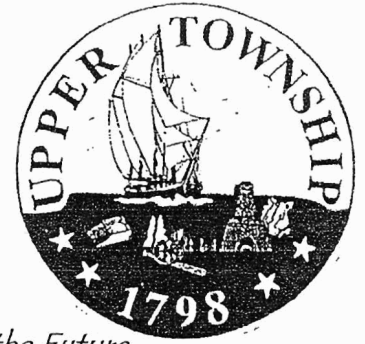


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## HIGHLIGHTS from BOARD MEETING MINUTES, Jan. 4, 2010

Submitted by Anne Snyder, secretary pro-tem



Rachel Rogers Dolhanczyk has finished her year long work of filing all the possessions owned by HPSUT in the Past Perfect computer program. We now have an accessible system to find all acquisitions. Both Sonia Forry and Carol Williams, who worked with Rachel, will be able to continue filing additional donations.



President, Carol Williams received three leases from the Upper Township Committee for the three buildings under our custodial care. She returned signed copies for the current three leases which are the Friendship School, the Gandy Farmstead and the Tuckahoe Railroad Station.



Our president also asked all Board members to keep looking for items to put in the 'Traveling Trunk'. The 'Traveling Trunk' will be an exhibit of artifacts from the 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. Our plan is to take the trunk to the 4<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms as a program to promote interest in tools and utensils seldom seen in today's world of technology. (The 4<sup>th</sup> grade studies New Jersey History.) If any member has an antique tool or kitchen utensil that is no longer manufactured please consider donating it to the 'Traveling Trunk'.



Remember while the Upper Cape Library is closed for renovations HPSUT will be holding their general meetings at the Senior Center on Stagecoach road. Hope to see you there!

# Historic Sites Report



**Friendship School** – Dan Clark called Paul Dietrich about the trees that have fallen on the grounds. Since Kindergarten Day is on February 23 it is important for the grounds to be safe and attractive.

**The ‘Sack House’ on the corner of Tyler Road and Route 50** – According to Dan Clark, the historic house that is currently deteriorating may have a new lease on life. The new owner is hoping to restore the property in the next year or two. The house was the childhood home of Uarda ‘Sack’ Betts and Lucretia ‘Sack’ Wooley.

**Gandy Farmstead** – After he took this picture, Dan Clark dug out the entry to the Gandy Farmstead. Truly a labor of love.

A win-win situation: Sonia Forry has arranged for the Master Gardeners Cape May to conduct a class in pruning at the Farmstead on March 6<sup>th</sup>. Our fruit trees get the attention they so badly need and the class has a place to practice.

## **Tuckahoe Junction Railroad Station –**

Dan Clark

Doug Longenecker

Sonia Forry

Olive Pisani

Don Steele

Kay Terwilliger

Carol Williams

A huge THANK YOU to these members and to others, who may not be included here. Volunteers participated in merchandise sales, ticket sales, and as docents providing railroad information to train riders and occasional visitors to the site. The 2009 rail season through the fall to Christmas, an extremely busy schedule, was ably handled by our members. Please consider assisting at the station for the Easter Bunny Express train rides over Palm Sunday weekend and Easter Saturday. Contact a Society Board of Trustees member for further information.

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## *Editor's Opinion:*

By: Marj Bixby

**Your copy of the SHOUT is paid for by your annual dues. If you have not paid your dues by the May 15<sup>th</sup> issue you will not receive your copy. Use the membership form on the back cover and your own envelope to mail in your dues.**

Dan Clark has assumed the duties of acting architectural chairperson. Contact him if you have an issue.

Note the list of officers and trustees on the cover page: We are an historic society without an historian. Do we have any volunteers?

# Calendar of Events



Jan. & Feb. - Generally there are no **regular meetings** in January and February.



February 23 - Kindergarten Day at the Friendship School is scheduled for **Tuesday, February 23** with a rain date scheduled for **Wednesday February 24**. Come see. Come help.



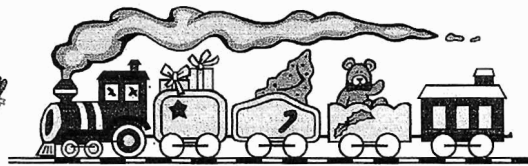
March 1 - The **Board of Trustees** will meet at the Bixby's home at 7 pm.



March 9 - Our **annual covered dish supper and show and tell** will be held at the Church of the Resurrection at 6pm.



March 27 - The **Winter Meeting of the Cumberland County Historical Society** will take place in Greenwich on March 27. The fee is \$25.00 and must be in by March 20. If you would like to attend, please call Sonia Forry at 628-3041.



March 27

March 28

April 3 -

The **Easter Bunny Express** train rides will be taking place. Volunteers needed.

# Calendar of Events continued



April 13 -

The **regular meeting** of the Society will be held at a **new location**, the Senior Center on Stage Coach Road, at our usual time of 7:30PM, preceded by refreshments at 7PM. **Kim Baker**, a regular contributor to the Sentinel Ledger will speak about his continuing research into the history of the Ocean City NJ station at 4<sup>th</sup> and Atlantic Avenue, both when the station was U.S. Life-Saving Station # 30 (late 19<sup>th</sup> century) and when it was U.S. Coast guard Station # 126 (early 20<sup>th</sup> century).

April 24, 25 -

A 2 day bus trip to **Gettysburg PA** is being sponsored by the Cape May County Historical Society. Cost for the trip is \$180.00 per person if you're sharing a room. If you would like a private room, the cost is \$224.00. This includes the bus, driver tip, lunch and dinner on Saturday, your room for the night, breakfast and lunch on Sunday and all admission fees. For more information, please call the Museum office at 609-465-3535 and press extension 4 to speak to Sonia or extension 8 for Pary.

May 1 -

The 2010 **SPIRIT of the JERSEYS State History Fair** will be held on Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at Washington Crossing State Park, Titusville, NJ from 11AM -5PM. We have exhibited in the past. If you are interested in representing our society at a booth, contact Sonia Forry at 628-3041. asap

May 11 -

The **regular meeting** of the Society will be held at the same **new location**, the Senior Center on Stage Coach Road, at our usual time.

May 15 -

Cape May County Historical and Genealogical Society **historic buildings open house** tour will feature the **Gandy Farmstead**. We will need docents from 10am till 2PM. For more information about tickets contact the County Historical Society at 465-3535.



May 22 -

Our annual **Strawberry Festival** is scheduled for **Saturday May 22** with a **rain date** of **Sunday May 23**. We have been doing taste testing on strawberries for the shortcakes. (Nobody minds that job!) Please contact Ann Snyder if you are able to help.