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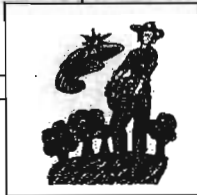
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## PRESIDENT'S MEMO

This summer while waiting in a doctor's examination room, I started reading everything hanging on the walls. There was a 2007 calendar with the following quote: "Teamwork is the magic that turns dreams into reality and obstacles into success." I thought how true that statement was when applied to the Historical Preservation Society's Strawberry Festival and all the other activities we undertake. The many members who cooked hot dogs; served lemonade and sodas; scooped ice cream on the shortcake and strawberries; sold strawberry bread, homemade strawberry/rhubarb jam and strawberry merchandise are to be lauded. This year the children's activities were augmented considerably and the participation of young people was greatly increased. Our roustabout crew, who set up our tents, tables and umbrellas, continued to work throughout the day wherever needed. When the day was over I likened Greg Anderson's words; "Focus on the journey not the destination. Joy is found not in finishing an activity, but in doing it." Come and join us for the Apple Fest on Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup> and be a part of the team who works.

Yours in fellowship, *Anne Snyder*



## APPLEFEST 2007

The date for this year's major fund-raising event is Sunday, October 7 (rain date - don't even think it! - is Sunday, October 14). Mark your calendar NOW! As you can see by the 'flyer' in the center of this newsletter, there is lots of activity planned which, of course, means lots of help is needed.

Here is YOUR opportunity to volunteer to help in any way that you possibly can: food server, Gandy House tours, gift shop person, car parking, selling apples and caramel apples, fall produce, apple bake shop, well-sweep 'watcher', children's games supervisor, children's shopkeeper, apple gift shop, 'take-a-chance' table tender, or all-round 'go-fer'.

Lots of options! If you are unable to attend, please consider a cash donation - be a real supporter of the Society. Also, there is a need for inexpensive kitchen towels, potholders, dish cloths, etc. - all with an apple design. You may either donate these items or keep the receipt for reimbursement from the treasurer. Any merchandise with apple motif is always a big seller in the Country Apple Gift Shoppe.

Your contributions may be dropped off at the site during the work weekend, at the membership meeting, or call the Society for a special drop-off arrangement. And don't forget - apple baked goods are needed in quantity to satisfy shoppers at the Apple Bake Shoppe. Any recipe with apples is greatly appreciated as the bake table always sells out quickly. Kindly leave these items at the site on Saturday, October 6 or early Sunday, October 7.

Many thanks in advance, for your support of the AppleFest, and please place your name on the sign-up chart, available at the September 11 membership meeting, or call 390-5656 to offer assistance.

Submitted by your AppleFest Planning Committee:  
Sonia Forry and Carol Williams, co-chairpersons

Ebbie Unsworth, Edith Himmelberger, Kay Terwilliger, and Susan Kelsey, members

## Rey Schmidt

Sadly, we have lost one of our most active and dependable members, Rey Schmidt. He was our treasurer for years, currently co-managed our website, and was on our Board of Trustees. He was instrumental in getting our latest book 'Upper Township Memories; A Residents' Historical Survey' published. Those of us who talked to him at the Strawberry Festival were shocked at the news of his passing. Rey never slowed down. He was always doing new things. He never got old. Below is a reprint of his obituary.

SCHMIDT, REYNOLDS D., 85 - of Seaville, passed away on Saturday, June 30, 2007 at his home. Born in Vining, MN, he was formerly of San Juan, Puerto Rico, and a resident of Seaville for 22 years. Mr. Schmidt had a 21 year career with the United States Air Force and was a Fighter Pilot in the Pacific Theater during World War II, and was a member of P-38 fighter group which brought down Yamamoto. From 1947 to 1949 he was stationed in Okinawa in the 623rd AC & W Squadron, and from 1950 until 1952, served in the Korean Conflict. He was on the last flight out of Seoul during invasion. He was a member of the 70th Air Squadron. He served on the DEW line in Alaska and Canada. His career with RCA took him to Thule, Greenland, Roosevelt Roads Navy Base, Puerto Rico, and he retired from RCA's Aegis project in Moorestown. Mr. Schmidt was a member of the Historical Preservation Society of Upper Township where he served as Treasurer and Web Master and was also a member of the Seaville Fire Police. Surviving are his wife, Maxine Schmidt (nee Willingham) of Seaville; a daughter, Daleyne Esteban of Seaville; two grandchildren, Alyssa Esteban-Cox and her husband James of Seaville, Daleyne Garlock and her husband Brad of Miami, FL; one great grandson, Dylan Garlock; a nephew Norman Neilsen and his wife Diane of Cilver, MO; grand niece Andrea Neilsen of San Diego, CA; grand nephew Ryan Neilsen and 15 nieces and nephews. His Funeral Service will be offered Thursday morning at 11 o'clock from The Godfrey Funeral Home of Palermo, 644 South Shore Road, Palermo, where friends may call from ten o'clock until the time of service. Burial will follow in Seaville Methodist Cemetery, Seaville. The family suggests those who desire send memorial contributions to the Historical Preservation Society of Upper Township, PO Box 658, Marmora, NJ 08223-0658. To email condolences, visit [www.godfreyfuneralhome.com](http://www.godfreyfuneralhome.com)

