



Hellertown Historical Society

Dedicated to Preserving the History and Heritage of Hellertown and its People

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Upcoming 2020 Events

Due to Covid-19 No Events Scheduled
Keep Watch for Revisions and Updates



Feedback is essential for any publication to improve and grow. We welcome readers to provide their opinions, suggestions and comments about the content featured in our newsletter. Please send your feedback to the Editor at the email address below.

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COVID-19 Announcement

All of us here at HHS hope you are all safe and healthy. These are unprecedented times we are experiencing. We hope that ultimately the current pandemic restrictions will be eased and our lives can soon return to some normalcy to spend with our families, friends and neighbors.

Our organization is currently operating SAFELY for the time being with no public events scheduled at this time. It is possible future guidelines may change this in order for our town and country to recover. But with cooperation and strength from all of us, we will persevere. Please follow the directives from our local and state officials.

Financial Impact of Coronavirus Pandemic On Hellertown Historical Society

In mid-March 2020 Hellertown Historical Society began experiencing its first real financial challenge in nearly ten years brought on by the coronavirus pandemic. Restrictions put in place to slow the spread of the virus by the CDC and the state of Pennsylvania prevented us from holding events in the Tavern Room, which is the Society's primary source of income.

As a result of the restrictions we could not seek new rentals, nor could we accommodate existing rentals that were already under contract.

The Tavern Room is a very popular venue for gatherings such as baby showers, bridal showers, birthday parties, even weddings. In fact, the Tavern Room is so popular that it was booked solid for most weekends from April through December. There are even bookings into 2021!

A few years ago, under the guidance of the Society's Board of Directors, a special fund was established in anticipation of the need for emergency funding. These emergency dollars enabled the Society to provide full refunds to all patrons whose events were cancelled...regardless whether it was due to Pennsylvania/CDC guidelines or their own decision.

During the June Board of Directors' meeting, after a detailed review of the Tavern Rooms' financial impact on the 2020 budget, it was decided to postpone all non-essential projects (totaling nearly \$22,000) until 2021 or later. However, any 2020 initiative funded through a grant or a major donor would still be considered.

Under the guidance of the Board of Directors, and the financial oversight of the Society's Trustees, the Historical Society has the funds on deposit to weather a short-term storm such as the current pandemic. We are already thinking about the 2021 budget, and we will be taking a hard look at both essential and non-essential requests while preparing a document that is both prudent and austere.

The Hellertown Historical Society is a well-managed non-profit entity whose mission continues to be "Preserving Hellertown's Heritage." And, will be here to serve you for many years to come!

Submit Articles or Stories

Hellertown Historical Society
 Newsletter seeks any stories or news
 articles pertaining to Hellertown's History
 and its people. Anyone is encouraged to
 submit articles, stories or news to the

newsletter Managing Editor for
 consideration in upcoming editions.
 Submissions may be edited for content
 and/or space requirements. Please use
 the contact information on this page to
 submit your entry.

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President's Message:

Dear Members and Friends,

I hope that you are all staying safe and continue to hang in there during this time. I noticed the leaves flying this week and was amazed how we will be entering the Winter season soon. It seems like it was just yesterday that it was Springtime and things came to a bit of standstill. Not sure how time flew by when it seemed to go so slow!

Our site was challenged with a "little" flooding from hurricane Isaias in August. However, our awesome HHS volunteer crew, as usual, rolled up their sleeves and we were able to minimize the impact to our site. THANK YOU!

We are currently planning the celebration of our 40th anniversary in 2021. Although we may not be able to throw a big shindig, we are creatively working on content so that we can share our milestone with you.

We miss working in our community and can't wait to see you all soon!

Stacie Torkos, President

HHS Word Scramble

By Dolores Stauffer Di Paolo

Theme : Days and Events in Hellertown

OVEMI NI EHT KRPA
 PRSITI ARPDEA
 WKOSREIRF
 MUNOCYITM YDA
 ETAHRGIE AYD
 VNILAACR
 GLITH PU GTINH

Unscramble the above words.

Answers will appear in the next issue of the newsletter.

