

December 18, 1990

December found the GLHG walking past the gazebo and Christmas trees lit in simple, yet elegant beauty, on our way to our meeting on the 10th. Fifteen were in attendance.

June and Don were in a masochistic mood. First, June related the mis-identification of Orlie Bear in the Greenville Local and extended our apology for the mistake. Then, Don challenged the group to find the mistake in the calendar. The old hotel and the Pioneer are on the southwest corner, not the southeast. With those two confessions out of the way, the meeting continued.

Harriet Rasmussen brought a card for Purl Howard and those in attendance signed the card, wishing Purl a "Get Well" and a "Happy Holiday". Thanks, Harriet, we need someone like you to help us remember the small town thoughtfulness.

Joe Mangold contributed the By-Laws of the Freehold Village Improvement Society, Freehold Cemetery Association, and the Spoor Cemetery Association to the Historian's files.

Barbara Baron contributed the Constitution and By-Laws, as well as the 25th Anniversary Booklet, of the Freehold Volunteer Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary.

Harriet Rasmussen again turned in a genealogical folder - the Chesbro/Chesebrough family.

Don Teator updated the groups about calendar sales which, after expenses, have cleared about \$1000. Special note goes to Ellen Smith in the Library, to Leland and Arlene Brown, to Kathie Williams, and to June Clark for their persistence in selling calendars. A thank you goes to everyone who pitched in; this group project truly was a group project.

The money from the calendar sales will go toward next year's calendar. We'll start planning sometime in late winter or early spring. If you'd like to help, stay tuned for a notice in a couple months.

The loans made for the printing of the calendar have been paid back. If this statement is not correct, please call Don Teator.

Copies of interview questions were available to anyone wanting them. Let Don know if you'd like a copy.

Don Teator made the request that he be made aware of other sources of pictures of people, places, and events of the Town of Greenville.

Finally, we reached the program - Service and Social Organizations of the town. We listed many of this type:

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| Catholic Daughters of America | Rotary |
| Court St. John the Baptist 1412 | Kiwanis |
| Circle B Square Dancing | Odd Fellows |
| Freehold Literary Club | Masons |
| Basic Creek Rifle & Game Club | 4H |
| Freehold Village Improvement Soc. | Clematis Garden Club |
| Norton Hill Wildlife Club | Boy Scouts |
| Volunteer Fire Co | Eastern Star |
| Homemakers | Rescue Squad |
| Knights of Pythias | Thimble Club |
| Volunteer Fire Comp. Auxiliary | Girl Scouts |
| Various sports leagues | American Legion |
| Concordia Circle | Greenville Gremlins |

We have left many out, and need help on at least two fronts. One, what are some of these other groups that people joined in the Town of Greenville? Two, what were/are the activities, achievements, membership lists, entry requirements, history, etc., of these groups.

Frankly, the Historian's files have so little about these groups that we will take anything. Although we are hoping someone interested in a particular group might research that group, you could make a good start by recording what you know about the group, even if it may be your own association with that group.

Of course, no one will object if one person makes their project the study of these service and social groups!

June Clark obtained an audio/slide program on the history of Rotary (to be shown at a later date) and a copy of the 25th anniversary booklet. June also read details on the group's achievements, annual programs and projects, along with monetary donations from Rotary. Then June, in her research of Concordia Circle material, noted that group's initial meeting in 1892, its members, and projects they involved themselves with, up to 1896, the point at which June's research terminated this past week. Jeanne Bear added her memories of members when she first joined, as well as noting the group's demise in 1988.

Phyllis Beechert finished the evening with a Christmas display of refreshments - cranberry bread with cream cheese, date-nut bread with cream cheese, sugar cookies decorated with Christmas trees, and another cookie whose name I've forgotten but tasted anyway (I've never seen a cookie I didn't like, to steal a phrase). A swig of cranberry juices was quaffed. Thanks, Phyllis, for spoiling the Historian and for the takeout.

Aaron Williams, a GCS student, asked for help in collecting information about the Great Depression's effect on Greenville. Aaron appeared to have several people in mind for interviews, but if anyone would like to add to his knowledge, contact Aaron (son of Ken and Jeanne of Surprise Hill).

I forgot to get a refreshment volunteer for next month. First volunteer has it; call Don or June.

Next meeting: January 14th (share session).

Sincerely,

Don Teator

P.S. Winter need not be a dormant time. I encourage any of you to contribute any project, writing, transcript, etc., to the files. Despite all the help received (and we do appreciate that work), a ravenous appetite still exists.

Open House

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**the Greenville Local History Group
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**Local History Material
1991 Calendar Sale
Photo Duplication**

Saturday, October 13, 1990

10am - 4pm

Community Room

Greenville Memorial Library

Light Refreshments

18th December, 1990

1990 has strengthened our group in many ways, instilling confidence of our purpose and enabling us to visibly become a positive, active historical group.

Reflecting upon our agreed upon purpose, we have indeed encouraged active research, reflected in the work and donations of our members and our support of the Greenville Elementary School 4th grade local history project. We have gathered, preserved and displayed artifacts, documents and photographs relating to the history of Greenville at the Rotary Fair, Hobby Show, Octoberfest and our own Open House. In strong endorsement of the Town Historian's photograph project, copious photographs now fill his files. With all these actions we have encouraged a greater knowledge of the history of Greenville. We have publicly shown and shared our enthusiasm and resources. I believe our greatest sharing has been with our community, through the production of the 1991 calendar, reminding us all each day of the significance of our local history. Lastly, financially supporting the restoration of the Presbyterian Church steeple, enforced our recognition of historic buildings and sites in dear old Greenville.

Our meeting attendance pleasantly burgeoned this year and we should feel proud we surely satisfied our purpose. Research is always on-going and our yearning to share knowledge, our memories and historical treasures is the life-blood of our group.

My gratitude is extended to you all for accepting my directional thoughts and ideas, which have only our unified interests at heart.

Most sincerely,

James F. Clark

Chairperson
Greenville Local History Group