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A note from the Editor . . . We trust our abbreviated edition of *The Chronicle* will bring you up to date on activities of the Board and remind you of our upcoming events. We depend on your support and look forward to seeing you this Spring and throughout the year!

## Mark Your Calendars!

- April 24 Tour Guide Training - Dewees Museum  
1:30 - 4:00pm
- April 27 Coupon Dining Fundraiser 5-10pm  
Iron Hill Brewery, Phoenixville
- May 1 & 8 Spring Cleanup 9:00am to ??  
Henry Muhlenberg House  
and Dewees Museum
- May 22 Open House: Local Business / Local  
Government Details TBA
- June 6 Summer Sundays: Open 1:30 - 4:00pm  
Henry Muhlenberg House  
and Dewees Museum  
(Closed July 4 & September 5)
- June 12 Flag Day BBQ - Henry Muhlenberg  
House Details TBA
- June 16 Archeological Dig - Henry Muhlenberg  
thru Jul 11 House Details TBA

## Archeological Project Planned

The Society in partnership with Temple University is embarking on an archeological dig in June at the site of the Summer Kitchen located in the rear of the Henry Muhlenberg House. Society member and volunteer Emily Sicher, a student at Temple, is coordinating this project with the University. We hope to involve as many people as possible of all ages and interests in this very exciting undertaking.

When plans are confirmed, members and the community will be notified. Please watch our website for developments of this June event ([www.trappehistoricalsociety.org](http://www.trappehistoricalsociety.org)). ❖

## Upcoming Exhibit

This Summer the theme of our annual exhibit at the Dewees Museum will be "All Things Victorian," including clothing, toys, and military artifacts. Overseeing the preparation for the June opening is Board Member Ruth Daller, also a member of the Museum Committee. Give us a call (610-489-7560) if you have any items you might want to place on loan for this exhibit. ❖

## When life throws you lemons, make lemonade . . .

As of March 1, 2010, Larry DiPiano stepped down as President of the Society. As a result of being 1st Vice President, I joyfully accepted this position.

Many of you may know me but some may not have met me yet, so here is a brief bio. My full name is Linda J. Kehr Wiernusz. I was born in Souderton and will be 45 in August. My husband Matthew and I have been married for 19 years. We moved to Collegeville in August 1991 and bought and restored the 1760s spring house that was Wallabe Dairy Farm. Our daughter Sophia, who is 8-1/2 years old, also likes to volunteer for Heritage Day and the Candlelight Tour.

We have many great events coming up this Spring. We have our Tour Guide Training in April and another fundraiser planned at Iron Hill Brewery in Phoenixville. This will be a great night out for all to enjoy. I'll be there with my family, so be sure to find us and say "hello."

In May we have Spring Clean-Up and, boy, we need to clean up the yard from Winter! So come by and have some coffee—there will be a job for everyone.

June promises to be an awesome month for us. Both museums will be open every Sunday. We will be doing an Archeological Dig so watch for more details. The Annual Flag Day Dinner will be held at the Muhlenberg House, this year with a family Theme—"A Good Old Fashioned Picnic." Don't forget to order your tickets in May. *Be sure to stop by and have some lemonade with me!* I look forward to meeting each and every member, new and old.

Watch *The Chronicle* for the many ways to help out and volunteer. Things in the forefront are the garden and building maintenance. We also need to start to plan for large maintenance projects. We will be launching a committee to raise funds for these larger items. Be sure to watch our website for all announcements ([www.trappehistoricalsociety.org](http://www.trappehistoricalsociety.org)).

Linda J. Kehr Wiernusz  
President



The Henry Muhlenberg House  
201 W. Main Street, Trappe  
(across from St. Luke's UCC)



The Dewees Museum  
301 W. Main Street, Trappe  
(corner Main Street/Rt 113)

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WINTER/SPRING 2010 NEWSLETTER

*Timely Information — Please, Do Not Delay!*

**Welcome to Our New Historian**

Hi, I'm **Jennifer Moyer-Damiani**, the new historian on the Board here at the Historical Society, but please, call me Jen. I'll tell you a little about myself: I graduated from Boyertown Area Senior High in 1996, and from Wilson College in 2000 with a BS degree in Biology and a minor in history. I received my MA in U.S. History from West Chester University in 2006.

I have been employed by GlaxoSmithKline since November 2001 in the Research and Development division. I volunteer at Hopewell Furnace National Historical Site where I work with the Cultural Resources Manager learning museum and curatorial skills. I am also Secretary and a Past Matron of Faith, Chapter #444, Order of the Eastern Star in Boyertown where I have been a member since 1998. I am currently waiting to take the oral exam to become a Gettysburg Licensed Battlefield Guide.

My husband Joe and I have been married for almost five years. We have a beagle and two cats. We enjoy visiting Gettysburg and other historical sites. My hobbies include playing softball, volleyball, and biking. I am a rabid Civil War fanatic.

Over the next two years, I will continue the historic homes plaque program and will do what I can to answer whatever questions the members may have. I am bringing my enthusiasm for all things historical to this position. ❖

**Going Green—Saving Green**

The Society is making an effort to acquire e-mail addresses of all our members so that newsletters and important information may be received in a timely manner. In doing so, we will not only be helping the environment, but we will be saving printing costs as well!

In order to get this program under way as soon as possible, we ask that you please send your e-mail address to [info@trappehistoricalsociety.org](mailto:info@trappehistoricalsociety.org). If you do not have electronic capability, you will continue to receive your mailings via the U.S. Postal Service. Thank you for your assistance—you will be helping in a big way! ❖

**Time to Renew Your Membership!**

Included with this newsletter is your membership renewal information. Because our resources are dwindling and our expenses are rising, we ask that you please return your renewal membership dues as soon as possible. Donations from Life Members will be very gratefully received!

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*for* **Emergency Termite Extermination  
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