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THE HARBOR VIEW

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Letter from the President

Dear members and sponsors,

It's been a long time since the Society has had a place to call home, but we're finally in our forever home. It's gorgeous. We thank the Harborcreek community, Dean Pepicello, Joe Peck, Tim May and the Blanchfield family for their support after our offices at Knowledge Park closed and providing a new home. With their encouragement, the board never lost sight of the mission developed 20 years ago.

The Gifford-Blanchfield House will be open daily for the community to visit and use. Our new hours of operation are listed above.

Please consider volunteering with us. A new building comes with new responsibilities, and we'll need volunteers to help care for the house and during special events.

The Gifford-Blanchfield House is ideal for gatherings of 15 people or less, so keep it in mind if you need a space to meet.

Be sure to add to your calendar the following two events: the Shades Beach historical marker dedication on May 20, 2017, and the official dedication of the Gifford-Blanchfield House on July 15, 2017. We'd love for you to join us!

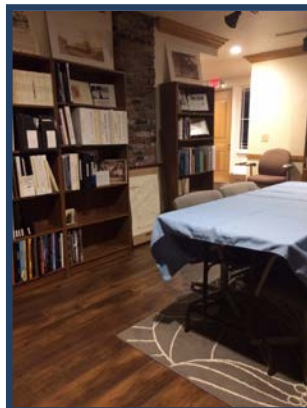
~ Lori Sheridan, President

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Gifts to the Society

The Society began the Memorial Gifts program a decade ago, and many members have given to the organization in recognition of a loved one, a classmate or a family celebration. We invite you to consider making a donation "In Memory," "In Honor" or "On the Occasion" of a person or event that is important to you.



Yes, put these on your calendar!

May 20, 2017 • The Harborcreek Shoreline Interpretive Panel, Shades Beach
July 15, 2017 • Gifford-Blanchfield House Grand Opening, 5661 Buffalo Road

Veterans Tribute: Remembering World War I by Cam Stadtmueller

The North East Historical Society offers you the opportunity to learn more about the many local men and women who were involved in World War I - 100 years ago - overseas and on the home front in *WWI 1914 – 1918: Great War of Democracy*, an extensive display of photographs and artifacts. The exhibit is located in the Society's museum, which is located at 25 Vine Street in the old town hall.

Many of the enlistees from North East became members of Company G of the 16th Regiment. They trained at Camp Hancock, GA before joining the American Expeditionary Forces in Western Europe. One harrowing section of the exhibit talks about the 17 boys from North East who died while in training camps or battle.



The exhibit also presents information about residents who supported troops from the home front. Boy Scouts in Gibson Park sold Liberty Bonds and Stamps. Campfire Girls collected maple sap from trees in Gibson Park and elsewhere to help with the sugar shortage and to sell as maple syrup with profits going to the American Red Cross. Women over 16 proved their willingness to work in local factories and processing plants by signing up on Women's Registration Days, November 1 & 2, 1917.

You can visit the World War I exhibit June through December during the North East Historical Society's open hours, which are Fridays and Saturdays 4:30 pm to 8:30 pm, or groups by appointment. If you have questions, please contact the Society at (814) 403-8709, or visit their website at www.northeasthistoricalsociety.org.

At the upcoming **Annual Meeting for the North East Historical Society**, guest speaker Art Mills will present "The Impact of World War I on North East: Its Soldiers, Citizens and Industry." Details are not yet available, so look for an announcement of the date and time to be made soon.

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Please call or email to schedule an appointment with our volunteers. Research inquiries welcome.

