

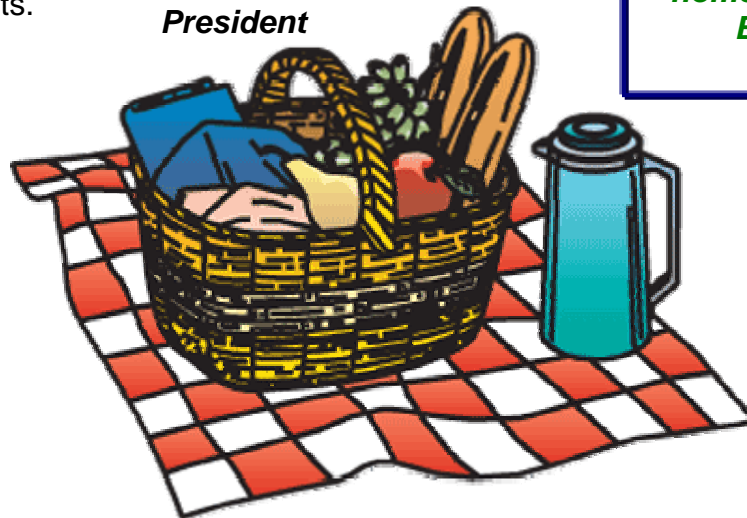


## **Summer Break!**

Celebrate your small victories! As this season comes to a close, the Wissahickon Valley Historical Society has plenty to celebrate, thanks to all of you. We have been busy with the work of historical preservation for over 32 years and we are making small strides in getting the recognition of our efforts. We are still a viable organization and your enthusiasm shows on your face.

I would like to close the season with a hearty *THANK YOU* to everyone who volunteered his or her precious time to help with our important work. You are the best! Thank you for your continued support as we face the challenges of the coming year.

*Sincerely,*  
**Frank J. Russo, Jr.**  
*President*



## **June General Membership Meeting and Covered Dish Family Picnic**

**Monday,  
June 11, 2007  
at 6:00pm**

*This month's meeting  
will be hosted at the  
home of Gloria and  
Bob Myers*

## **Women's Club Makes Donation**

### **WOMEN'S CLUB OF WHITPAIN MAKES DONATION TOWARD THE WVHS ROOFING PROJECT**

The Women's Club of Whitpain has made a donation of \$300.00 to WVHS toward the restoration of the 1895 Schoolhouse roof. We are very pleased that this organization has shown its support of this project. We offer them our heartfelt thanks. This is a worthy project and it will surely be put to good use!



## This Month's Meeting: June Covered Dish Family Picnic and Peanut Auction

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**Date:** Monday, June 11, 2007 at 6:00 PM  
**Location:** The home of Bob and Gloria Myers  
1280 Pinetown Road, Fort Washington, PA

Bring a covered dish (to share your favorite appetizer, side dish or dessert with your fellow WVHS members). Please contact Marie Russo at 215-616-2661 to confirm your covered dish or for ideas of what you could bring. We hope you will join us for this fun evening of good food and drink.

*This will be our last meeting of the 2006 – 2007 season – we do hope you plan to attend.*

### Peanut Auction

Bring along a wrapped gift or household item “of interest” that you do not want to be auctioned for peanuts. Your gift can be of quality or not; funny or gag. We will sell bags of shelled peanuts to do your bidding. (Please try not to eat them before you place your bid!)

#### Directions to the Myers home / Starting from the WVHS 1895 Schoolhouse:

- Head east on Skippack Pike, towards Broad Axe.
- Turn left on Butler Pike. Follow through Ambler.
- Turn right on Susquehanna Avenue.
- Turn right on Pinetown Road, look for #1280 on the right.



#### A Special Thank You: To the WVHS Docents

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I would like to thank the following individuals for donating their time throughout the year to serve as Docents on Sunday afternoons at the Schoolhouse. Without their help our visitors would not have guides to our historic building or enjoy their tour through our museum:

**Judy Baigis, Russ Bellavance, Donna and Pete Cogan, Bill and Helen Missfeldt, Grace Pasco, Bonnie Schmid, Emmy Simon, and Bob and Mabel Whittock.**

Thank you for a job well done! — *Jean Bellavance, Docent Coordinator*

## *Investing in our Future ... Part I*

### **Adopt a Schoolhouse Project**

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As you are aware, our historic schoolhouse is in ***dire need*** of major repairs. Many of these projects are large and expensive – including the roof, the chimney, and the foundation of the building. We are in the process of applying for grants for the majority of our repairs; however, there are a few small jobs that we can pay ourselves through creative fund raising projects. We are asking our membership to **Adopt a Project** to help reduce the overall expenses of these needed repairs. You can help! Here is a sampling of projects:



#### **Lawn and Landscaping**

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One grass cutting June (\$25.00)  
One grass cutting July (\$25.00)  
One grass cutting August (\$25.00)  
One grass cutting September (\$25.00)  
One grass cutting October (\$25.00)

#### **Painting**

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Exterior windowsills - Paint (\$75.00)  
Painting a sill (free; just your time)  
Exterior Porch Benches - Paint (\$35.00)  
Painting a bench (free, just your time)

We will continually add to this list of projects in upcoming newsletters. Please help! To adopt a project, simply write a check to the WVHS for the desired project amount to:

#### **WVHS Adoption Project**

**PO Box 96  
Ambler, PA 19002**

## *Investing in our Future ... Part II*

### **Property Committee Moves Ahead With Roofing Project**

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The 1895 Schoolhouse Property Committee is moving ahead with the cedar shake roof replacement project. The estimated total cost of the project is \$55,000. We have already received a \$10,000 Community Development Grant and \$9,000 from the Frances Schiebner bequest, while John Simon, WVHS Director, has applied for matching grants. We still need about \$6,000 to proceed with the project. You can help (no, not with the actual roofing but with your continued support!)

We are looking for 100% participation from our membership and need to be able to show 100% support from our membership. We ask for you to dig into your pocket – maybe even take the money out of your sock drawer or from under the mattress – and donate to help in the replacement of our roof. Write a check – anything will be accepted from \$1.00 to \$5,000. Any amount will show us that you back this worthy project – not just to replace the roof, but also to preserve the 1895 Schoolhouse, our architectural beauty, and the displays of our community's history.

Mail your check to:

**WVHS Roofing Fund  
PO Box 96  
Ambler, PA 19002**

**WISSAHICKON VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

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## Wissahickon Valley Historical Society Calendar of Events ~ June 2007 and upcoming events!

- Mon., June 11 ..... **General Business Meeting / Annual Picnic** ..... **6:00 pm**  
*Summer Picnic – at the home of Gloria and Bob Myers*
- Summer Break ..... **See you in September!**
- Mon., Sept. 10 ..... **General Business Meeting** ..... **7:30 pm**  
*Program to be announced!*

*The Wissahickon Valley Historical Society Newsletter is published once a month during the membership season.  
General Membership Meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month, and are open to the public.*

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### ***June 2007 Newsletter***

**Members' Summer Picnic and Meeting:  
"Peanut Auction"**