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UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

- SAT., AUG. 10 & 24. &
SAT., SEPT. 14 & 28. 11 AM** ***SUMMER DOWNTOWN WALKING TOURS***
Call the Society at (570) 344-3841 to register.
- TUES., AUG. 13, 7:05 PM** ***LHS: COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION OF THE NIGHT*** (See page 3)
with the SWB RailRiders Game at PNC Field
- SAT., AUG. 24, 1 PM** ***THE ELECTRIC CITY SMOKE CIGAR FESTIVAL*** (See page 11)
at the Scranton Iron Furnaces to benefit LHS.
Cost: \$125 Go to www.electriccitysmoke.com for details or tickets.
- FRI./SAT., SEPT. 13/14&
FRI./SAT., SEPT. 20/21** ***TROLLEY OF TERROR RIDES & PARANORMAL TOURS
OF DOWNTOWN SCRANTON ON HORSE-DRAWN WAGON***
(See page 11. Additional details: TBA)
- SUN., SEPT. 22, 4 PM** ***TEA AND TALK: "IF YOU CAN PLAY SCRANTON"*** (See page 10)
Lecture by Nancy McDonald with musical interludes
at the Rossetti Home (includes tea service).
Reservations required: \$10 members/\$12 non-members
- SAT., OCT. 12, 7 PM** ***ANNUAL DINNER WITH SPECIAL APPEARANCE BY
PRESIDENT LINCOLN & CIVIL WAR UNION GENERALS*** (See page 3)
at the Century Club. Reservations required. \$45 members/\$50 non-members
- TUES., OCT. 22, ALL DAY** ***BOSCOV'S FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS*** (See page 3)
- SUN., NOV. 17, 2 PM** ***DORFLINGER GLASS*** lecture by Kurt Reed at the Catlin House.
- THURS.& FRI. DEC. 5/6, 7 PM** ***HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE*** at the Catlin House.

A Word from the President...

Hello everyone,

If ever there was an indicator as to why the Catlin House needs an electrical overhaul and improved HVAC system, the July weather has clearly provided one. The extreme heat and high humidity made it very difficult for staff, volunteers and visitors to function effectively at the house during that time. Insufficient electrical wiring even prohibited the use of a window air-conditioner. It will be a very welcome improvement when the capital campaign goal is reached and the work can begin. Included in this newsletter issue is an updated list of those who have contributed thus far. We are extremely grateful to all who have given their financial support to this very important project, which is critical for us to continue our mission to preserve and promote the history of Lackawanna County.

At this time, a few kudos are in order. I want to thank all the volunteers who offered their time at Arts on Fire on June 8th and 9th and to everyone who helped make this year's Historic House Tour in the Hill a success. The staff, volunteers, trustees and most especially the home owners gave so much time and energy to make the June 23rd fundraiser one of our most popular events this year. Special thanks to the Rossetti Family for sponsoring and hosting, so graciously, the House Tour Preview Party on June 21st. Additionally, thank you to Ella Rayburn and the many volunteers who conducted a fun and worthwhile Marketplace and bake sale at the Catlin House on the day of the tour.

I would like to take this opportunity to commend Olivia Bernardi, Sarah Piccini and Brian Clark for the many hours they spend working to promote the LHS. They do a great job keeping us informed about the many activities, programs and projects the Society offers throughout the year. The photography, website, Facebook page and newsletter are outstanding. Lastly, I wish to thank all those who provided direction and assistance for the July 20th Children's Day at the Catlin House including the Forrer's, Ted Baird, Olivia Bernardi, Juliana and Sarah Piccini, Dr. Cornelius, Pat Tobin, the Azzarelli's, Christine Schaefer, Rosemary McGuigan, Cathy Chamoni, Bob Savakinus, Ann Marie O'Hara and the Martin's. Special Thanks to Jessee's Place for donating ice cream! People are terrific and prove so all the time. We could not continue without those who help get things done.

*Stay well, be involved and enjoy the rest of this warm summer weather,
Michael Gilmartin*

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*

LACKAWANNA HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP FORM

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A Sunday Tea and Talk "If You Can Play Scranton"

Join us on Sunday, September 22, 4 pm
at the Rossetti family residence,
1005 Vine Street in Scranton,
for a special program with author Nancy McDonald.

A afternoon tea will be served as Ms. McDonald
presents an overview of Scranton's Musical History
based on her book "If You Can Play Scranton".

Short interludes of live musical performances will illustrate her lecture.

Cost for the program is
\$10 for Lackawanna Historical Society Members
and \$15 for non members.

Please call the Society at (570) 344-3841 to register no later than September 10th.



Community Calendar

Who's YOUR Fifth?

On Saturday, September 21, the Scranton Cultural Center is hosting an exciting "Name Your Charity" event. The night will feature a variety show and musical program. Tickets are \$50 for both programs and proceeds from the event will benefit Allied Services, Meals on Wheels, the Scranton Cultural Center, and St. Joseph's Center, plus one more organization as chosen by donor.

Since attendees will have the chance to pick a fifth charity to support, we are asking you to please consider choosing the Lackawanna Historical Society as your extra charity.

