



# The Manor

*A Newsletter of The  
Equinunk Historical Society  
Calder House Museum  
Calder Gift Shop  
Joel Hill Sawmill*



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**Pat Wilson,**  
*1st Vice President*  
**Art Flynn,**  
*President,*  
**Gardie Mueller,**  
*2nd Vice Pres.*

*Back:*  
**Carol Ann  
MacMaster,**  
*Recording Sec'y,*  
**Bob Wood,**  
**Richard Stowe,**  
**Donna Burrowes,**  
*Treasurer,*  
**and John Fletcher**

*Don Kaszner photo*

## The 2014 - 2015 Board of Directors

We think of New Year's Day as the time we begin anew, but this month, following a few short weeks after the Annual Meeting in August, is indeed our time of new beginnings. We start with a new (well, not really new) **Board of Directors** who will steer this sturdy organization through the year ahead; a new season of monthly gatherings on **First Fridays** in the Calder Cafe; a new director in the restocked **Calder Gift Shop**; and a new **Curator**, Michele Booths, already hard at work.

We say a grateful good-bye for now to retiring treasurer, **Harold Butler**, and a heartfelt thank you to **Donna Burrowes** who stepped up to accept the checkbook and the responsibilities of that complex job. Harold will remain an active EHS volunteer as a member of the Joel Hill Sawmill crew and the Building and Grounds Committee. Greetings to **Deborah (Deb) Wiwczar** who brings her experience in gift shop management to the post of Calder Shop Coordinator. We will dearly miss **Barbara Conley** who literally spent years in the shop, but who is for now, resting up after several health challenges. Barbara plans to be back working in the shop when she is able. She was known for bringing in her own lovely Christmas decorations to help the shop come alive during the holidays.

**Michele Booths** has taken on the Curator's tasks and has been using her decorating talents to help Deb prepare the Calder Shop for the holidays. And we'd be hard-pressed to find enough new words of praise to thank **Carol Ann MacMaster** who has gone back on the Board yet again to serve as Secretary. Welcome also to our three new Sawmill Volunteers! We are so glad you are with us.

We love all of our Volunteers and hope that in the near future, we will be telling the world how grateful we are for you, our readers, for *your* contributions. Happy Holidays!

## President's Message



**H**ello everyone. I hope your summer was pleasant and relaxing. We thought that we would have more time after we retired, but it has been one thing after another for us all summer. We did not get all our projects done, but maybe some of them will get done this winter.

I can't believe all that happened this summer with the EHS, starting out with a wonderful Car Show, the Sawmill having such great attendance, and the new displays at the Calder House. Sandy did get down to see the new deck at the Sawmill and said it was beautiful.

Most of the programs at the museum were well attended and very informative. Thanks to everyone for all you do to help people interested in the offerings at the museum.

The Calder Café started again on November 7th with about forty people attending. I felt it was the best evening yet. For those of you who could not attend, you missed out on a great evening of entertainment. Mark your calendar for all the first Fridays of the month from now until April, and join us for an evening of music and singing. It was good to see that Bob Wood and Linda Wescott have recovered enough to join us that evening.

Don't forget the Holiday Open House on December 7th. Bring a dish to share. We will once again have the pleasure of having the Stantons, Leana and J.R., to entertain beginning about 1 pm.

Happy Holidays to all!

Art

### EQUINUNK HISTORICAL SOCIETY

#### Board of Directors, Staff, and Volunteers

#### 2014 - 2015

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The Equinunk Historical Society newsletter is published seasonally, three times a year, and sent to all members. Additional copies are available through the office at the Museum. Material for publication is always welcome and sought after. Please e-mail (c/o EHS) or mail submissions to Linda Wescott, c/o EHS, P.O. Box 41, Equinunk, PA 18417.

