

Jenkins Journal

LANSDALE, PA

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Annual Awards Banquet News Anne Henning Scheuring, Linda Evans, Frank Krimm Receive Awards



Anne Henning Scheuring

The highlight of our annual banquet is the presentation of the Edwin G. Holl Historic Achievement Award. This year's recipient is well known to the Lansdale area and has been involved in the historical, political and general well-being of Lansdale and the surrounding area for many years.

Anne has been active in our Society and has served as our treasurer since 1972. She is in charge of the interior decoration and furnishings of the Jenkins Homestead and has been involved in our Holiday Open House programs, the decorating of the Homestead for the Christmas Holidays and has worked on many of our other projects.

She served one term on Lansdale's Borough Council and was involved with the dedication of the Stoney Creek Park, was president of the Lansdale Library Board and was ex-

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The Lansdale Historical Society is fortunate to have many dedicated volunteers whose activities are unknown to most of our members. Their contributions are not always recognized or fully appreciated. As president, I have the honor of selecting one of our outstanding volunteers and recognizing them with the Presidential Award. This year's honoree is Linda Evans.

Linda is a long time member who has a very keen interest in history, is a tenacious researcher and deeply involved in family genealogy.

Her latest and possibly one of her most difficult

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The Society has an award that, although we don't give it out every year, is reserved for outstanding service to our group over and above what is usually rendered to us. This year the award was presented to Annette and Frank Krimm who have faithfully served us since the early 1970s.

Annette has served several different times as president and over the years was primarily our group's administrator. She handled all the paperwork normally associated with a business including the dreaded income tax filings, managing personnel, maintaining the necessary records all the

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Linda Evans



Frank Krimm

ANNOUNCEMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

The field trip to the American Treasure Tour Museum is scheduled for Saturday morning, May 13th.

The Jenkins Homestead and Richard Shearer Research Center & Library will be closed for the day so that our volunteers can participate in the museum tour.

Early 1900 Lansdale News Articles

Nov. 1, 1901 The trolley workmen finished laying track and ballasting the same to the borough line last week. The company was compelled to do this work now or lose the concession of Susquehanna Street from the council

Nov. 1, 1901 The free rural mail delivery has been started on the Lansdale-Worcester route. Thomas J. Allen is to be the carrier at a salary of \$500 per year. He serves 700 customers and his daily route is 22 miles in length.

Sept. 11, 1902 The freight house will be completed the present week and the new passenger station is about ready for the roof.

April 30, 1903 The improvements going on at the William Penn Inn are nearing completion and will give an abundance of room downstairs especially. The new dining room will be especially adapted for the purpose intended, large and well ventilated, no finer in the country.

June 30, 1904 A 140 foot bowling alley has been erected by Horace Jenkins in the rear of the house. This is opposite the Hotel Norwood.

June 30, 1904 Both Lansdale papers last week presented a group picture of the high school graduates. They were rather a fine looking group. The men folks say the girls anyway.

Scheuring

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tremely active in facilitating the acquisition of the Lansdale Freight Station by the non-profit Discover Lansdale group.

Anne's most noticeable endeavor lately has been the Veteran's Banner project that you have seen the results of on the light poles throughout Lansdale from before Memorial Day until after Veterans Day. This project resulted in a total of 500 banners subscribed to that honor our local veterans who have served their country.

As you can see, Anne has many interests and has done much to make our community what it is today. It is with great pleasure that I presented the Edwin G. Holl Historic Achievement Award for 2017 to Anne.

Trivia Night to End 2016-17 Program Series

The society will ring down the curtain on the 2016-17 Community Program Series on Tuesday, May 9, with its second annual Local History Trivia Night, 7:30 p.m. at the Lansdale Parks and Recreation Building.

Organize your own five-person team in advance or join one of those we organize on the night of the show. Host Dick Shearer will fire trivia questions based on local history between the 1870s and the 1980s with an emphasis on the later years. The number of teams participating will be determined by the number of volunteers who come forward.

