

Heritage & Museum Happenings

JULY/AUGUST 2019



Joe Vigliotti planting the "Victory Garden"



Mayberry school bell pedestal



Our new "lighted" flag pole at the museum

President's Message



Summer is beginning and we have already enjoyed a fun Hudson Day in June, to be followed with WWII Family Day July 13, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. plus our 15th Birthday Anniversary August 3 from 1-4 p.m. with games and ice cream!

The T.H.M.A. election in May for a 2 year term resulted in President: Sandy Crouse; Vice Pres.: Allan Reed; Recording Secretary: Meg Herring; Corresponding Secretary: Carolyn Amoss; and Treasurer: Jean Tracey. Museum Chm. Carroll Hahn; Publicity Chm. Elaine Hoover, Membership, Patty Fazenbaker; Social, Fairy Flickinger; and Program, Tom Robertson. I thank Diane Willhide who is retiring after 2 years of service as Ways & Means Chm. and we are looking for her replacement.

Attendance since our April opening has been encouragingly steady. Keep an eye out for outside changes: our diseased tree has been removed; a flagpole has been erected beside our T.H.S. bell out front and waves a flag 24hr/daily with solar lighting; and a new base sits in waiting for the Mayberry School Bell.

I hope to see you soon and often!

...Sandy Crouse, President



month for 3 hours of your time! Please, take the time to sign up to volunteer. I am in need of help for July-August-September. Open dates in July are: • Fri. 19, 26 • Sat. 20 • Sun. 7, 21, 28.

Chat with friends and family about becoming a volunteer as additional volunteers will strengthen our efforts. Nancy Eyer is very flexible in scheduling orientation to assist with training. You may call Pam at 410-984-2427 or email: pamireed@email.com

...Thank you, Your Museum Team

What's going on at the Museum?

The number of visitors continues to be good and their comments are very positive for both the exhibits and the facilities. The flagpole is now displaying our national flag on the front lawn and the Mayberry School bell pedestal is now installed along the driveway. The bell will be installed soon. The tree stump is gone and the old tractor wheel has moved to the flower bed along the driveway.



Hudson day was very successful again with five cars and a pickup truck. Our Hudson owners continue to like to visit and we are so glad to have them. Even former owners Lyn and John Horn, who sold their Hudson Hornet that was here for our first three years came to visit and socialize. We look forward to

having the Hudsons and their owners back next year.

There are many volunteers who put in a lot of hard work behind the scenes to keep the museum nice and interesting, so I ask everyone to please consider volunteering a few hours in the beautiful air conditioned museum by volunteering to greet our guests on weekends and not waiting for Pam to call. LET'S MAKE HER JOB A LITTLE EASIER!

...Carroll Hahn, Museum committee chairman

Calendar of Events

July 13 - 1 p.m.
WWII Family Day
Taneytown
History Museum

August 3 - 1 p.m.
Birthday Anniversary
Taneytown History
Museum

Sept. 20 -
"One More Round for George"
Golf Tournament



Volunteers and Greeters...

The Taneytown History Museum succeeds because of your help and time and you are all greatly appreciated.

Every month we need at least 6 people per weekend x 4 weeks, that's 24 volunteers per

Traveling Trunk Exhibit

A new exhibit that can "travel" to visit schools and other events outside the History Museum building is being planned by the Exhibit Committee. A "traveling trunk exhibit" tells a historical story with pictures and hands-on artifacts that can be stored and carried, in a trunk, to be displayed at other venues.

The Committee has chosen to develop a display which will depict day-to-day life in Taneytown around the turn of the 19th to 20th century. For example, items which may be included are a kerosene lamp, a wash board and homemade soap, a pocket watch, high-button shoes, a shaving mug and brush or a butter churn.

If you have any artifacts that you would like the committee to consider and would be willing to donate or if you would like to help find artifacts and arrange this exhibit, please call Nancy Eyler (410-756-2170) or email (thandma@gmail.com). Loaned items cannot be accepted for this project as it is a hands-on display.

