



SCHS - 2018 Annual Appeal

"History tells us who we are"

Dear Supporter of the Schuylkill County Historical Society:

Yes. It's time for the end-of-the-year annual appeal. 2017 is coming to a close and the year was certainly an exciting and productive year at the Society. The World War I Exhibit is receiving great reviews. In fact, the Schuylkill County Bar Association made a generous sponsorship pledge after learning that a departed colleague, Robert B. Woodbury, was the only local attorney to have died in military combat. The Republican Herald, the South Schuylkill News, radio station WPPA, our website and Facebook page have given coverage to the Exhibit which has increased the number of visitors that arrive from all parts of the country. If you have not seen the WW I Exhibit, please do so.

The Schuylkill Gallery has come to life, depicting the region from the days of the Lenni Lenape Native Americans onward into the 20th century. The era of the Molly Maguires now has its own Exhibit area with the highlight being a larger-than-life mural of "the day of the rope." Walking tours have also started and will continue.



More great changes will be coming in 2018!

To me, history is very important as it grounds us in our roots and also helps us understand change. It also makes us more empathetic. For instance, our WW I Exhibit depicts the story of Henry Scott, a lonely black draftee from Shenandoah, who boarded a military train alone as segregation was in effect. However the townspeople of Shenandoah rose to the occasion and gave Mr. Scott a magnificent Schuylkill County send-off with his own parade!

The Society has been the recipient of many unique artifacts and documents from the public—rare civil war records for instance. Our genealogy and research department has a steady flow of users. The Society has a superb educational program that school administrators recognize as destination for cost—effective field trips. Students will hopefully realize the importance of history when heading into the future. Your donations are put to good use!

Yes, I realize there are many requests for donations this time of year. Operating one of the oldest buildings in the county, the grand former Female Grammar School, has many expenses that can only be met by the generosity of people such as you.

Keep the Historical Society on the move! Please send in your charitable contribution in the enclosed envelope.

Sincerely,

J. Robert Zane, Esq.,

Schuylkill County Historical Society, President



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My total pledge is \$ _____ My check of \$ _____ is enclosed.

Note: Please make check payable to "Schuylkill County Historical Society"

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