney at the gangway of the *USS Nautilus*, now open as a museum

Right: Tony Russo with the *USS Nautilus* in the background. The *Nautilus* was commissioned on Sept. 30, 1954, and designated a National Historic Landmark on May 20, 1982.



Above: Marge Russo tries her hand at authentic submarine controls.



Omitted Acknowledgement

The November *GAZETTE* acknowledged Helen Younglove for the 2015 Historic Bristol Day photography. Helen's niece, Grace Reider, of Cherry Hill, NJ, should also have been acknowledged for some of the photos used in that issue. Thank you, Grace!

Corrected Date

An article on Page 3 of the November *GAZETTE* mistakenly stated that "An Artist in Your Pocket" program, to be presented by Donald Everhart, lead sculptor-engraver for the U.S. in Philadelphia, is scheduled for Sunday, April 18. The actual date of Mr. Everhart's presentation is Sunday, April 10. The BCHF Calendar of Events on the back page contains the correct date.