ASSISTANCE NEEDED!

Ways and Means

We represented the museum with gift shop items for sale at the THS Alumni Banquet, June 23. Advertising in the Alumni letter helped bring visitors to the museum.

Our gift shop has many items from books, brooms, handmade toys and so much more to see. Visit us on our website, www.taneytownhh.org for a listing of our items and prices. Brooms are also being sold at Crouse Ford, Wantz Chevrolet, and the museum.

It has been my pleasure to serve as committee chairman. I will be stepping down in September due to personal reasons. It has truly been a pleasure to deliver the news and work with each one of you. Anyone interested in this job, call Sandy Crouse @ 410-756-6077.

Thank you to our museum volunteers, Crouse Ford, Wantz Chevrolet, Taneytown and outside communities for their support! Have A Great Summer.

... Diane Wilhide

Remarks at the Seasonal Reopening of The Taneytown History Museum, April 7, 2019

by Councilman Joe Vigliotti

Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen. Thank you for being here today. I'd like you to think for a moment about something you've had to give up in the past few weeks – whether for Lent or to family, a friend, or a neighbor, anything from an hour of your time to a couple of dollars to some old clothing. Now imagine your favorite dessert without the sugar. Imagine spending this evening with no electricity. Imagine wearing clothing made out of a flour sack.

Now imagine doing that again tomorrow. And the day after. And the week after. And the year after.

Thankfully, we live in an age and a time in America when giving up something does not mean doing without. We have plenty, and security, but the people you're about to meet in the stories, images, and exhibits inside this building, did not.

These were men, women, and children who had endured the tragedy of the Great Depression, who, suddenly thrust into world war, now once again made extraordinary sacrifices. Doing without had, only a few years before, been beyond their control. Doing without now, however, became a choice that would resonate across the continents of time.

From the battlefield to the farm field to the backyard, Americans held a single promise to their hearts that defined their very existence and gave them purpose: America.

In Taneytown, it was not different.

Blackout curtains went up on the windows. Windowsill flower boxes and spare patches of lawns became victory gardens. Paper, metal, and clothing drives occurred weekly, carried on by the Boy Scouts of Taneytown, and local residents and businesses. Ration stamps limited what you could buy, and the amount of what you could buy changed from week to week. Women turned food sacks into clothing. The old jail was given up to the scrap drive. Taneytown residents endured brown-outs, the cut-

ting of electricity by power companies in support of the war effort. Newspapers like the Carroll Record, radio programs, and letters carried news of the war effort, abroad and at home

Taneytown's Cambridge Rubber Company produced rain gear and boots for soldiers, for which they earned an Army/Navy E Award for Excellence, given to only 3.5 percent of such companies in the entire country. The A.W. Feezer Company received a contract for canned foods. Shriner Manufacturing, which stood at the corner of West Baltimore and York Streets, manufactured hospital pajamas. The military staged training battles just outside town.

Local women worked security for factories devoted to military production. Other local women volunteered for WAVES, The Women's Naval Reserves. Local men joined the Maryland Minute Men, a home defense militia, and a military-sanctioned Civil Air Patrol operating out of Taneytown Airport. Taneytown High School received a contract to make wooden shell casings.

These weren't occasional activities. This was every day for four years. It was all for their dream – an American dream. And when those four years ended, Taneytown hosted a victory parade that made clear the sacrifices had all been worth it. The dream had come true.

We live in a world of sunlight because they chased away the shadows of the night. And all of us look to their example in our own times to help us find the way. Because in the end, our legacy must make theirs worthwhile. And we, the current and temporary keepers of the American dream, can only reach out and touch eternity by the memory of the way we have lived our lives.

God has given us that opportunity, an opportunity unparalleled in all of history.

When you walk through these doors, don't merely honor our history. Let it inspire you. Let it cause you to consider what you'll leave behind.

May God always bless you, and may God always bless Taneytown. Thank you.

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