



Lackawanna Historical Society volunteers
Betty Nebesky, Elaine Carroll,
and Tara Castellano prepare
for Holiday Season at the Catlin House.

Photograph by Jim Nocolias

*Don't forget to join
the Lackawanna Historical Society
on Thursday, December 4th at 7 p.m.
for our annual
Members- Only Holiday Open House
at the Catlin House.*

*..and remember to purchase a raffle ticket for the Windsor Chair
and maybe a few chances on our Holiday Basket
courtesy of LHS member Julie Esty.*



The Buses Headed for Scranton

By Ogden Nash, 1957

*The buses headed for Scranton travel in pairs,
The lead bus is the bolder
With the taut appearance of one who greatly dares;
The driver glances constantly over his shoulder.*

*The buses headed for Scranton are sturdy craft,
Heavy-chested and chunky;
They have ample vision sideways and fore and aft;
The passengers brave, the pilots artful and spunky.*

*Children creep hand in hand up gloomy stairs;
The buses headed to Scranton travel in pairs.*

*They tell of a bus that headed for Scranton alone;
It dwindled into the West.*

*It was later found near a gasoline pump—most
grown,
Deserted, abandoned, like the Mary Celeste.*

*Valises smuggled trimly upon the racks,
Lunches in tidy packets,
Twelve Daily Newses in neat, pathetic stacks,
Thermoses, Chicklets, and books with paper jackets.*

*Some say the travelers saw the Wendigo,
Or were eaten by bears.
I know not the horrid answer, I only know
That the buses headed for Scranton travel in pairs.*

Dear Friends,

On September 12th, we were pleased to have hosted a very successful annual dinner with the program by Scranton native Jay Parini.

As 2003 is winding down, I want to recognize the outstanding work of the Trustees of the Lackawanna Historical Society and commend them for their efforts to steer the organization in a positive direction.

This year has been very active for the Society as we...

- Continued to offer diverse programming like the April presentation on the artwork of Bob Lizza and Josephine Dunn's lecture on local sculpture in August plus our very popular annual Places of Worship Tour and the Historic House Tour in the Hill
- Expanded our educational activities through the BEST program to create a new exhibit at the Federal Courthouse and present student performances on local history
- Strengthened our partnerships in the community to develop new opportunities and audiences including co-sponsorship of the 26th Annual Conference on Black History in Pennsylvania and our on-going cooperation with the Scranton Public Library to organize our library and make it accessible throughout the region
- Raised much needed funds and gained new members through "Our Big Fat Historical Wedding" and "The Last Dinner on the Titanic".

The summer of 2003 proved to be real challenge due to excessive water problems in the Catlin House basement, causing us to exceed our Building and Grounds budget for the year. Despite this setback, I am happy to report that, in 2003, we have also been able to begin the second phase of the Catlin House Restoration by repairing second floor molding and establishing a plan to paint the porch ceilings, install a more historically accurate fence around the property, and add awnings to the windows.

The Society's Collections Committee has continued its work to organize and store the LHS holdings and plan new exhibits. And our Membership Committee has worked to encourage annual membership renewals and develop new members for the Society. Remember: YOUR membership is the KEY to our success.

Finally I want to acknowledge our staff and volunteers for their dedication and support of the Lackawanna Historical Society. Their hard work is truly appreciated and is what makes the Society so special.

Sincerely,
Alan Sweeney
President

About Membership... Membership privileges include unlimited access to the Society library, 10% discount in our bookstore, advance notice and invitations to all Society activities, special members-only programs and the quarterly newsletter. Attached is a membership form you can use to renew your membership or give to a friend or neighbor who is interested in joining. Please return it to: The Lackawanna Historical Society at 232 Monroe Avenue, Scranton, PA 18510 **2004 Memberships are due in January!**

LACKAWANNA HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP FORM

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Student | \$10 | NAME _____ |
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UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