### Architectural Committee Report:

**CARRIAGE:** The upholster has covered the roof and visors with a heavy black canvas and is working on the seats in his shop.

**WINDMILL:** After some delay and expense, we obtained state and county permits for a driven well at the windmill base. Geof Carr, with rope and pulley, and with ¼ inch per each weight drop, found water at 15 feet. After installing some appropriate plumbing, and restoring the horse trough, we're set up to demonstrate this method of providing water on a farm.

**GANDY ORCHARD:** Marj Bixby and I picked peaches which she will make into peach jam. She will also make jam from the Gandy grapes, both to be sold at the Apple Fest. The apples and pears are looking good.

#### **TUCKAHOE RAILROAD STATION:**

Sonia, Dan, Doug and Buzz Burnley open and host the station for the continuing Saturday train activity. On Friday 8/10, Tony Macrie and others arranged for a meeting of local, state and federal representatives to meet with DOT Director Richard Sarles to seek funding for track repair between Woodbine and Court House. I have reported the need for minor touch-up painting at the station to the township.

**SPEEDER:** After waiting 4 months, the rebuilt magneto has been received, and the re-built engine runs fine. Tom Douglass sent the transmission friction wheel to specialist for rebuilding. I'm hoping that Doug and Buzz will soon work out a location for housing the speeder with Twp. Engineer Dietrich and Tony Macrie. The township has budgeted \$3500.00 to build a shelter for the speeder, and if there is no progress on this project made this year, the money will have to be returned to the township.

Submitted by: Lew Albrect, Architectural Committee chairman

### COUNTY GRANT

We have some very good news regarding our latest County Grant request. We received \$6,500.00 this year for the purchase of the following items:

Mobile Museum	\$4,000.00
Archival Supplies	\$1,000.00
Speeder Car Restoration	\$1,000.00
Fire Backs (2)	\$ 500.00

We have been lucky enough to receive County funding for the last four years and we are very appreciative to the County Freeholders. We also receive support from our Upper Township Committee, who is very helpful to us. The Committee is aware of the importance of preserving our Township history and they are always willing to help us with our needs.

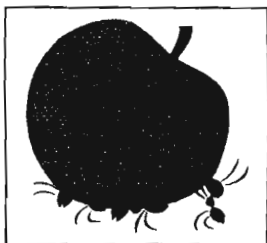
Our new Mobile Museum (10' X 5' Storage Trailer) has had the lettering applied and it will be a good traveling advertisement for the Society. The trailer will be seen in all parts of the Township and it will appear at many community programs. Our mobile museum will be loaded with Society literature and other pertinent historical items. It should be a good recruiting tool for the Society. Look for our beautiful trailer as it makes it tour of the Township.

Submitted by Mike Houdart

## Calendar of Events

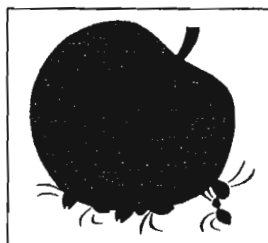
- Open House - There will be open house at the Gandy House on the **third Sunday** of **September, October, and November**. We are trying this out. If there are enough volunteers and sufficient interest we may continue.
- Tuesday Sept. 11 - Our guest speaker will be Robert Grubb, a retired political humorist and cartoonist. He will be bringing his story boards. As usual we will meet at the Upper Cape Library with refreshments at 7:00 pm and the meeting at 7:30 pm.
- Saturday October 6 - Final Set-up and Prep Day for the **AppleFest**. Help is needed! Call Sonia or Carol or just show up!!!
- Sunday October 7 - The **AppleFest** at the Gandy Farm. Help is needed! Call Sonia, 628-3041, or Carol, 628-2902.
- Sunday October 14 - Rain date for the **AppleFest**.
- Tuesday October 9 - Dr. Jonathan Pitney founder of Atlantic City will be reenacted by Michael Doyle. As usual we will meet at the Upper Cape Library with refreshments at 7:00 pm and the meeting at 7:30 pm.
- Tuesday November 13 - As usual we will meet at the Upper Cape Library with refreshments at 7:00 pm and the meeting at 7:30 pm. At this time there is no speaker scheduled.
- Tuesday November 13 - The editor reminds you that she must receive all items to be included in the **November 15<sup>th</sup>** issue of S.H.O.U.T. by this date!
- December ??? - Our annual **Christmas Dinner** will be held at the Anchorage this year. Time and cost forthcoming.