Answers to the last word scramble appear below. Congratulations to all who submitted the correct answers to the Editor:

THEME: All Around Town...

ARI ADRI ESTLHRE
AIR RAID SHELTER
DABN DTNAS
BAND STAND
NTUIFNOA
FOUNTAIN
MGSIMWIN OLOP
SWIMMING POOL
RWETA TESRTE KPAR
WATER STREET PARK
TILTEL EGLUEA LSDIFE
LITTLE LEAGUE FIELDS

HHS Cryptogram

By Dolores Stauffer Di Paolo

See if you can solve this

"Hellertown Historical Society"

Cryptogram. The answer will be published in the next issue of the Newsletter. If you cannot wait, send your answer to the Editor at the email address below for confirmation...

CXLR GNZ IBUL B EXNAN B
 QVZI, VL OZKL AN
 CKPAL CXN AXL
 ELNEQL BKL, NK AXL
 XPOANKPW
 OPYRPMWPBRWL NR AXL
 VBWU
 NM AXL EXNAN.
 MZAZKL YLRLKBAPNRO
 CPQQ AXBRU GNZ.
 A=T

editor@hellertownhistoricalsociety.org

The last cryptogram appears below along with the answer. Congratulations to all who submitted the correct answer to the Editor.

L KOFOU VHX VC
I NEVER SAW SO
AHKB XHRZOUV, JLZOUV
MANY WALKERS, BIKERS
HKP ICMMOUV CK NQO
AND JOGGERS ON THE
NUHLR HV L QHFO VOOK
TRAIL AS I HAVE SEEN
PEULKM NQOVO
DURING THESE
NUCEJRLKM NLAOV
TROUBLING TIMES
V=S

Hellertown Historical Society to Celebrate 40th Anniversary

HHS will be 40 next year and we will celebrate this milestone with all our members and friends.

While plans have yet to be formulated, we look to you, our readers, to offer any thoughts, experiences and other memories you have of Hellertown Historical Society to share with us. Help our 40th Anniversary become a celebration not to be forgotten by being a part of it.

Submit your information to the Editor or the Hellertown Historical Society via the contact info on the front page and we look forward to your wonderful memories.

Annual Holiday Musical Show

We're going virtual!

Although we are unable to have guests onsite this year for our annual Holiday Open House, we hope you will join us virtually to celebrate the holiday season!

We are hosting a live Holiday musical show via Facebook on Saturday, December 4th at 7pm.

Visit our Facebook page to follow the "Holiday Musical Show" event.

Happy Holidays!

A Volunteer's Experience at the Dewey Fire Company - Part 1

By Don Mills

In the last edition of our Newsletter, I wrote a little about the beginning and some early history of the Dewey Fire Company. Also, after some nudging by some of our contributing journalists, I mentioned that I would share some of the experiences I had while a volunteer firefighter with the Dewey Fire Company. I'm sure others who have served, or still serve, on the fire squad may have different situations unlike my own. I welcome them to offer their experiences by writing to the Editor to share them in upcoming issues.

Here, I'll provide my experiences over the next few editions, at least until I run out of stories to share or my memory gives out. These are not to be considered a chapter in the annals of Hellertown's rich history. These are merely to provide our readers examples of what fire squad volunteers face when they serve the Dewey Fire Company and the Borough of Hellertown 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

Joining the Fire Squad -

I joined the Dewey Fire company as a volunteer firefighter in October of 1976. I did so after receiving the annual Dewey Fire Company Ambulance Fund Drive letter that year. Within the letter was a postcard that I used to indicate my desire to volunteer on the fire squad and returned it. Shortly thereafter I received a phone call from the current Fire Chief to report to the station any Monday evening at 7PM when training and practice is held. I did so with apprehension because this was a complete unknown to me and wondered what the other people would be like and how I would be accepted.

The first order of business was to obtain protective fire gear. At the time, all that was offered were long, heavy, black bunker coats, high rubber safety boots, a fire helmet and heavy work gloves. Despite the description "heavy" those gloves did very little in the way of protection and they certainly were not designed to shield the cold during winter months, especially after they got wet. Nevertheless, safety was key in everything we did!!