- November 9** THE ANTHRACITE POSTCARD CLUB PRESENTS *THE WRIGHT BROTHERS AND THEIR DEVELOPMENT OF THE AIRPLANE* BY CLUB MEMBER TOM STRANKO 3: 00 P.M. CLARKS SUMMIT FIRE HALL (TOP FLOOR) CALL CLUB PRESIDENT 347-6671
- November 9** *ASHES TO ART A PHOTOGRAPHIC ODYSSEY OF COAL CULM AND CINDER* EXHIBIT BY MEL WOLK OPENING RECEPTION 2 PM. TO 4 P.M. RSVP: 963-6590 THROUGH NOVEMBER 23RD AT THE ELECTRIC CITY TROLLEY STATION AND MUSEUM
- November 10** *RECOLLECTIONS OF WAR* FILM SHOWING OF *WITNESS VOICES FROM THE HOLOCAUST* 7:30 P.M. THE HOULIHAN MCLEAN CENTER, SEE PAGE 6 FOR COMPLETE SCHEDULE
- November 11** *RECOLLECTIONS OF WAR JUSTICE AT DACHAU* PRESENTATION AND PANEL DISCUSSION. 8:30 A.M. THE HOULIHAN MCLEAN CENTER, SEE PAGE 6 FOR COMPLETE SCHEDULE
- November 15** THE PENNSYLVANIA ANTHRACITE HERITAGE MUSEUM PRESENTS *READING DISASTER: A STUDY OF TWO ANTHRACITE MINING TRAGEDIES* BY PROFESSOR WILLIAM CONLOGUE FOCUSING ON HIS EXAMINATION OF VISUAL AND WRITTEN RECORDS ON THE AVONDALE AND PANCOAST FIRE DISASTERS. 2:00 P.M. THE ANTHRACITE MUSEUM, MCDADE PARK CALL 963-4804 FOR DETAILS.
- November 18** *ELEMENTS OF ART DESIGN*, A SLIDE SHOW PRESENTATION ON LINE, COLOR, VOLUME AND SHAPE BY WELL KNOWN ARTIST, WEAVER AND TEACHER, PEG MCDADE CO-SPONSORED WITH THE FRIENDS OF THE WEINBERG MEMORIAL LIBRARY, UNIVERSITY OF SCRANTON, AND THE LACKAWANNA HISTORICAL SOCIETY 7:30 P.M. BRENNAN HALL AUDITORIUM
- November 23** *THE HISTORY OF THE SCRANTON PIGEON CLUB* BY LEONARD YARISH 2:00 P.M. THE CATLIN HOUSE
- December 4** *MEMBERS ONLY HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE* ELECTION OF OFFICERS WILL BE CONDUCTED AT 8:00 P.M. 7:00 P.M. THE CATLIN HOUSE
- December 5** *ANNUAL HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE* WINDSOR CHAIR RAFFLE & HOLIDAY BASKET CHANCE WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED. 7:00 P.M. THE CATLIN HOUSE
- December 21** *AN OPEN HOUSE AND DISCUSSION WITH AILEEN SALLOM FREEMAN* ABOUT HER NEWEST PUBLICATION, *THE LAND NO ONE WANTED, THE ROLE OF ANTHRACITE IN THE HISTORY OF A NEW COUNTRY* 2:00 P.M. THE CATLIN HOUSE
- February 14-16** *7TH ANNUAL MEET OF THE PENNSYLVANIA GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY AND PENNSYLVANIA LIVE STEAMERS* 9 A.M. TO 5 P.M. THE ELECTRIC TROLLEY STATION AND MUSEUM AT STEAMTOWN NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE GROUNDS. CALL CLEM O'JEVICH, JR. FOR INFORMATION: (570) 735-5570

Are you Packed and Ready to Go?

In the last newsletter, Steamtown National Historic Site asked for donations of suitcases, picnic baskets, briefcases, grip and valises to place in the overhead racks of the passenger coaches. We received several donations from members of the Historical Society but need many more. These suitcases will contribute to the ambiance of Steamtown's train rides with a feeling of people on the move.

The suitcases should reflect a 1900s or earlier feeling (no wheels or collapsible handles). Contact Ella Rayburn, park curator, at 570.340.5192 to donate.



WE NEEDED TO KNOW!
And you decided to tell us!

The Lackawanna Historical Society included a survey in its last newsletter about how we are serving our members. Several questionnaires were returned, and much to our chagrin, we were happy to learn that you are pleased with our programs, events, and newsletter.

We encourage you to contact us with more input throughout the year as to how we're doing, and we always welcome comments and suggestions on how we can better how our work.

Thanks to all those who participated in the survey!