We **still** have a vacancy on the Board! The Corresponding Secretary is Sherry Zona, but Sherry is not a Board member. She has cheerfully volunteered to continue with the duties of the position, but does not attend Board meetings. With only eight Board members, the possibility of a tie vote on an important matter will continue to exist. For that reason, Boards normally consist of an odd number of members, (as opposed to a number of odd members...) Will you please be our tie-breaker? The Board does not meet during the winter. We would be grateful if you would call Carol Ann and volunteer to be a member of this very congenial group. We'd love to welcome you to our roster.

## Happy 100th Birthday, Tony Seccia!

**T**ony Seccia, self-proclaimed “Good Friend” to Every Boy Scout, and neighbor to everyone who lives in or formerly lived in Wayne County, will be 100 years old this month! Now a resident of Bethany Village, Tony has maintained his active membership in the Boy Scouts of America for well over 80 years. Last year, his 99<sup>th</sup> birthday was marked by a modest celebration at the Lookout General Store when a group of uniformed Scouts gathered to surprise Pennsylvania’s oldest Boy Scout with a greeting and salute.

Tony is also EHS’s most venerable member. The Seccia family has been an important underpinning of this organization since its early days. Tony’s brother Thomas endowed the Society with a critical portion of the funds used to erect the highly-praised addition to the museum. Former Curator, Floyd Schnakenberg, added to the endowment and together, their generosity enabled the building to rise. The Seccia family has donated several items to the museum as well.

We salute Tony and bring him hearty Happy Birthday wishes from his friends at EHS.

## Barbara Conley - Thanks For All You Do

**B**arbara Conley is taking a brief hiatus from the Calder Shop which she has organized for the past decade – or more! Barbara’s activities have been limited of late due to health challenges, but she’s looking forward to being active again next spring and summer.

Barbara’s a long-time northern Wayne County resident. She and her husband lived in Equinunk in the 1950’s, moved to Long Island for a few years, and returned to build their lovely home here in 1967. She brought with her retail shop experience and expertise as an office manager when she became active with the Calder Shop.

Barbara loves the Calder Shop! She credits the wonderful volunteers for making it the

## Farewell to a Good Friend

**O**ur little community lost another special lady on Sunday, August 10, 2014. Bonnie Layton, daughter of the late Berton and Evelyn (Stalker) Roloson, was born July 29, 1942, in Equinunk and lived her whole life in this area.

She was employed by the Delaware Valley-Sullivan West School system as a Special Ed Teacher’s Aide for many years. Bonnie was very active in the Braman United Methodist Church where she had served as Sunday School Superintendent, teacher, Director of the Vacation Bible School, Lay Speaker, and excellent church pianist. She never stopped smiling and shared her positive inner light and joy with everyone around her.

Bonnie was a nurturing mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She was a caring, loving person to her four daughters and her son, her 15 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

*Carol Ann MacMaster*

### A quick word to all of our recovering friends:

**Bob Wood;** *it’s wonderful to see you back on your feet again!*

**Loretta Douglas;** *you proved that you can’t keep a good musician down! We were so happy to have you back with us on First Friday, with your beautiful new instrument!*

**Della Fasceski;** *we know you were flattened recently by a very serious illness, but you showed your lovely alto was not one whit affected. We are so glad you are up and around again!*

**Dawn Joyce;** *we heard that you were injured in a fall from your horse! We’re keeping you in our prayers until you’re all healed.*

charming gift shop it is. She enjoyed decorating it for the holidays and brought in a lot of her own belongings to enhance the displays. She’s glad that Deb shares her enthusiasm and interest. We’re grateful to Barbara for her long years of service to the shop and to EHS. We wish her a full recovery, and look forward to seeing her behind the desk soon.

*Ed. note: Just an FYI. I recently came across an old note from Barbara Teeple, telling us that she believed that Charlene Teeple had developed the idea of the Calder Gift Shop and helped to get it started. We thought you’d like to know too. We sure do miss our Teeple ladies!*

## *The Calder Cafe Returns!*

**The Calder Cafe** reopened for its fourth season on November 7th. And what a great time we had despite some preliminary snow showers. I won't say the excitement level was high,... but one performer got his cardiologist to come!