I was given a spot along the wall of hooks where other squad members had their turnout gear hanging ready for service. I only received a piece of tape with my name marking my spot. It would eventually be replaced with a more permanent marker once I proved my enthusiasm to continue as a squad member. This was typical of any new recruit.

Next order of business was to become familiar with the apparatus, basically the trucks and the equipment stored on them. It would not be wise to respond to an emergency and find the need for a piece of equipment then run through all the cabinets looking for that particular item when time is precious. It wouldn't look good to the gathered crowd of bystanders either giving the impression we have no idea what we are doing.

Initial Fire Training -

On Mondays each week, practice sessions utilizing the hoses, for the majority, were held at either the SV High School parking lots or the Grist Mill complex. Often, we set up scenarios that we might expect at actual responses by laying hose out the rear truck bed from the water source to the fire scene. We would then simulate an initial attack by manning the attack hose nozzles flowing water to get a feel of that task in full fire gear. We also set up other scenarios that featured the use

of other equipment to become and remain familiar with its use. I was given driver training on the trucks in the event I would be the chosen driver on any future responses. If you were the driver on any of the pumper engines, you were automatically the pump operator and there was much to learn about that responsibility. Switching the power-take off to run the pump was one of the most important aspects. Learning how to open valves for intake and supply and which valves were used for various purposes.

We held practice rain or shine, although in the case of the former, we usually stayed inside the station and performed other training or cleaning/maintenance of the trucks and equipment. The use of SCBA (Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus) was one type of indoor training we had. Classroom and hands-on training were also a possibility to learn about using our equipment or to set up fire attack plans for various sites within our response area.

If we trained outside at the station, we often did so in the use of ladders, setting them up and scaling the building. Or we might be lucky enough to have an old vehicle to perform simulated occupant extraction from a vehicular accident.

There was always much to learn and rarely a Monday went by without doing some type of training or review to remain ready to use our equipment.

Apparatus Review and Training -

During driver training, you are expected to navigate all streets within the response area, even the very narrow ones...with parked vehicles on each side! Every truck at that time had manual shift, no automatic transmissions were used until much later. First place to train a driver on manual transmissions was New Jersey Avenue and Phillips

Street. Anyone familiar with this area of the Borough knows New Jersey Avenue has an incline going North. You must stop the vehicle on the hill then start forward again without drifting back and /or stalling the engine. Some of those early manual transmissions didn't have synchronizers to help with gear changes. This required 'double-clutching' to shift gears smoothly. Power steering? Nope! With a large diameter steering wheel, you had to build up your arm strength to make turns.

And anyone who knows me, knows I'm not a slender person. Belly room behind that large steering wheel was unheard of in those early vehicles. Once you donned the heavy coat, it became impossible to steer with that wheel lodged in your gut and the long boots made it difficult to lift your leg to push on the clutch and brake pedals.

When I first joined the squad, we had two pumper engines, a 1956 American LaFrance and a 1959 American LaFrance. Both of those were open cabs, meaning no

roof over the interior seats! There were side windows. I believe they even rolled up and down...why is beyond me! They had the modern convenience of windshield wipers, not that it made much difference with an open cab. Even so, they were vacuum-operated. So, as you increase the engine speed, the wipers stopped working.

Dewey also had a 1966 International Medium Rescue truck which I swear had a solid rear axle and no springs! Personnel sat inside the rear crew compartment on long



1956 American LaFrance Pumper - #401

(Courtesy Dewey Fire Company History Facebook Page)



1959 American LaFrance Pumper - #404

(Courtesy Dewey Fire Company History Facebook Page)

bench seats on each side which were actually metal boxes with hinged cushion seats to permit storage of items inside. If you were riding in the crew compartment to a call, you had to watch for things bouncing off shelves above that could hit you as the truck rolled over road bumps. Full tool boxes, heavy rescue tools/equipment and so on were what could drop in your lap at any moment. Running over a discarded cigarette butt felt like we were running over Grand Canyon. Now you know why fire helmets were standard issue. Riding inside was like being isolated in a large metal box with no frontal view and no windows other than those out the rear doors to see where you had been. The whine of the tires on the road was loud and the constant bouncing and swaying was enough to cause motion sickness. There was an electric fan in the ceiling I suppose to exhaust any buildup of CO emissions. It sure didn't provide any type of cooling! It was an experience much like a roller coaster in a theme park.