Welcome New Members

Individual

Susan Baker
JoAnn Bogdonowicz
Lawrence Haverstein
Paul T. Moran
Gail Dpudis

Scranton
Lake Ariel
New Jersey
Maryland
Scranton

Student

Kaitlin Pidgeon
Rondald Krysiwski
Wendy Waltz

Scranton
Wilkes-Barre
Scranton

Family

Elaine Carroll
Bernadine Carroll
Joseph Collins
Mary Rogan Coviello
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Meredith
Mr. Oates & Ms. Slotterback
Catherine Turner
Mr. & Mrs. Dave Williams

Scranton
Dunmore
Scranton
Clarks Summit
Scranton
Scranton
Dallas
Clarks Summit

Contributing

Mr. & Mrs. Michael Gilmartin Dalton

Lackawanna Historical Society Receives General Operating Support Grant and Additional Funding for Special Project and Planning

The Lackawanna Historical Society is pleased to announce that it has been approved for the 2003-2004 General Operating Support for Official County Historical Societies in the amount of \$10,000. Society President Alan Sweeney said, "This funding will support the Society's continuing efforts to promote and preserve the county's history through its programs, tours, and collection.

This summer, the Society also received project funding from the Pennsylvania Partners in the Arts through the Scranton Area Foundation and a small planning grant from the Pennsylvania Humanities Council.

The Pennsylvania Partners in the Arts program under the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts in cooperation with the Scranton Area Foundation has awarded the LHS a grant in support of its project to enhance the annual Dunmore Cemetery Tour by working with playwright Nance Hasty and musician Cindy Hasty to develop a theatrical performance based on the lives of the persons buried in the cemetery. The project will conclude with a special spring presentation at the cemetery using local student actors, the Past Players.

The Pennsylvania Humanities Council, a statewide partner of the National Endowment for the Humanities has approved the Society's request for funding assistance to be used towards the expansion and improvement of the Heritage Express, an educational train ride through the Lackawanna Valley.

The Society is grateful for this funding and for all of the support we receive from our members and local partners to assist us in achieving our mission to promote and preserve Lackawanna County history.

Volunteer Spotlight BARB SMALLACOMB



Just about 2 years ago, Barb Smallacomb, of 627 Adams Ave., was reading the Scranton Times, when she came across an ad asking for volunteers at the Lackawanna Historical Society.

So Barb decided to further investigate the ad to see just what types of volunteering they needed. After talking with Mary Ann Moran, Director of the Lackawanna Historical Society, Barb was sold.

"I started doing birth indexes and recording living histories," Barbara said. "I listened to an oral history from a

woman from Greece who moved to Scranton and I recorded her story."

Originally from Jessup, Barb attended Valley View High School, where she was a member of the Scholastic Bowl Team. She now continues her scholastic studies on her own, she says, by reading as much as she can—books, magazines, newspapers and journals.

"I'm interested in Greek and Roman mythology, the history of British royalty as well as Norse mythology," Barb said. "When I was a little girl, I was always interested in how local towns got their names."

Barb now frequently works on recording obituaries, as well as researching the lives of the miners, also volunteers at

Steamtown National Historic Site. While her knowledge of general history is immense, and, indeed, Barb could serve as a walking Encyclopedia, she says that volunteering has many different benefits—for both the organization as well as for herself.

"I get to know people, and it keeps my mind active," Barb said. "I love everyone that works with me here. And it (volunteering) keeps me close to my roots.

The Lackawanna Historical Society would like to personally thank Barbara, as well as all volunteers, for the time and hard given to the Society.

LHS is always seeking new volunteers. For more information, please call the Society at: 344.3841

Voices from Scranton Bare Witness to Holocaust

For years, Tova Weiss and LHS Director, Mary Ann Moran, talked about doing a program together. This month, that program will finally come to fruition.

The Holocaust Research Center was established 9 years ago to coordinate educational programs for the academic community—as well as the general public.

According to Mrs. Weiss, most of the programs presented by the Holocaust Resource Center fall during the autumn, to give voice to those whose were taken away during

Krystal Nacht.

Krystal Nacht, literally, The Night of Broken Glass, recalls the evening of November 9, 1938, when Jews were terrorized throughout Germany on the pretext of the murder of a German Litigation Secretary in Paris, by a Jew.

The Braun Shirts, Hitler's militant support group, stormed the streets of Jewish neighborhoods burning down Jewish owned buildings and homes.

Although throughout Jewish history there had been many attacks, or more specifically, pogroms, against the Jews, this event was the first time that Jew-

ish people (that evening the Germans took only men) were systematically rounded up and taken away.