Art Flynn opened with lots of sing-along tunes including the Elvis Presley classic, *"Can't Help Falling in Love"*. Our harpist, Lauren Floden, accompanied Carol Ann MacMaster on a country tune penned by friends of Carol's, and then Lauren did her own set on harp. While she played one provocative tune, she invited us to close our eyes, listen to the harp, and see what we envisioned. Responses included rustling leaves, fountains and angels! Barbara Gogan followed with some contemporary pieces including a wonderful song by an Irish singer-songwriter, Damien Rice, and a powerful cover of the Tedeschi Trucks Band recording of *"Midnight in Harlem"*. I closed the first half with James Taylor's *"Shower the People"* which I did for Linda & Dan Wescott who recently celebrated their 54th wedding anniversary. *(Ed. note: We were highly flattered and humbly grateful.)*

To open the second half Lauren returned with an a capella number for which she borrowed my hunter's orange cap. Her tune ended with 'trophies on the wall' - (2 game wardens, 7 hunters and a pure bred Guernsey cow)! Hysterical.

Half the Silver Belles were present and we had several enjoyable sing-alongs including *"Those Were the Days."* Loretta Douglas was back with a new accordion and finished with a toe-tapping polka tune! She later explained that her new instrument is a somewhat smaller woman's size instrument. The old accordion was huge - man-sized and very heavy. John Joyce gave us a lovely tune incorporating the guitar and harmonica for his wife Judy and their 34th anniversary. He had also spent the summer studying "the boss," Bruce Springstein, and played Springstein's number with the chorus *"no retreat, Baby, no surrender."* John sings/plays in the local church choir and announced he would close his set with the choir's hymn for Sunday, *"The Old Rugged Cross."* At least half of the choir was present, (the advantage-or not-of living in a small community,) so I got them to join John at the front of the room. They sounded great and are now well rehearsed for Sunday! Danny Cox closed with several rock tunes and ended up doing the seasonally appropriate *"Alice's Restaurant"* and we now know all the verses to it. Danny's performance was flawless - every word was audible. I remembered being at Newport, R.I. when Arlo Guthrie introduced it!

You know you've had a successful evening when the audience is reluctant to leave. Fortunately, we had no need of the cardiologist.

*Pat Wilson, Program Coord.*

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*Do you sing? Play an instrument? Enjoy jamming or just playing music with friends? We welcome talent of all musical description, the exception being amplified music. We can only encourage acoustic music as our room is intimate and sometimes a little crowded. If you'd like to perform or know someone with musical talent, please call us at 570-224-0223. Plan on 15 minutes or three songs.*

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There's not much to add to Pat's vivid description of a terrific evening, except to say that in this writer's opinion, B.B. King's *"Lucille"* doesn't hold a candle to Art Flynn's throaty 12-string guitar! Art opened the new season at the Calder Cafe with some of the oldies that we dearly love. Art knows we love to sing along because we know nearly all the words, and he doesn't mind if we join him in his music. Like to sing? We meet again on Dec. 5th. Join us!

*Linda*

## Rockin' the Calder Cafe!



We did have a grand old time on November 7th when the Calder Cafe reopened for the new season with some old familiar tunes and some new ones too. How we love to sing along!

From the top left, Barbara Gogan's poignant songs usually quiet the room as we listen to her telling lyrics. R: Pat Wilson played Art Flynn's unfamiliar guitar with panache.

Center: Loretta Douglas unveiled her new, smaller accordion and had all our feet tapping a polka rhythm. R: Art's soulful 12-string always delights.

And Danny Cox delivered a flawless version of "Alice's Restaurant" in honor of the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday. Word-perfect, we heard and understood every syllable of every verse. Amazing feat, Danny!

