

Jenkins Journal

LANSDALE, PA

MARCH, 2014

LHS to honor Lincolns with Legacy Award Presentation to be made at April 8 banquet

Allen and Inez Lincoln, two charter members of the Lansdale Historical Society who played significant roles in the organization's growth, will be honored posthumously at the society's annual banquet Tuesday, April 8, at William Penn Inn.

The Lincolns will be remembered with the first Lansdale Historical Society Legacy Award which will be presented on a periodic basis to individuals whose efforts over a number of years advanced the cause of the society and increased its importance in the community.

For the first time in 10 years, the society will not present an Edwin G. Holl Historic Achievement Award this year. It was the opinion of the selection committee that no individual or organization stood out as an obvious choice for the award this year. The Holl Award will not be retired and candidates will continue to be considered on an annual basis.

On the other hand, the committee felt the Lincolns were the obvious choices for the first Legacy Award, which has been under consideration for several years.

Allen Lincoln was a three-term president of the society during its formative years in the 1970s and played a leading role in the restoration of the Jenkins Homestead at a time when there was much work to be done.

Inez served as the society's first historian and collected many of the materials to start our historical library which grew into today's research center. She also provided much of the research that helped place the homestead on the National Register of Historic Places.

Allen, a former vice president of the Lansdale Nipple



Co., died at age 76 in 1985. His memorial gathering was held in the homestead he help restore. Inez died in 2002 at age 89, remaining active in the society well into the 1990s.

One of the last projects Allen and Inez completed together was a narrated walking tour of downtown Lansdale produced as a slide show by Allen with text by Inez. Last summer the society turned this walking tour into a DVD with board member Pat Rieker narrating. The video will be shown as a highlight of the banquet.

Information on the banquet and a reservations form inside.

OUR NEXT COMMUNITY PROGRAM will be held Tuesday, May 13, 7:30 p.m. at the Lansdale Parks and Recreation Building . The topic will be the second installment of our *Churches of Lansdale* series.

Pat Rieker has researched and will narrate this show which will feature the Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity (founded in 1884), First Baptist Church (1886) and Grace Evangelical Church (1875), which evolved into Christ United Methodist Church in 1968 after a series of mergers.

Pat will also include information on a long-gone congregation, the German Baptist Brethren Church (1896-1941) which was located on the southwest corner of Derstine Ave. and Wood St.

We hope to see you there.

There will be no Community Program in April. The society will hold its annual banquet April 8.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: The winter weather dealt us another blow, postponing our February program. It also pushed back our annual election of officers until March 11 when the following slate of officers was elected to serve one-year terms:

President, Richard Shearer; First Vice President, Clarence Kinsey; Second Vice President, Stephen Moyer; Third Vice President, Patricia Rieker; Secretary, Janice Bennett; Treasurer, Anne Scheuring; Trustees: Chris Cooke, Marti Drumheller, Frank Krimm, Ruth Madison, Richard Stricker, Raymond Walton.

We thank our out-going Third Vice President Larry O'Malley for his service over the years. Trustee Pat Rieker has assumed his position. We also welcome Chris Cooke as a new trustee.

THE LOST PROGRAM: HEEBNEERS: TITANS OF INDUSTRY: This was scheduled to be our February program. Rather than reschedule it later last month and risk another postponement, we've decided to hold it over for next season. It will be our first show, Tuesday Sept. 9, at the Lansdale Parks and Recreation Building, at 7:30 p.m. Dick Shearer will narrate. We hope for a large turnout. It will be our first program on the Heebners since the death of former society President Frank Blasé, who authored a book about the family and its business.

KIDS SUMMER CAMP: A JENKINS FARMSTEAD DAY: For the first time the society will be offering a one-day summer history camp for children. The camp is being organized by Pat Rieker and is open to kids entering third through sixth grades.

They will have the opportunity to learn what it was like to grow up on a farm in colonial times. They will have a chance to experience firsthand the work and play activities that filled a typical day for the many Jenkins children. They'll hear stories, make rag rugs and cut paper projects, learn how to prepare cornbread over an open hearth and churn butter from cream.

The camp will be held Tuesday, July 15, 9 a.m.–3 p.m. The deadline for registration is June 15. Space is limited and registration will be accepted on a first come first served basis. There is a modest fee. A brochure with more information and a registration form is available at the research center and will be posted on our website.

A REMINDER: If you shop at Redner's Market, please sign up for its register receipt program which benefits the society. You can drop off receipts at the research center or turn them in at our Community Program sign-in tables.

Lansdale Historical Society

Annual Banquet

*Featuring the presentation of the
first Lansdale Historical Society
Legacy Award to the memory of*

ALLEN and INEZ LINCOLN

*Allen and Inez Lincoln were among the charter members of our society.
Allen served three terms as president and spent many years overseeing the
original restoration of the Jenkins Homestead. Inez was the
society's first historian and was responsible for establishing the
historical library which later evolved into our research center.*

Tuesday, April 8, 2014

William Penn Inn, Gwynedd, PA
Social Hour 6 p.m.; Dinner, 7 p.m.

Entree choice of Chicken Francaise, Fillet of Tilapia or Roast Prime Rib of Beef

\$40 per person

Paid reservations must be received by April 2, 2014

For more information, call (215) 855-1872

(Clip and submit with payment to address at bottom)

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Tuesday, April 8, 2014,
William Penn Inn, Gwynedd, PA**

Choice of Entrée

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone No.: _____ **Total amount submitted:** _____

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Lansdale Historical Society, 137 Jenkins Ave., Lansdale, PA 19446

LHS SPRING TEA: The society will hold its annual Spring Tea, Saturday, May 10, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at Elm Terrace Gardens. This year's theme: "Oh You Beautiful Doll!"

The program will feature a local doll aficionado who will describe a variety of dolls and answer questions. Those attending are encouraged to bring their favorite doll. A raffle will also be conducted.

Tickets (\$27 for society members, \$30 for non-members) will go on sale shortly at the research center and Chantilly Floral Boutique. The deadline is May 1. Groups of four or more should indicate they want to be seated together. For more information: (215) 855-1872.

ON THE WEB...

Check out the society's website, www.lansdalehistory.org, for a variety of stories about the history of Lansdale and the North Penn Valley. Recent postings include:

The day the Ku Klux Klan visited a Lansdale church

The Blizzard of 1888 isolates the North Penn area

Saving Historic Lansdale: A tale of two train stations

PLEASE NOTE: We encourage all of our members and friends of the society to check our website on a regular basis. Changes in the local printed media have resulted in spotty publicity of our up-coming events, especially our Community Programs. The information is always available online.

ALSO, you will notice that this newsletter has a different appearance than earlier editions. We are experimenting with a combination newsletter and informational handout that will be distributed at our Community Programs. Basically the same information will be provided in both but in different formats.

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The Jenkins Historic Complex