

BEN AVON AREA HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

Annual Report

July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015



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Financial Report

	INCOME/EXPENSE	
	Year ending 6/30/2014	Year ending 6/30/2015
INCOME		
Interest	\$ 3	\$ 4
Membership dues	1,460	1,780
Donations	7,605	8,615
Programs	0	4,375
Items for sale	<u>195</u>	<u>317</u>
TOTAL INCOME	<u>\$ 9,263</u>	<u>\$15,091</u>

EXPENSES		
Office supplies	\$1,931	\$ 1,330
Rent	4,425	4,975
Maintenance	0	0
Electric service	100	150
Publishing	424	547
Program/Education	445	3,614
Fund raising	101	60
Preservation	0	0
Property Insurance	816	816
Filing fee (IRS)	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>\$8,242</u>	<u>\$11,492</u>
NET INCREASE	<u>\$1,021</u>	<u>\$ 3,600</u>

BALANCE SHEET		
	6/30/2014	6/30/2015
Cash	\$100	\$117
Checking/MM	<u>10,849</u>	<u>14,432</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$10,949</u>	<u>\$14,549</u>

Donations to BAAHA in Memory of:

Nancy Evans	Laurie Ewing
Marilyn Simon	William Trondle
Thomas Wessner	

Corporate Support

Avalon Public Library
 Avon Club Foundation
 Sewickley Valley Historical Society

Donor Clubs

Benefactors (\$500 +)

Donald Dunn	Lynn Evans
John Ferguson	Trudy File
Dick & Sue Herchenroether	Henry Herchenroether

Patrons (\$200 - \$499)

Brian Jensen	Keith & Michelle Johnston
John Warren	

Subscribers (\$50 - \$199)

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John & Gail Buchanan	Dave & Mary Chalmers
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Donors of Time & Talent

Len Barcoucky	Terri Blanchette
Jan Bruno	Jeff Cieslak
Li Connolly	Nelson/Carol Craige
Ed Gould	David Henderson
Susan Herchenroether	Keith Johnston
Jim Sommers	Bill Stabnau
Rick Wagner	John Warren
Michael Weir	

President's Report

In order to take a break and allow others to contribute Bob Kiser declined re-election and ended his active board work June 30, 2015. His advice and good humor will be missed.

New board member, Dan Simkins, brings experience from service in the Lawrenceville Historical Society to our benefit.

We curated an exhibit of old Camp Horne photos displayed on the walls of The Cabin in Avonworth Community Park. The Cabin provides renovated meeting or party space for up to 70 people. A BAAHA sponsored talk by Len Barcoucky last June was part of its dedication. Thanks to Nium, Inc. for the high quality enlarged prints, framing and layout assistance.

For three years we have worked with the Avonworth Middle School and Heinz History Center to develop a learning experience in primary source research. Many of the students drafted articles for our newsletter. I have put pieces from these together to give you a feel for how the participants describe the program and their experience.

Students from the 8th grade civics class were chosen to have the opportunity to participate in the BAAHA Research Project. This project would allow students to explore a part of local history, use the Ben Avon Area Historical Association's archive for research, and create a final product that would promote local history in our area and have a lasting impact on our community

The BAAHA project has five main components. To complete the project you must do an oral interview, volunteer at BAAHA, write an article, create a product that promotes local history, and give a presentation on your experience.

I was both jubilant and filled with utter excitement knowing I was chosen among many students to participate in the program, but I was also very intimidated. I knew it would be a challenge from the start, but I was up for the laborious task.

A man from the history center named Mr. Stakeley came in and gave a presentation about beginning a new history project and the steps needed to complete the project. Mr. Stakeley helped me find where I needed to start and what I needed to do to finish.

I think many of us were nervous of what we expected when we would walk into the BAAHA office. Especially since many still did not know what topic they wanted to base their research on.

My first thought about the office was that it was definitely smaller than you might expect, and filled to the brim with

boxes and boxes of old artifacts and documents. As soon as I stepped in the door, I knew the place was going to be chock-full of intriguing enlightenment about the Ben Avon area. I was absolutely overwhelmed by all the topics we could choose from.

I was nervous about doing an interview with a person I had never met before. Mr. Stroyne, the person that I interviewed, and he gave me a ton of information. This interview was almost two hours.

If I had to choose, my favorite aspect of this project was that I brought something incredible and truly amazing back to the present. I gave a memory rebirth, along with knowledge that will always remain, living both in the past and the present. This project with BAAHA has allowed me to break a little bit more out of my shell through something that I am interested in.

The Ben Avon Area Historical Association or BAAHA project has been a fun, interesting, stressful, and a once in a lifetime opportunity.

Overall, the BAAHA project has been great to participate in, even though it was just a tad stressful at some points. We have been given the chance to learn about the community in which we live, as well as the school we attend every day.

Overall, the BAAHA project is one I will remember. It is definitely the most meaningful project I have been a part of, as well as one of the most challenging. Being a historian is difficult, but the end result that comes from the long days gathering information makes it all worth it.

I know the adults involved have been impressed by the students' work and interest. It is good to know they agree. Some of their work product has been added to our collection. Volunteers are needed to help the students or to judge their presentations at the end when they sum up their experience..

We hope you will send a donation in the envelope provided to renew your support of our work for 2015-16. We are happy to discuss your questions or comments.

Historical Materials Given

Maya Berardi
Tracy Ferguson
Suzanne Gilliland
Tom Maier
Greg Pollock
Ruth Sonnet (estate)
William Trondle (estate)
John Warren
Community Presbyterian

Joel Dickson
Howard Fisher
Lindsay Hartle
Darlene Philllips
Dam Simkins
Bill Stabnau
Emily Tyler
Barb Zerbee
Greenstone United Methodist

"Historical" materials are not just contracts, deeds, immigration records and important artifacts. We also preserve the "stuff" of daily life, a phone bill, for example. "Ephemera" is the fancy word for it.