The sharp-eyed among us will notice that a couple of these photos are from earlier sessions. Sometimes it's just easier to use the file shots than to try to manipulate pixels in the newer shots. Hope no one minds. Thanks to our other performers to whom we apologize for space constraints. Catch you next month?

## *The Calder Shop - Ready for the Holidays!*



### *Meet Deb Wiwczar*

**H**i there. My name is Deborah Wiwczar. I am so excited to have been asked to join the Calder Shop team at the Equinunk Historical Society. Meeting the many wonderful volunteers has inspired me to take on this new and exciting venture.

The Calder Shop to me is a breath of fresh air. To be able to go back in time to days that were simpler and less hectic is the vibe I personally feel when I'm there. Like enjoying as a young child going to my grandma's house. To have that special time with her sharing a cup of tea and her homemade muffins, which I called "knobbies", because they were as big as door knobs!

With my love of nostalgia and my personal experience at owning my own business for the past two years up at the "Duck Harbor Shops" formerly known as "Duck Harbor Antiques", I look forward to sharing my passion for setting up the gift shop and seeing the community come to visit and loving to be there like I do.

My husband Michael and I are planning on retiring to this area in a few years. We enjoy the people, the community and all that there is to do here. Please come and visit us at The Calder Shop and enjoy this journey with me.

*Deborah Wiwczar*

*(Ed. note: Deb's name is pronounced 'Wiv-zar' - Easy!)*

Deb and curator Michele Booths stayed up well past midnight recently, arranging the shop for your visit.



*The Calder Shop - All Dressed Up and Ready for Christmas!*

## *Local History Round Table*

**D**uring this past year, there have been meetings of a group loosely dubbed The Wayne County Local History Round Table, which is comprised of at least 15 local area historical societies, Chambers of Commerce, the PMVB, (Pocono Mountains Visitors' Bureau,) the Wallenpaupack Visitors Center and the Dorflinger Factory Museum. Meetings are hosted by group members throughout the area.

The goal is to bring in more people here to share in our wonderful and vast historical resources which, in turn, benefits everybody. We also share our own program ideas and information about our venues. By sharing our program events and contact information with others, it gives us even wider publicity. We are also seeking to achieve the goal of sharing our local history with schools as well as visitors and the public at-large.

We feel this will be a valuable resource to the entire area and encourage our members to become involved in this ambitious endeavor. The next meeting will be held on January 9, 2015 at the Dorflinger Factory Museum in White Mills. Optional lunch will be at a site to be determined.

*Carol Ann MacMaster*

## *Donations: Material and Monetary*

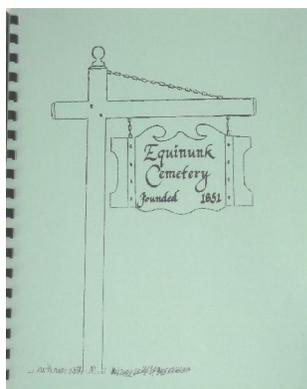
It's that time of year again when we try to acknowledge all of the donations we have received for this calendar year. It's a very nerve-wracking time for the staff because we fear that someone's donation of historical items or financial support might have been inadvertently overlooked. PLEASE - if you've made a donation and do not find your name listed below, contact the office so we can correct the record. It's so important for us to know - and appreciate those who support us!

