

# FORT LEBOEUF HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

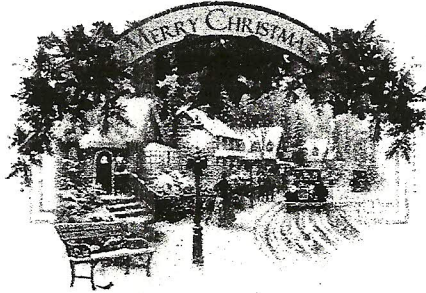
## WATERFORD, PENNSYLVANIA

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#### Christmas Past

The historical society's celebration of Christmas at the Judson House and Eagle Hotel was a successful event. Members and friends put in many hours to make our part of Colonial Christmas in Waterford a memorable time. There was food, wassail, live traditional music, and the upstairs at the Eagle sparkled with decorations of Christmases long ago. Many thanks to all who donated their time and talents. Also a huge thanks to Vivian Pietrzak of *Serendipity* for her donation of a lovely gift basket; Mike Troyer of *Sugar n' Spice* for his donation of five gift certificates; Rosemary Lugaila for a donation from the sale



of her wreaths and arrangements; the re-enactors and other musicians for their wonderful music; Patrick Molitor for printing the admission tickets; and John Orr for the use of the flares at the crosswalks.

Thank you to all who visited us that weekend and all the members of the society who participated. We hope you enjoyed coming as much as we enjoyed having you.

#### Winners

Gift Basket: Morgan Donnell of Waterford

Gift Certificates: Sue Capela and H. Lillie of Union City; Dorothy Hecker and Jean Van Giesen of Waterford; and Lisa Dobrich of Erie

#### Erie Community Foundation Grant

We have been informed that we have been recommended for a grant by the Erie Community Foundation. This grant, for \$1000, is available only to nonprofit organizations and is to be used only for the Judson House.

#### Steam Heat

The new steam heating system is up and running at the Eagle. There are still a few adjustments to be made but when they reopen in February, diners will be nice and cozy. Many thanks to Ben Green for supervising this installation.

### WINTER 2011

#### Time to Pay Your Dues for 2011

Fort LeBoeuf Historical Society Membership dues for the coming year are payable now.



Make checks payable to:

Fort LeBoeuf Historical Society

Individual	\$5.00
Family	10.00
Supporting	35.00
Social/Civic Organization	50.00
Life (Individual)	150.00
Life (Family)	250.00

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#### Winter Meetings

For the winter months we will be meeting at the Waterford Borough Building on the fourth Thursday of the month at 1:30 PM.

At the January 27<sup>th</sup> meeting, Dr. Jim Salmon will speak about Life in Waterford in the 1940's.

On February 24<sup>th</sup> Tina Curtis, Editor of *Village Voices* will discuss a book she is writing about the history of fairs in Erie County.

The March 24<sup>th</sup> meeting will feature Tracy Hamrick, a local herbalist who will talk about growing, preparing and using herbs that grow in the area.

*"Let us recollect it was liberty, the hope of liberty, for themselves and us and ours, which conquered all discouragements, dangers, and trials"* - John Adams

**New Coordinator at Judson House Museum:** Darlene Hunt will be the new coordinator for the Judson House, so we can expect exciting new developments for the coming year. Dorrie Proctor has retired from day to day participation. We will miss her smiling face but after many years of service, she has earned a well-deserved rest. She will continue to do genealogical research so if you want to know about your ancestors, contact Dorrie.

#### How Waterford Got Its Name



A couple of years ago, a delegation from Waterford, Ireland came to visit us. One of the delegates, Tom Keith, became interested in how our Waterford came to be named. He discovered that the military officer in charge when this area was surveyed in 1794 was Major Ebenezer Denny, and his family had come from Waterford, Ireland.

When we showed Mr. Keith a picture that we had at the Judson House of Major Denny, he was thrilled and took a photo of it. He went home and wrote a long article for the *Waterford (Ireland) Sun and News* showing pictures of Major Denny, our statue of George Washington, and the original survey of Waterford (PA). He explained that the authorities had been so pleased with Major Denny's work that they suggested the new town be named for him. He declined and asked that it be named for the town that his parents had come from. According to Mr. Keith, that is how we have come to known as Waterford.