"The result of it was that well over seven hundred synagogues were burned," Mrs. Weiss said. "Somewhere between 20,000 and 30,000 males were rounded up and taken off to the early concentration camps."

This year, to offset that event, Mrs. Weiss has decided to bring justice to Scranton, via author and film maker, Joshua M. Greene.

Mr. Green, creator of the

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LHS and SPL BEGIN A NEW CHAPTER

When you need a book, you go to the library—usually, the Albright Memorial Library, or at least one of its local branches.

But a few years ago, the Lackawanna Historical Society, the Everhart Museum and Moses Taylor Hospital realized that they had quite a few books that the public, and indeed, the Albright Memorial Library, didn't know about.

According to Donna Adler, head of Technical Services at the Scranton Public Library, and Alan Sweeny, President of the Lackawanna Historical Society thought it was about time that all of the organizations join together to share the information that they had with the public.

"Previously there was no way to know where the items

were," Mrs. Adler said.

So, a team of participants got together and began to catalogue all of those items in order to then place them on a database accessible to all those who hold a library card. A task, Mrs. Adler said, that was quite difficult.

"One challenge is that we had 3 different locations," she said. "The biggest challenge, was the uniqueness of the Lackawanna Historical Society's stuff. They really are one of a kind."

Mrs. Adler explained that usually when recording new items into the present system, all one has to do is copy the information from a previous source. In the case of the Lackawanna Historical Society's items, there was no "previous source."

Anyone who currently holds a library card now has access to a wide range of resources from the Everhart Museum, Moses Taylor Hospital, and the Lackawanna Historical Society. Thanks to the Albright Memorial Library, the Lackawanna Historical Society has established its own website that is up and running, but still undergoing construction.

The Albright Memorial Library now has 450,000 items available to the public.

Library hours are Monday through Thursday, 9:00 am-9:00 pm, Friday, 9:00 am-5:30 pm, Saturday, 9:00 am-5:00 pm, and Sunday, 2:00 pm-5:00 pm.

For more information on the Albright Memorial Library, as well as all of its constituents, call: 348.3000, or visit them on the web at www.albright.com.



In the Bookstore...

Part of a Geography

by John E. McGuigan

Paper kite Press, 2003 \$10.00

"Growing up in North Scranton we played on culm dumps (piles of coal dust or slack; small pieces of anthracite, impure anthracite, shale), ran on chunky, loose rock."

Throughout the rest of this poem, appropriately entitled, "How I learned to Run," the persona takes the reader from local landmark, (past St. Vincent's Church) to local landmark (past the junior high, Cas-

tle Restaurant, G.C. Murphy Co.,) creating a pace that mimics the rhythm of the lines the poet writes and, indeed, runs.

McGuigan continues this linguist dance continually marrying the literal meaning of his words to the physical style in which he writes. *Dancing in the Kitchen*, a poem that recounts the story of a little boy dancing in his kitchen on a Saturday night, pulls the reader into the literary dance through the use of short, four syllable lines: "He is dancing./He is dancing./He is dancing." But the stance stops abruptly canceling out the triple four syllable

lines with a final, moving line that leaves the reader watching the little boy: "Dancing in the kitchen."

Interspersed throughout McGuigan's lines, the reader encounters quotes: "Time was never reduced to achievement. Time was time to wonder." And this is what McGuigan's book achieves: the creation of a place where memories of wonderment reside, nestled peacefully and happily into lines of poetry.

Part of Geography is available for purchase at the Catlin House. Stop by for this and other Holiday shopping ideas.

Board of Trustees to Hold Elections December 4

Elections will be held December 4th Members Only Holiday Open House at 8 p.m.

Officers up for re-election are Alan Sweeney, President; Richard Bovard, 1st Vice President; Eileen Pocius, 2nd Vice President; Arlene Devereaux O'Hara, Secretary; Douglas Forrer, Treasurer and Mark Cruciani, Assistant Treasurer.

Trustee Class of 2006 nominees are Richard Bovard, Richard Leonori, Arlene Devereaux O'Hara, Ella S. Rayburn, Marc Fournier, and Alan Sweeney.

Marc Fournier is a new nominee to the LHS Board and currently serves as General Manager of the Radisson Lackawanna Station Hotel. A graduate of Johnson and Wales University, Rhode Island in 1991 Mr. Fournier began his hospitality career with Hyatt Hotels in Cherry Hill New Jersey. He traveled the country working for such companies as Radisson Hotels, TGIFridays Winegardner & Hammons Hotels, Choice Hotels

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with them," Mrs. Weiss. "This has grown just so unbelievably. We've ended up being able to build just such an incredible committee. They define the term working committee."