During my first few years, Dewey used a 1940 American LaFrance 85' ladder truck that had been purchased from the City of Bethlehem many years before. Also, with an open cab, this was the truck with no gear synchronizers, very difficult to drive and a long wheelbase for impossible turning onto those narrow streets. If you ever heard the phrase "it's a bear to drive", this was the catalyst that started the phrase.

Besides the 85' aerial ladder mounted midship, it housed several other ladders accessed from the rear in the truck bed. Various types and lengths for most any required need was available.

Shortly after I joined the fire squad, Dewey took delivery of a new piece, a 1977 American LaFrance 1000GPM pumper, for a total of



1966 International Rescue Truck - #403
(Courtesy Dewey Fire Company History Facebook Page)



1940 American LaFrance 85' Aerial Truck - #402
(Courtesy Dewey Fire Company History Facebook Page)



1977 American LaFrance Century Pumper Truck - #405
(Courtesy Dewey Fire Company History Facebook Page)

three pumpers. This was probably the best investment the Borough had made over the many years of service I gave to Dewey.

I say so because this truck was always our 'first-out' piece when responding, and it served that distinction admirably and reliably! I can't help but say this was my favorite truck of all those I worked with while active with the fire squad. This truck went to many of our serious emergencies and less serious emergencies, and never failed. I loved this truck so much; I still call it "my" truck! Even my family, who knows how I love it, feels the same way. I'm not so sure the current owner, Ron Smith, feels that way. Although Ron has been generous enough at various events in recent years to allow me the enjoyment of taking it for a spin every so often for a good shakedown.

When I responded to the station for emergencies, I was often one of the first volunteers to arrive due to my proximity to the station. The first to arrive usually opens all the garage doors, turns on the garage lights for the other squad members who would soon arrive. By the time I donned my fire gear, the next few volunteers would soon arrive.

Since this was the 'first-out' piece, I got into the driver's seat and started it, then pulled it outside to await further personnel ready to respond once they climbed on board to assemble a full crew. Driving this truck was a chore for some, but I seemed to have a knack for getting it right. It had power steering, a first for a Dewey truck! The manual transmission was tight, which often fooled others as being difficult to shift, but I was able to shift without issues, especially when downshifting. Even though it was a truck, to me it drove much like a regular car, albeit a bit bulky and overweight. Careful maneuvering permitted me to

negotiate even the tightest of turns and narrowest of streets. I dare say I felt like a natural driving this piece. As the driver is also the pump operator, I developed an ease of engaging the pump quickly and efficiently to provide water to the fire attack team. I have so many great memories driving this truck and the others and I will share a few in the coming editions of this newsletter.

Eventually, all trucks begin to grow tired and this happened to the 1940 American LaFrance aerial truck during my time. The truck itself was facing major issues and the ladder developed cracks and broken welds, much too major to repair.

After receiving Borough approval, we set out to find a replacement with financial efficiency. The result was a 1966 100' Maxim aerial truck with pump, purchased used from Pearl River Fire Company in New York in 1981. Even though it was considered an open cab, this one had a convertible top included! The 100' aerial was a necessary consideration since the "new" senior high-rise building was constructed at Northampton and Water Streets about that time. The previous ladder

never would have reached the upper floors of the seven-story building.

Although quite long, it was much easier to drive than the previous ladder truck and was easier to maneuver on those narrow streets. It too had power steering! Can you believe it, Dewey trucks were moving into the 20th Century! The mid-ship mounted ladder was easily erected and maneuvered into operating position quickly and efficiently.