### **Item Donors for 2014**

**Faron & Suzanne Tuttle** - book "*Biographical Record of No. Pa – Wayne, Pike and Monroe Counties*", 1919 teaching certificate of Gertrude Skellet, **Ed Greene** - luggage-shaped metal tag – "Erie RR, Honesdale", **Robert Bischoff** - Framed & matted photo of Joel Hill Sawmill, **Helen Adams** - book, "*Collection of Children's Stories*". **Sally Heath** - assorted pamphlets, "*PA Weather*", by Paul Heppner, "*Bird Life in PA*", "*Milk Testing Requirements*", book, "*Wayne County Agriculture 1862-1962*", other assorted literature and papers related to area history, and EHS. **Art & Sandy Flynn** - 3 photos of Kellam-Stalker Bridge 1936-1937, 11 postcards from Hancock, Braman, Kellams, Rileyville and Equinunk. **Opal Hocker** - 1936 Webster's dictionary from Pine Mill School, various old newsletters. **Mimi Steffen** - school souvenir from Rutledge one-room school. **Elaine Middlestaedt** - books from Lordville one-room schoolhouse. **Tony Seccia** - old typewriter. **Loie Knight** - large wooden packing box from Boston shoe company, hat tree. **Gordon Houghtaling** - metal box containing school related items, war ration books, postal memorabilia, Camp Blue Ridge 1951 & 52 photos, Hill Mill photo. **Mike & Susan Black** - late 1800's canning jars. **Debbie Wiwczar** - brass lady-bell, 3 colonial glasses, long-handled bed-warmer, publications, **Carol Ann MacMaster** - writings on Cannonsville, NY by Charles Crisman, book, "*The Shohola Civil War Train Wreck*", by George Fluhr, **Charles Perrin Ross** - 4 posters on the history of old mills. (list not complete – see next issue.)

### **Monetary Donations**

Granville Teeple, Linda Wescott, David Maxey, Wellington Lester, Helen Schuman, Don Kaszner, Thomas Bataille, Robert Wood, Nicholas Vander Weide, Charles & Dot Trummer, Margaret Snyder, Kevin Delaney, Marilyn Kneeland, Charles Ponall, Ann O'Hara, Thomas McConnell, Beverly Lloyd, Mr. & Mrs Clark Galloway, Mary Daly, Barbara Conley, Rick & Pat O'Dell, Tina Ruyter, Richard Rodenburg, Emma Varcoe, Arthur & Heather Clay, Vicki Busch, Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Knight, Phyllis B. McCabe, Alice Walsh, Margaret Longo, Patricia Wilson, Peggy Simons, Christina & Blair Kobelin, Robert Walsh, Elaine Hillier, Theresa Ornstein, Barbara & Schuyler Dexter, Jean Smith, Julia Baker, Jeanne Walter, Edward Dixon, Greg Quaglio, Kay Stephenson, Carol Ann MacMaster, Dr. Wayne Lavender, Irene Allen, Eileen DePaola, Peter & Ellen Russell.



The Equinunk Cemetery Association has published a new guide, a revised edition of the Cemetery booklet first published in 1989. The revised edition contains a brief history of the Cemetery, a list of "Burials Without Stones", and a list of 376 markers showing names, location, date of birth, date of death, military service and rank.

The cost of the booklet is \$10.00. You can pick up your copy at the Equinunk Historical Society during the Open House, or call 570-224-6722 to make arrangements for your purchase. Or, you can send a check payable to the Equinunk Cemetery Association, P.O. Box 91, Equinunk, PA 18417. If you have any questions, please contact Robert Kramer, 570-224-4473.

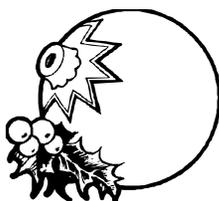
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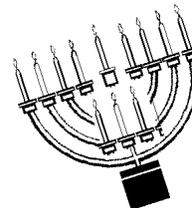
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### *Dues - per year:*

Individual	\$15.00
Family	25.00
Junior	2.00
Lifetime	125.00
Corporate	50.00



# HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE



*Start your winter holidays out on the right note!  
On Sunday, December 7th, the Calder House will resound with the lovely  
holiday music of Leana and J.R. Stanton from noon to 4 p.m.*

*The newly stocked Calder Gift Shop will be open from noon to 4,  
Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, December 5th, 6th, and 7th,  
for early gift shopping. Decked out in full holiday style, you'll find  
unique gifts for all the special people on your list. Give your  
Christmas season a fresh, warm-hearted start!*

*Sunday's Open House will feature a Covered Dish assortment of  
Christmas goodies. Please bring a plate of your favorites to share.*