Thanks for supporting our partner the Scranton Cultural Center at this wonderful event, and remember to "Pick Your Fifth" as the Lackawanna Historical Society!

Research Request

Robert Kanigel is looking for information and interviews to aid him in his work to produce a biography of the author, urban visionary, and Scranton native Jane Butzner Jacobs. His book is under contract with Knopf. He would like to talk to or email anyone with any connection with, or knowledge of, the Butznors, or Jane Jacobs herself. Her parents were Dr. and Mrs. J. D. Butzner, and they lived on Monroe Avenue in Dunmore. Jane's siblings were Betty, John, and Jim. Jane attended Central High, class of January 1933, and the Powell School of Business.

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An Intern's Experience...in his Own Words Christian Jansen

This past Spring, the Lackawanna Historical Society welcomed University of Scranton student Christian Jansen as a volunteer intern. Christen worked with his advisor and History Professor Dr. Kathryn Shively Meier and LHS staff to transcribe Civil War letters and research the writers of these letters. Christian completed his internship in June and provided the following as an overview of his experience:

Before I began my internship at the Lackawanna Historical Society, I had to learn about Internship opportunities I could do as a History major. I had heard in the past that there were ways of working an internship involving a focus on a specific topic so I wanted to know if there were Civil War-related opportunities that I could research. I approached Dr. Meier who told me that she had students transcribe Civil War letters at the Lackawanna Historical Society in the past. She said I could do further research on those same letters if I wished. She contacted Mary Ann, and set a meeting to discuss the details of the internship. We agreed that on two days a week, I would come in, read through the letters, and find as much information relating to the content as possible. I started early in the Spring 2013 semester.

Interning at the Society has been an enriching experience for me. I had the opportunity to transcribe and research letters dating back to the Civil War, and find additional information from outside sources about people and events in the letters. This has allowed me to not only learn more about the Civil War and what people from the Scranton area were like at the time, but it also taught me new research methods when it came to investigating events and individuals.

I knew I was going to have to perform my own research for the Civil War letters. In the beginning I had a larger focus on researching the military aspect of the letters. I read letters written by soldiers from the Scranton area who had fought in the Civil War, or letters from ordinary people from outside the state. I first focused my attention on letters written by men who fought

in the war. After reading through the letters, I started my research in the LHS library in an attempt to find books with content relating to the units in which these men served. After finding this information in the library, I tried to portray where their service may have taken them, who they served under, and what they may have done specifically. A few of the letters revealed that the men from the Scranton area were well known, prominent men of the area, some with ties to Joseph H. Scranton. Once I had read through and researched several letters, I wrote a paper describing what Pennsylvania, specifically the Scranton area, was like during the Civil War and what local men and women contributed. This paper was submitted at mid-semester.

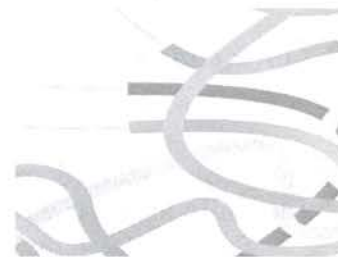
It was difficult to find information on some of the letter writers or people who were mentioned in the letters. There were certain names mentioned in the manuscripts, such as J.H. Pulestone and David Alton, for which I could find almost nothing, despite my attempts. I had few options when I encountered dead ends such as these. I would postpone research on them for awhile and begin researching a new letter, or I would ask Mary Ann or Dr. Meier if there were any recommendations they had for researching a more obscure topic. After receiving research recommendations, I looked into them and saw what could be done by taking those suggestions. It was when I learned new ways of finding information about people through primary documents, such as directories, muster charts, or newspaper articles, that I was not only able to learn more about the military service of these men, but I also learned about their personal lives.

After learning new research methods, I began to focus on trying to find out more about these people's personal lives. I wanted to know who they were and what they did before and after the war, if they were fortunate enough to see the war's end. The greatest breakthroughs I had in these areas were for Morgan P. Daniels and Richard A. Oakford. There was some information on them in the Lackawanna Historical

Let's Get Wired!!!

The Lackawanna Historical Society kicked off its Capital Campaign in October 2012. Our campaign marks the centennial of the Catlin House, the Society's home. Funds raised go to preserve the Catlin House by upgrading its wiring and HVAC systems. As of July 31, campaign pledges total \$95,093.

We appreciate everyone's support and hope that you will help us continue our efforts by spreading the word about the campaign! If you have not yet made a pledge, please use the form on page 11.



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On June 3, the Society lost a dear friend and dedicated member when Trustee Emeritus Paul Price passed away. Paul was a member of the Society for more than 40 years and was first appointed to the Board in 1975. Through the

years, Paul was an invaluable source of information, working closely with the staff and other trustees to manage the Catlin Trust and advise on budget and finance issues. He retired from the board in 2005 and was appointed Trustee Emeritus the following year. Since that time he continued to serve the Society as an active member and someone who was always available to offer guidance and support as needed. In 2010, he and his wife, Marjorie moved to New Jersey to be closer to his children. Paul will be missed by everyone at the Society who knew him and were lucky enough to talk with him about local history. His knowledge of the subject was amazing and the Society has lost not only a great friend but also a true expert.

Memorial donations were also received:

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