Like the aerial truck mentioned above, similar aging issues were appearing in the current Rescue truck. With the recent construction of I-78 and an interchange at the North end of Hellertown, Dewey Fire Company became responsible to handle emergency responses to a broad section of this superhighway in both directions of the interchange. The current rescue truck did not support the required tools necessary to effect rescues for this type of response and the truck itself was not suitable for this type of travel. It was determined that not only would a new truck be required to transport such tools and personnel, but new tools and equipment would also be necessary.



1966 Maxim 100' Aerial Truck - #402

(Courtesy Dewey Fire Company History Facebook Page)

Again, after receiving Borough approval, the squad officers met often to create a plan for a new piece to replace the aging rescue truck. The result was a new 1989 Freightliner Marion rescue truck complete with many new tools and equipment as well as an on-board cascade system to support refilling SCBA (Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus) tanks at emergency scenes. Intricate planning went into developing every square inch of chassis space for utilization. Some items developed had never been accomplished before, yet the manufacturer met our needs by providing what we requested. One example of this is the rear compartment inside the rear access steps behind the rear axle and suspension. Normally never considered for storage, we found that our folding ladder could be stored there and, along with the manufacturer, developed a system to do so in an enclosed box. The rear most side compartments on each side which were extremely narrow in width, were extended to full height to accommodate long objects such as pike poles, brooms, etc. The use of roll-up doors on the compartments provided easier access to all items contained within. The higher chassis height allowed us to devise slide-out compartments under the chassis to store additional tools. Under-chassis lighting helped with nighttime calls and assisted personnel at the scene. I aided the design of this truck by offering several concept drawings which the manufacturer used to develop the finished product. We were extremely pleased with the end result and used this piece on many responses to the I-78 corridor with great success as well as responses within the Borough.

Over the years, the fire apparatus has changed, some trucks



1989 Freightliner/Marion Medium Rescue Truck - #403

(Courtesy Dewey Fire Company Website)

were replaced while I was still active. Many changed after I retired. Further information on the timeline of these pieces may be found on both the Dewey Fire Company website and the Dewey Fire Company History Facebook page. I encourage readers to review both these sources to see how the Dewey Fire Company has remained 'ready to respond' when called.

More to be Featured in Future Issues

Hurricane Isaias Flooding

On August 4th, Hurricane Isaias caused our HHS site to be challenged with massive flooding. Our volunteers spent six hours capturing, dumping, re-routing, and pumping the flood waters surrounding & coming into the mill. Our partners from Dewey Fire Company #1 also loaned us a pump which their volunteers helped setup.

This teamwork resulted in no damage to the interior of the historic Heller-Wagner Grist Mill and only some damage to the grounds that did not require major repairs.

THANK YOU to everyone who helped protect our historic site!



Would You Believe?

By Dolores Stauffer DiPaolo

These facts were given to me by one of our long-time members, Al Groegler, who turned 97 years young in June. They appeared in a paper called Crown Royal with events, prices and entertainment that happened on or around his birthday in 1923...

Snow on May 10th cancelled Major League Baseball Games

The song of the time was "Oh It Ain't Gonna Rain No Mo!"

How in the heck can I wash my neck if it ain't gonna rain no mo?"

Movies - "The Hunch Back of Notre Dame" and "Rosita"

Warren G. Harding was President then died August 2nd making Vice President, Calvin Coolidge, President.

A Gallon of Gas was \$.15

A Gallon of Milk was \$.56

A Loaf of Bread was \$.09

A New Ford was \$ 650.00

A New Home was \$3,800.00

Annual income \$1,325.00

Gold was \$20.67

Silver was \$.15

Games of Yesteryear

By Dolores Stauffer Di Paolo

Mumbley Peg

As one of our Senior volunteers and I were sitting in the Miller House kitchen having a coffee break, he started to tell me about the things he and his friends did when they were kids.

On a summer day they would go up to the field behind Union Cemetery. Back then it was just a field beyond the cemetery – no thru road or schools. The field was just the right size to play stick ball, marbles and their favorite, Mumbley Peg. What is Mumbley Peg you ask? I didn't know either. I had never heard

of it and I believe it was strictly a boy's game.