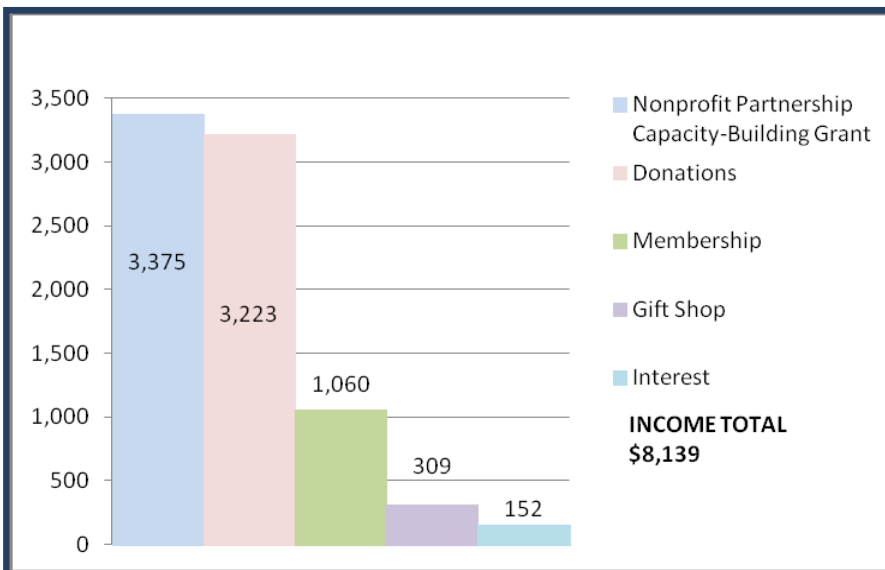
Welcome, new members!

Rabbit's Hat Antiques,
Katherine Carlson & Kristine
Nelson, Harborcreek



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Harborcreek Historical Society 2016 Financials



2016 Income

Nonprofit Partnership Capacity-Building Grant	\$3,375 (41%)
Donations	\$3,223 (40%)
Membership	\$1,060 (13%)
Gift Shop	\$309 (4%)
Interest	\$152 (2%)
Fee for Service	\$20 (0%)

INCOME TOTAL \$8,139 (100%)

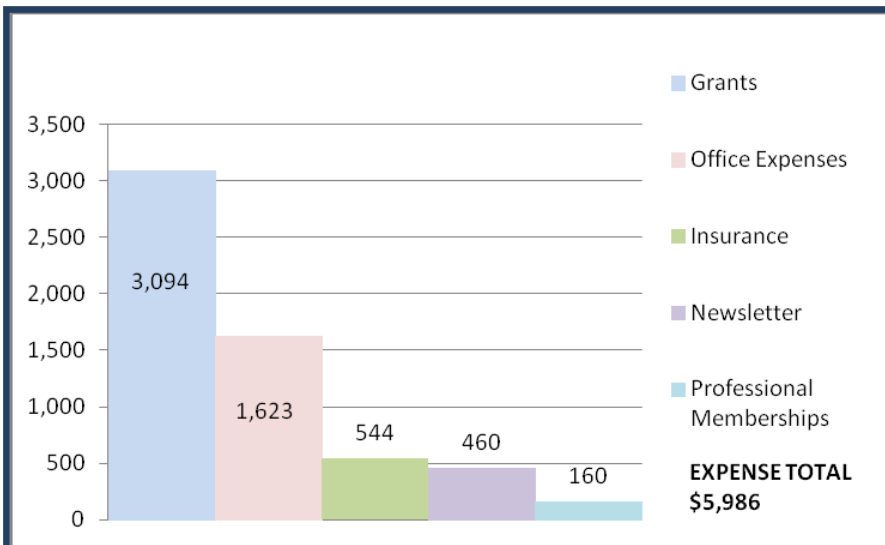
2016 Expenses

Grants	\$3,094 (52%)
Office Expenses	\$1,623 (27%)
Insurance	\$544 (9%)
Newsletter	\$460 (8%)
Professional Memberships Meeting/Event	\$160 (3%)
Supplies	\$67 (1%)
Archives	\$39 (1%)

EXPENSES TOTAL \$5,986 (100%)

NET INCOME \$2,152

This report, which was prepared by Treasurer John Skuce and approved by the Board of Directors, was presented to the membership at the Harborcreek Historical Society's Annual Meeting January 28, 2017.