The legal ramifications of Dachau, combined with the current world events, Mrs. Weiss says, shaped the program as well as the potential audience of the program: those in the legal field, academicians, and of course, the general public. When the committee discussed marketing to the general

and Remington Hotels. He moved to his current position of General Manager in October of 2002.

Mr. Fournier resides in Clarks Summit with his wife, Onafria and his daughter. He is a board member of the Northeast Pennsylvania Convention and Visitors Bureau and has been an active member of the Lackawanna County Hoteliers Association.

Laurie Cadden Foley and Elaine Shepard have also been nominated to fill vacancies in the Class of 2004.

Laureen Cadden Foley, former Assistant Executive Director for the Everhart Museum, and currently the Branch Manager of the Financial Center Branch for Fidelity Bank, is also the President of the Junior League of Scranton, and the American Diabetes Association. She is a board member of the Susan G. Komen Foundation, the Voluntary Action Center, Friendship House, and was the 2003 Chair-

man of First Night Scranton.

Ms. Foley, host of "talk of the Town" on Scranton Today's Channel 61, is a graduate of Lackawanna College, and currently lives in Dunmore with her two sons, Tommy and Sean.

Elaine Shepard was raised in Great Neck, New York and moved to Scranton in 1962. She is a realtor with Classic Properties and is President-Elect of the Greater Scranton Board of Realtors.

Elaine is currently on the Boards of the Woman's Resource Center, Voluntary Action Center, NEPA Philharmonic League, Ronald McDonald Houses of Scranton and a Sustainer Representative of the Junior League of Scranton. She is a past Chairman of the Ronald McDonald Houses Gourmet Gala and an active member of Temple Hesed.

A long time resident of Clarks Summit, Elaine is the mother of three, and the Grandmother of six.

public they decided to springboard from *Witness* and use local stories to create their own film.

With the technical support of Thomas M. Curra, producer of *Stories from the Mines*, and assistance for Paul Colaeizzi of Scranton Tomorrow, the stories of local survivors and liberators were filmed at the Lackawanna Historical Society. This presentation will be shown throughout the weekend of November 7, 2003 on Channel 61 Scranton Today. Although originally planned as a

pre-event presentation, the work may now be well on its way to a full documentary.

"We needed a space where, especially the survivors, as well as the liberators would feel comfortable, because it's very personal and it's very emotional," Mrs. Weiss said. "And Mary Ann Moran suggested the living room, of course." The event will be shown on Channel 61 the weekend of November 7. For more information, check your local listings.

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film, *Witness: Voices from the Holocaust*, as well as author of the book, *Justice at Dachau: The Trials of an American Prosecutor* will be in Scranton, Monday, November 10, 2003 for a screening and discussion of his film and on Tuesday, November 11, 2003, to speak about his book and participate as a forum panelist on Integrity and the Law.

The film, which uses personal testimony to humanize the experience of those who survived the Holocaust also delves into the differences between Holocaust reality as opposed to skewed movie and television versions.

Witness include testimonies from seventeen Jews, non-Jews, a Hitler youth, American POWs, liberators, resistance fighters, and a Jesuit priest.

Justice at Dachau gives an account of the first trials of those involved in the extermination of the Jews during World War II: 1600 guards, officers, doctors, kapos, and other war criminals. *Justice at Dachau*, which proceeded the Nuremberg trials, served as the first Tribunal for war crimes.

"When information about *Justice at Dachau* came across my desk, this was just about the time that things were going on at Iraq," Mrs. Weiss said. "And I thought it just seems natural to have both programs."

The Monday night showing of *Witness* is being co-sponsored by the Weinberg Institute of Judaic Studies, and the over all conference is being co-sponsored by the University of Scranton represented by Glenn Pellino.