It's all in fun, of course. Members of the winning team get bragging rights for the rest of the year as well as a copy of the latest edition of our *Back in Time* book scheduled for release in late summer.

Come to participate or come to watch and enjoy some laughs. As always, there's no admission charge but donations are appreciated.

Evans

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projects was trying to obtain details on Philip Lansdale Fox, the North Pennsylvania Railroad surveyor that Lansdale is named for. Linda was able to track down more information on him than we ever thought we would have.

She has worked on many projects over the years and has served faithfully on our Board of Trustees. She volunteers at the Research Center on Thursdays and Saturdays, researches community program information, maintains our scrapbook collection, keeps our membership records, supports other volunteers who are working on programs and projects, assists with the annual awards banquet and helps members and guests of the society in researching their family histories.

Krimm

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while serving on project committees and keeping track of our many artifact donations. This is only of small list of her duties.

Frank, along with many hours of volunteering, never held any official office until he replaced Annette on the Board of Trustees. He became our untitled troubleshooter and handled all the little problems like our ever present minor maintenance items, electrical work, alarm system malfunctions, supply purchasing, fixing almost anything that was broken, helping with cranky computers, and scanning newspapers. In short, if we had a problem or needed something done, we called on Frank.

Annette and Frank probably put in more time over the years on our behalf than any two other people. I only regret that Annette was not here to share this honor with him.

I am proud to present this award to them.

AMERICAN TREASURE TOUR

To be our last activity of the 2016-17 Year

The last event of our 2016-17 season will be a field trip to the American Treasure Tour complex in Oaks, Pennsylvania.

It will be held on Saturday, May 13th at their museum and will feature a 90 minute tram ride through their unique showcase of hundreds and hundreds of memorabilia from times past. Please note that no walking will be required for this tour other than getting from your car into their building so if getting around is difficult for you, it should not be a problem here.

The tour will start promptly at 10:00 AM and end at 11:30 AM. The gift shop stop will be from 11:30 AM until noon for those who are interested. The cost is \$22 per person and reservations and payment must be received by May 4th by mail or in person at the Historical Society research center at 137 Jenkins Avenue, Lansdale, PA. 19446. For additional information, please call us at 215-855-1872.

It will be necessary for you to provide your own transportation to the museum for the tour. However, anyone who would like to go and needs a ride should let us know, and we will try to make arrangements for you to travel there with one of our volunteers. For those of you who are driving, please see the map on this note showing Route 422 and the location of the museum.

The American Treasure Tour is an all-indoor massive collection of Americana from antiques to kitsch to pop culture. Two of their primary exhibits include mechanical music and preserved classic automobiles. The mechanical music display explores hundreds of machines such as nickelodeons, band organs, and music boxes. In addition to seeing the sights, you will hear the great sounds of the music from days gone by. Additionally they have a jam-packed display of store window animations, dolls, doll houses, model airplanes, circus and patriotic art, holiday items, and many more wonderful surprises. Take a ride on their tram and enjoy a guided tour through their vast collection.

To see photographs of some of their displays, go on Google and type in American Treasure Tour Oaks, PA for a preview of the tour.





THE JENKINS HOMESTEAD

*Jenkins Homestead
and Historical
Research Center*

• 137 Jenkins Ave.
Lansdale, PA 19446.

•Hours:

- Wednesdays & Thursdays,
11 AM to 4 PM.
- Saturdays, 9 a.m. to noon.

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info@lansdalehistory.org

•Please send mail correspondence to
137 Jenkins Ave., Lansdale, PA 19446.

•Website:

www.lansdalehistory.org.

**Registration for American Treasure Tour
Field Trip May 13, 2017**

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Total Number Attending _____

Remittance Enclosed (@ \$22 per person) Total _____

**TOUR STARTS AT MUSEUM IN OAKS, PA-
AT 10:00 AM SHARP**

Pre-registration and pre-payment Required

Make Checks Payable to the Lansdale Historical Society
Mail to 137 Jenkins Avenue Lansdale, PA 19446

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The Jenkins Historic Complex