Three Directors Renew Terms on the Society's Board

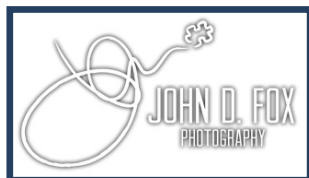
During the 2017 Annual Meeting, the following individuals were approved to serve on the Harborcreek Historical Society's board of directors for additional three-year terms: Jane Ingold, Melinda Meyer and Louise Smerick. We are grateful for their ongoing commitment to the Society.



Community Service Award Presented to Harborcreek Township Supervisors

At the Annual Meeting on January 28th, the Harborcreek Historical Society honored Harborcreek Township Supervisors Joe Peck, Tim May and Dean Pepicello for their unwavering commitment to the community and their investment in the Gifford-Blanchfield House. They orchestrated the transfer of the Blanchfield property from the Rick Blanchfield family to the Township and then oversaw the renovation of the house, all of which was done in partnership with the Society and Blanchfield family.

Business Spotlight by Cam Stadtmueller



John Fox Photography

John is a photographer and woodturner who grew up in a small rural town northeast of Pittsburgh where he began developing his passion for photography from his mother and woodworking from his father. John D. Fox Photography is the 'business' name he uses. Although he engages in contract work, most of what he does has nothing to do with business. The majority of his photos are taken for fun and/or as a form of community service. In Harborcreek, he shoots community events for the Township and is the photographer for the Fairfield Fire Department. The Harborcreek Magazine has used many of his photos over the last number of years and the Applebees in Harborcreek displays a number of his photos, too. Learn more at www.johnfox.us

Gindy's Mobile Home Park

This year-round, permanent mobile home business is a multi-generation community located in a park-like setting. Its convenient location near Buffalo and Nagle Roads allows residents easy access to shopping and dining establishments. www.mhvillage.com

Heise Rebuilding

Need an inspection or repair? Heise Rebuilding has been serving Harborcreek for 26 years, and proprietor Joe Heise has 33 years of experience rebuilding starters, alternators, and electrical troubleshooting. Originally located in the old township building near the railroad underpass (1990), the business moved to 1291 Walbridge Road in 2002. Lois Szklenski Heise is a Class of 1976 Harbor Creek alumni. www.heiserebuilding.com

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Your business could be listed here as a sponsor. Please contact us to learn more.

*Businesses which have been a Society sponsor for ten years or more.



East Erie Moose Lodge #593 Awards Funds to Society

In January, the Harborcreek Historical Society was one of several local organizations to receive a donation from the East Erie Moose Lodge #593 from their games of chance fund. The donation of \$500 will be used to support activities and projects at the new Gifford-Blanchfield House that will take place in 2017. We thank the Lodge for their generous donation, and invite them to visit our new headquarters and see the work made possible by their gift.

Harborcreek Memories: 1980-1981 Erie County League Championship Teams, Harbor Creek School District



Boys Basketball Plaque 1980-1981

Front Row: (left to right) Tony Hill, Dave Gronostaj, Joe Diraimo, Dave Lynch, Brian Scott, Randy Palloto. Row 2: Head Coach Lee Palloto, Manager Tom Van Dyke, Joe Wayand, Geof Dalglish, Greg Murzynski, Rich Apa, Manager Barry Johnson. Row 3: Assistant Coach Paul Moneta, Rich Blosser, Dan Wayand, Curt Siverling, Brian Siverling, Rick Roseto, Manager Dave Sheridan and Assistant Coach Joe Sholtis

Lee Palloto coached Boys Basketball for 17 years, finishing with a career record of 218-153. The 1980-81 Huskies went to the PIAA Tournament in the Western PA Finals with a 27-1 record.