"I can't even begin to tell you how good it has been to work

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The Holocaust Education Resource Center and
The University of Scranton Present:

**Recollections of War: Victims and the Law
A Community Conference and Forum**

Monday, Nov. 10, and Tuesday, Nov. 11, 2003
University of Scranton's Houlihan-McLean Center
(Corner Jefferson Ave. and Mulberry St., Scranton)
For more information call: 570.961.2300, Extension 6

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Monday, November 10, 2003

7:30 PM

Film and Author Talk with Q&A
Witness: Voices from the Holocaust

Tuesday, November 11, 2003

8:30 AM-9:10 AM

Registration and Refreshments

9:00AM-9:10AM

Lecture and Audiovisual Presentation
Justice at Dachau
The Trials of an American Prosecutor

10:30AM-10:45AM Break

10:45AM-12:45PM

Panel presentations

10:45AM-10:55AM

Introduction of Presenters

10:55AM-11:20AM

Joshua M. Greene:
Integrity and the Law

11:20AM-11:50AM

Atty. Mark S. Zaid:
*War Crimes Tribunals in an
International Criminal Court: Current
Initiatives to Prosecute Violations of International Human Rights*

11:50AM-12:15PM

Fr. Ron McKinney, S.J.:
The Moral Implications of Striving for a Just International Law

12:15PM-12:30PM

Atty Mark S. Zaid:
*The Use of Civil Litigation to
Compensate Holocaust Victims*

12:30 PM-12:45 PM

Open Discussion
Moderator: Atty. Richard Bishop

Preserve Your Community by Learning about the Effects of Sprawl

Lackawanna County's population has decreased by almost 100,000 since 1930, and it is still declining. Yet daily we see our countryside consumed by development.

Suburban sprawl is poorly planned, scattered development that increases traffic, saps local resources and destroys open space. Why is it so dramatic here?

Pennsylvania's tax structure and old laws have subsidized sprawl and forced towns and cities into decline and decay. After World War II, the federal government began promoting sprawl through investments in extensive highway systems, housing loans, etc. In more recent years, many states have made great progress in reversing sprawl policies, but Pennsylvania lags behind in these efforts. PA's population growth rate is extremely low. When population growth is considered, Pennsylvania is consuming more land per person than any other state.

In 2000, PA law gave some tools to municipalities so that they can begin to address the problem. Many municipalities are not yet using these tools, and should be encouraged to do so.

LHS Welcomes

Yellowwood Student Tracey Baldoni

Tracey is a native of Scranton, who enjoys dancing in her free time. She has taken dance lessons since she was three years old. She also enjoys spending time with her friends, watching movies or playing computer some games.

Tracey has joined the Society as part of the yellowwood program of the Scranton School district which offers students an alternative to learning in a structured classroom environment. Yellowwood places high school age students in non-profit organizations to learn how to work in a professional setting. So far Tracey is enjoying her experience at the Catlin House where she assists the staff in library research and general office work. When asked if she likes it at the LHS Tracey replied, "Yes, I learned a lot about Scranton that I didn't know before." Let's hope she keeps learning!

Sprawl development and sprawl policies...

- ◆ **Are partly responsible for dis-investment and demolition of historic properties, undermining the lucrative heritage and tourism industry.**
- ◆ **Force dependence upon the automobile, causing ever-increasing traffic congestion and pollution.**
- ◆ **Cause poor availability of public/mass transportation.**
- ◆ **Have consumed a vast quantity of Pennsylvania's farmland and countryside.**
- ◆ **Cause Pennsylvania taxpayers, regardless of where they live, to pay for costs in duplicate as new infrastructure, schools, and services**
- ◆ **Create new tax burdens in addition to those that already exist.**

Citizens can act to help prevent more sprawl. To connect with other concerned citizens in Lackawanna County, please call Denise Prowell at: 570.586.3843, or send email to dnmrk74@aol.com. Please refer to suburban sprawl on the subject line.

ALAN SWEENEY LHS VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to the 2003 Lackawanna Historical Society 2003 Volunteer of the Year, Alan Sweeney. Alan, an LHS Trustee since 1995, has contributed literally thousands of hours to the Society. As President, he has worked to increase membership to an all time high of more than 600 individuals. He has also led an extremely successful fund raising campaign to raise more than \$300,000 to restore the roof of the Society headquarters, the Catlin House. Under his leadership, the Society has expanded its programs and services and developed very successful educational programs through local partnerships with like-minded organizations. Through his continued dedication and service, Alan has not only restored the Society's financial solvency but also elevated the Society's public image. His knowledge of the region's history is obvious and his enthusiasm is contagious. Alan's dedication to promoting and preserving our heritage is the key to his success as current president of the Lackawanna Historical Society and to the Society's continued success as an active and viable community organization