In those days every man and boy carried a pocket knife. Can you imagine boys carrying pocket knives today? First of all, they would be suspended or expelled from school. If a fight would break out, the knife would come out in a flash. Next thing you know they would be in court and then Juvie. Anyway, I'm getting off track here. This game was played by Wild West Cowboys, World War II Soldiers and 19th century school boys.

The easier version of Mumbley Peg is for two players to stand facing each other with their feet apart. The first guy throws the knife into the ground (it must stick in the ground) and get it as close to his foot as possible. The next guy does the same. Sometimes to make sure they win, one player will make sure it sticks in his foot. (Ouch, dumb move) There are more complicated ways to play this game that require knife throwing skills. The winner gets to drive a peg into the ground and the loser must get it out with his TEETH cursing and mumbling at the winner the whole time. This is where the name Mumbley Peg comes from.

Marbles

I remember my oldest brother played marbles. He collected agates and clay marbles, steelies and cat's eyes. I know the big marbles were shooters and some of the collection was treasured and hard to find.

To play a game of marbles they drew a circle on the ground, I remember the circle in dirt. Then the boys who were playing, each put a certain amount of marbles in the circle and kept the big marble out for shooting. They would take turns shooting the marbles out of the circle. There was a certain way to shoot the marble. It was called knuckle down, meaning you flicked it with your thumb. If they agreed

beforehand, you kept the marble you shot out of the circle. Sometimes it was a favorite marble and the boy went home sad that he lost it.

Marbles were often kept in a drawstring bag or a small can. There are many different games of marbles to play but this was the easiest. There were also marble tournaments all over the U.S.

It's a shame the kids today don't collect and play marbles. They don't know the fun of getting down in the dirt and taking away another kid's marble. It's so much more fun than sitting and playing a shoot 'em up video game on the computer or TV.

Shopping Smile Amazon Helps Fund HHS

By Don Mills

With the Christmas shopping season already underway, there is a method that your gift purchases will help Hellertown Historical Society and it costs NOTHING for you participate. With the current pandemic, many people are utilizing online shopping, so this fund-raising method is perfect!

Amazon offers a special method for raising funding for non-profits and charitable organizations called "Amazon Smile". It works the same way as the regular Amazon website except that half of one percent of your total purchase is sent directly to the charitable/non-profit organizations. The price you pay for your items is the same as usual and there are no additional charges when shopping with this method. The only issue is that you must be sure to use the "Amazon Smile" website to make your purchases. If you do not use this website and use the regular Amazon website, no funding will be transferred.

While the half of one percent does not sound like much, if more and more people use this website

when making purchases, the amount of funds raised could be substantial. Just for example, all of MY shopping through this website for this year (2020 only) has raised nearly \$20, and I still have more Christmas shopping to do. Multiply that by 20, 30, 60 or 100 people and you can understand how much an impact it would make. You need not stop using this method once the Holidays are over. By using this method for all your Amazon purchases, you continually fund HHS – again, AT NO COST TO YOU!!

There are instructions on our website to guide you through using the Amazon Smile method of making purchases. View these by clicking “Support HHS” from the selections along the top of the page, then select “Amazon Smile” from the sub-menu. The instructions include descriptive explanations as well as graphic displays of the website and where to enter your information. If you have a current Amazon account, simply log in with your information. If you do not have an Amazon account, there are instructions on their website to create one. Should you need further clarification or assistance, you may contact me at editor@hellertownhistoricalsociety.org and I’ll gladly help you.

I hope many of you take advantage of this method to help raise much needed funding for Hellertown Historical Society during this very difficult time.

The photo at right is Dewey’s fire truck “Big Bertha” taken in October 13, 1955. First graders from Reinhard Elementary School went for a ride this day. If anyone was part of this adventure, we would like to hear from you. Please send an email to editor@hellertownhistoricalsociety.org

Hellertown Historical Society Welcomes Year-End Donations

In order to meet IRS tax purposes, many cash donations are offered at the end of the year. With the Covid-19 pandemic, we have had to forego our usual fund-raising events for the entire year. While we are not in any type of dire consequences, we have cut far back on our usual expenses in order to remain solvent. These include maintenance expenses and repairs to our historic buildings as well as general expenses such as some utilities and everyday purchases.