Girls Softball Plaque Spring 1981

Row 1: (left to right) Carol Puzarowski, Paula Freeman, Darcie Johnson, Debbie Abbate, Mary Stanley, Tracey Babay, Debbie Holodnak. Row 2: Gina Yount, Therese Berdis, Jill Corey, Teri Prather, Julie Lee, Debbie Barbarini, Karen Palison, Brenda Walburn. Row 3: Coach Joe Sholtis, Kathy Mazur, Lisa DeMichele, Linda Zarzeczny, Pam Anderson, Lori Beanland, Lisa Palloto, Coach Dan Budziszewski. Missing from picture: Terri Byers, Laura Conley, Keri Tracey, Dottie Przepyszny, Managers Lisa Felice and Mary Garwig.

The 1981 Lady Huskies finished the season with 23-2 record having won the Erie County League and District 10 Championship titles. Softball Coach Joe Sholtis reached a career high of 602-178 in 36 seasons between 1976 and 2011.

These plaques are part of the collections of the Harborcreek Historical Society. We invite you to visit the Society's new offices in the Gifford-Blanchfield House to see these and other items that document and celebrate the community's stories. Public hours began March 1st.

Harborcreek's First March Madness by Harold L. Kirk

This article was written by the late Harold L. Kirk as part of his series of over 50 narratives entitled Tales and Treasures of Harborcreek Township. Fast Forward to the 2016-17 basketball season for Harbor Creek and you will learn that the Huskies have won 18 and lost 7 before the PA State Playoffs. The Lady Huskies are at 19 wins and 6 losses before the State Playoffs on March 11th. What a difference since 1913!

March came in like a Lion and went out like a "GATOR," as another March Madness season came to an end. Some people were sad while others were glad, including those that were happy that "JEOPARDY" would not be pre-empted by another play-off game.

I don't know how many Harbor Creek basketball players have gone on to play college ball but with the help of an old High School yearbook, I was able to identify Harbor Creek's first basketball team!

As reported in the 1913 yearbook, that team lined up on December 27th for their first game. That game saw the students pitted against a team made up of former students and was referred to as "The Alumni Game." The school at that time had a big disadvantage as it had no basketball court. I don't know where the game was played but it is noted in the yearbook that the team also had no place to hold practice sessions. The students won that first game but were unable to line up another game until the following March. On March 14th the team journeyed to East Millcreek, where they played the High School five of that place. Following is an account of the game.



FIRST BASKET BALL TEAM

Back Row, L to R: Roy Ferris, Harry Nonomaque, John Hurst,
Dustin Pierce, G. Wilkes; Front: Walter Shaner

On account of our lack of practice they had the idea that they could take the game at any score. Nonomaque scored first, followed soon afterward by Shaner, then by Nonomaque again. About this time East Millcreek began to think that something was doing and commenced to yell, "We've given them a start so now let's tighten down and show them what we can do." Kohl put this into practice by connecting for a field goal. Pierce ended the first half by making a basket on a "held ball" tip off. The second half started off with some good team work on the part of Millcreek, but the good work of our guards soon broke it up and turned it to account in the form of a field goal by Pierce. Long broke the ice for Millcreek, and with the help of their umpire they scored two points on fouls, but to no avail for Nonomaque and Shaner connected up for one apiece, ending the game in a dispute about Shaner's basket. But the referee decided that it was fair and awarded the game to Harbor Creek with the score of twelve to six.

And so it was that Harborcreek's first basketball team went undefeated. "March Madness indeed!"



Seeking Guest Writers

Would you like to share your historical interest or family lore about Harborcreek Township with the readers of **The Harbor View**? We welcome submissions from guest writers for each issue. They are usually one page in length and may contain photographs or other graphics. Please contact the Society via email at harborcreekhistory@gmail.com or call (814) 899-4447 if you have a story you'd like to see printed. We look forward to hearing from you.