

**“History tells us who we are.”**

## **2019 ANNUAL APPEAL**

Dear Friend:

Your gift to the Schuylkill County Historical Society during our end-of-the-year annual appeal indicates your support and enthusiasm for preserving and protecting our history for future generations. Our educational programs led by volunteer North Schuylkill teacher John Walsh have been instrumental bringing the county’s rich history to life to the hundreds of children. Expanding these educational programs as well as preserving and protecting the countless artifacts within the Museum are based on community support and your financial assistance.

Please visit the Museum housed within the school building built in 1865. It recently had its floors refinished and better lighting added. Significant pieces have been added by local artists who love Schuylkill County history. For instance, the unique coal car booth from the old Necho Allen tap room has been beautifully restored by prominent sculptor Martin Heffron, and an exciting artistic rendering of the old Centre Turnpike was completed by artist Nannette Brophy-Major working with historian volunteers. Her work brings the original sketch to life! The Society continues to receive priceless artifacts and documents from thoughtful people who want to preserve and share them with the community.

We have been fortunate to have talented volunteers to move the Society forward with their backgrounds in education, museum management, and journalism. We are always looking for more volunteers however, so don’t be shy in inquiring about volunteering!

We are pleased that so many from great distances do not forget their ancestral roots in Schuylkill County during our Annual Appeal. Many donate to the Annual Appeal who cannot visit due to the geographic distance. It is with the support of everyone – from those near and from those far away - that we are able to sustain and expand our programs and keep the Museum open to everyone. Your contribution will ensure that we continue to thrive. Our programs have evolved to keep up with the times, monthly radio shows, Webpage and Facebook, and off-the-premises programs have reached thousands over the past year.

A successful Annual Appeal is essential to help us continue to provide the best programs and services to the community. The Society attracts many visitors to the county seeking genealogical information. A contribution to the Society is an investment in our effort to continue to attract tourists and visitors to Schuylkill County.

Please remember the Schuylkill County Historical Society, a 501© non-profit organization, in your end of the year charitable gifting. You can make a gift to the Annual Appeal “*in memory*” or “*in honor*” of someone special. Gifts of all sizes are welcome.

SCHS wishes you a happy holiday season and a healthy and happy new year.

Sincerely,

J. Robert Zane

President, SCHS

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