Your generous year-end donations will help us to get through these difficult times and bolster our funding for these items when the Covid crisis passes and we are able to resume full operations. Please consult your tax advisor with any questions about deductibility of your gift for income tax purposes. The Hellertown Historical Society is a 501c3 non-profit organization. Please accept our gratitude should you decide to take advantage of this IRS benefit before the end of this year.

If you are over the age of 70½ you can make a contribution from your Individual Retirement Account (IRA) directly to Hellertown Historical Society.

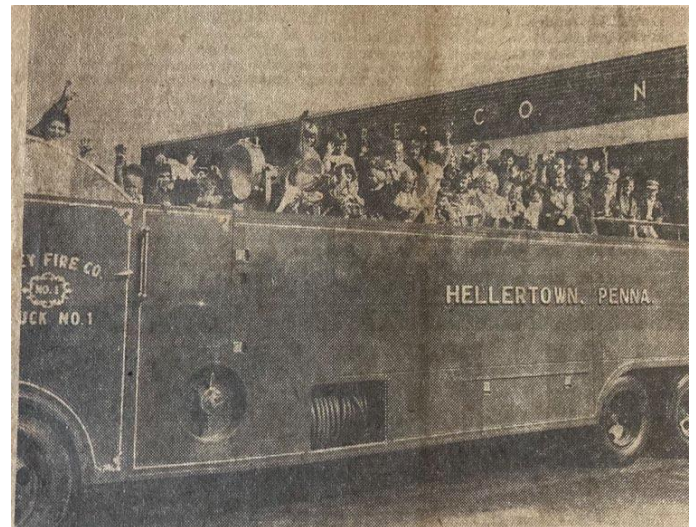
Best of all, your contribution to Hellertown Historical Society from your IRA may count towards your Required Minimum Distribution. Depending on your personal tax situation, a donation from your IRA directly to Hellertown Historical Society may yield better tax advantages than a direct donation.

How do you make it happen? Easy! Simply contact the custodian of your IRA (Financial Institution, Insurance Company, Brokerage, etc) and instruct the custodian to make a donation from your IRA directly to the Hellertown Historical Society.

Your IRA custodian may need additional information to complete records surrounding your contribution. Please contact gilstauffer@rcn.com for more details. Again...It is very important for the custodian to make the check payable to Hellertown Historical Society.

You are encouraged to consult with your attorney, tax advisor, or accountant to determine if a donation to Hellertown Historical Society directly from your IRA is right for you. If so...great!

Thank you for your support, and thank you for making Hellertown Historical Society part of your financial life!



Hellertown's Distinct and Historic Homes - #4

A new series featuring distinctive and historic homes in Hellertown – Answer to this home will appear in the next issue

Look at the home on left side circa 1925 and see if you recognize the same home at its current site and condition...



Hellertown's Distinct and Historic Homes - #3 Answer

A new series featuring distinctive and historic homes in Hellertown

This was the home of George B. Deemer, Borough Treasurer at 662 Main Street.

It is now the law office of Bradford Wagner, Attorney.



The Borough of Hellertown announced the first group of Hometown Hero Banners have been erected. You will find these striking banners on utility poles along Easton Road, Water Street and Walnut Street. The banners will remain in place from Memorial Day through Veteran's Day. This is the time to remember the generations of Hellertown Heroes who sacrificed so much that we may remain free to live as we do in our community.

<p>SAUCON VALLEY HOMETOWN HEROES</p>  <p>Albert Logan Mills Sergeant U.S. Army WW II Era & Korean Conflict</p>	<p>SAUCON VALLEY HOMETOWN HEROES</p>  <p>Earl L. Hill SP4 U.S. Army Vietnam Era</p>	<p>SAUCON VALLEY HOMETOWN HEROES</p>  <p>Michael R. Ferry FM3 U.S. Navy 1993 - 1997</p>
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