### Final Set-up & Prep Day



for the  
AppleFest

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On Saturday, October 6 beginning at 9:00 a.m. the final set-up will take place. Many people are needed to help on this day too! Tables, chairs and equipment need to be set up and supplies brought in.

If you have questions about helping, call 390-5656 and leave a message on the answering machine or contact either Sonia at 628-3041 or Carol at 628-2902. You can also volunteer at the general meeting on Tuesday, September 11.

### RECENT EVENTS

Our annual **Strawberry Festival** was held on **June 9**. Its great success was due to all the members who helped and especially to Ebbie Unsworth who chaired the event. Pictures on the back of the membership list are courtesy of Glen Stewart.

Also in **June** the Society gave out 3 **scholarship awards**. These consisted of a check for \$200.00 and a copy of 'The History of Upper Township'. This year's recipients were:

Upper Township Elementary School

Charles O'Donnell, grade 5  
Upper Township Middle School

Drew Williams, grade 8

Ocean City High School

Jessica Lasusky of Seaville, grade

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## **Calling All Members: AppleFest**

*If you can't help on the day of the AppleFest, we really could use your baking skills. Please help us out by volunteering to bake the following recipe. Our community loves home-baked goods and this recipe is not only a crowd pleaser but also a wonderful contribution to our historical preservation society. (We will be happy to supply the loaf pans. They will be available at our September 11<sup>th</sup> membership meeting.)*

### **Yankee Magazine's Apple Bread**

*Yield: 3 loaves (36 slices)*

4 cups peeled, cored, and diced apples (any variety)	¼ teaspoon ground allspice or ground cloves
1 cup white sugar	¼ teaspoon ground nutmeg
3 cups flour	¾ teaspoon ground cinnamon
2 teaspoons baking soda	½ cup vegetable oil
½ teaspoon salt	2 teaspoons vanilla extract
2 eggs, beaten	

- Preheat oven to 325 degrees F.

*Grease three standard disposable 8-inch by 4-inch loaf pans*

In a medium-size bowl, stir together the apples and sugar.

In a large mixing bowl, sift together the flour, baking soda, salt and spices. Add the apple mixture and stir well. Then add the oil, vanilla, and eggs and mix well.

Divide the batter between the three pans. Bake for 1 hour. Cool on a wire rack for about 10 minutes before turning out of the pans to continue cooling. To serve, slice one inch thick.

- ***Please leave in loaf pans (unsliced) when delivering to the Gandy House on either October 6<sup>th</sup> from 9-12 a.m. or Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 to 11:00 a.m. Thank you!***



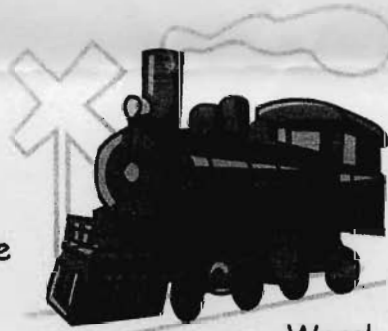
## Did you know?

...that a handful of Society members volunteer every Saturday at the Tuckahoe Railroad Station, and have done so since April of this year. In 2006, these same volunteers also sold merchandise during special holiday train excursions to hundreds of riders.

...that the regular volunteers sell not only our merchandise which to date has grossed over \$800.00, but they also handle ticket sales for Cape May Seashore Lines.

...that more members need to offer their time, either morning or afternoon, to relieve the few workers who have given exceptional service on behalf of the Society.

...that those regular and keep the station (and running smoothly are: Clark, Carol Williams, (new member); also, Ebbie Frank Williamson, Buzz Lew Albrect, and Joan Ralph Rigg



faithful volunteers who our Society's office) Doug Longenecker, Dan Sonia Forry, Olive Pisani Unsworth, Anne Snyder, Burnley, Tom Douglass, Wood. Thank you all!

...that additional volunteers will be needed with the busy fall and holiday season ahead of us. Especially needed is extra help for "Christmas in the Country" (GTAMA - sponsored event) on Saturday, December 1, 2007, and during the "Santa Express" ever popular train runs.

...that you may contact Sonia, Carol or Doug with your offer to assist at the station - it's an enjoyable experience!