

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

SUN., JAN. 30, 2 PM	<b>CARBONDALE</b> BOOK SIGNING BY JAMES J. RACHT AT THE CATLIN HOUSE
FRI., FEB 25, 7 PM	<b>DINNER BY DESIGN PREVIEW COCKTAIL PARTY</b> AT THE SCRANTON CULTURAL CENTER (SEE PAGE 6)
SAT./SUN., FEB. 26/27 10 AM	<b>DINNER BY DESIGN EXHIBIT TOURS</b> AT THE SCRANTON CULTURAL CENTER (SEE PAGE 6)
MAR. 13, 2 PM	<b>FRANCES SLOCUM: CHILD OF TWO AMERICAS</b> LECTURE BY BILL BACHMAN AT THE CATLIN HOUSE
APR. 16, 7 PM	<b>GRAND CIVIL WAR BALL</b> AT THE CENTURY CLUB (DETAILS TBA)
APR. 29/30, 7 PM	<b>YOU LIVE HERE, YOU SHOULD KNOW THIS!</b> LOCAL HISTORY GAME SHOW AT THE SCRANTON CULTURE CENTER (DETAILS TBA)
MAY 15, 2 PM	<b>MOURNING</b> PROGRAM BY JOANN BOGDANOVICZ AT THE CATLIN HOUSE
JUNE 3-4	<b>ARTS ON FIRE</b> AT THE SCRANTON IRON FURNACES (DETAILS TBA)
JUNE 26, 11 AM-4PM	<b>HISTORIC HILL HOUSE TOUR</b> (DETAILS TBA)

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## Milestones: Highlights From Dunmore's History

Written by Brian Clark

Dunmore was founded in 1862, during the second year of the Civil War, when Governor Andrew G. Curtin signed a bill making Dunmore an official borough. The borough, at the time in Luzerne County, had grown during the previous 80 years.

The first settler in Dunmore arrived in 1783. He was William Allsworth, a shoemaker who followed the Connecticut-Cobb Road (present-day Drinker Street) and settled at the "Corners." Allsworth erected a log cabin and an inn that was frequented by settlers moving westward. In a few short years Allsworth had several neighbors, and the growing settlement began to be called Bucktown because of the great abundance of deer in the surrounding woods.

Dunmore earned its present name in the 1830s when Henry Drinker, a local landowner, enticed Sir Charles Augustus Murray to fund development in the Lackawanna Valley. Sir Charles was the son of the Earl of Dunmore, and Drinker convinced the settlers to change the name of Bucktown to Dunmore to honor the earl out of gratitude. Despite the fact that Sir Charles never managed to raise the money Drinker had asked for, the name Dunmore stuck to the settlement. It is unlikely that Sir Charles ever set foot in the village that bears his name.

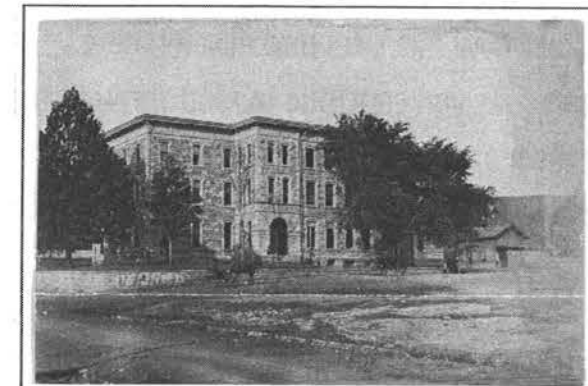
The first major event of note in Dunmore was the completion of the Philadelphia and Great Bend Turnpike in 1826. The turnpike ran through the town and was built with the backing of Henry Drinker. Drinker tried on several other occasions to bring development to the town by proposing railroads and canals that made a stop in Dunmore, but he was never successful.

For more than 75 years, the main industry in the borough was mining by the Pennsylvania Coal Company. In 1849, a gravity railroad was built, and in 1850 the first coal was taken from three veins in the borough. The first shaft was sunk in 1855, and the town had

three more shafts as well as two breakers by 1888.

The first newspaper in the town was the *Dunmore Pioneer*, which was first printed in 1886. In 1889 fire destroyed the paper's publication office, and the owner made no attempt the revitalize the paper. In 1912 a Scranton printer founded *The Dunmorean*, a paper that continues to service the borough today.

Dunmore holds several large cemeteries with the largest being the 35-acre Dunmore Cemetery. This cemetery



Pennsylvania Coal Company

began in 1828 when a local landowner donated one acre to serve as a burial ground. It is believed Gabriel Dunning was the first person to be buried there.

Education started in the borough in 1826 when the first school, which also served as the local church, was built. The school system was formalized in 1868 when the "old brick" high school was built to replace four smaller, poorly supplied school houses. The school boasted a staff of seven teachers who made monthly salaries of \$52 for men and \$28 for women. In 1902 Dr. Charles F. Hoban was named the superintendent of the Dunmore School System.

Under Dr. Hoban's guidance, the schools of Dunmore were promoted into the most esteemed circles of education in the Commonwealth. The current Dunmore High School was built in 1937 because of overflow from Scranton Central High School.

Marywood College was established in 1915 as an all-girls school. For many years it was considered to be the premier institution of higher learning for women in the Commonwealth. In 1964 the college became coeducational and still maintains a reputation for academic excellence.

## A Word from the President...

Happy New Year everyone!

January to me has always been a challenging yet encouraging time of year. Personally, cold and windy, resolutions to form, and improvements to contemplate, create challenge, while new ideas and renewed efforts encourage me to begin another year. I can see the Lackawanna Historical Society in a similar way.

As we begin the year 2011, we are challenged by the events ahead of us and how they will impact on our role in the community and the participation of our membership. We also contemplate ways to attract new members and develop new means of financial support. As you continue to read through this newsletter, you will see the many ways our board of trustees, standing committees, and staff are all encouraged by new ideas, projects, and coalitions with other community organizations.

My best wishes to all in the new year. Get involved, do good things for others, and above all, enjoy good health.

Thank you,  
Michael Gilmartin

**About Membership...** Membership privileges include unlimited access to the Society library, 10% discount in our bookstore, advance notice and invitations to all Society activities, special members-only programs and the quarterly newsletter. Attached is a membership form you can use to renew your membership or give to a friend or neighbor who is interested in joining. Please return it to: The Lackawanna Historical Society at 232 Monroe Avenue, Scranton, PA 18510

### LACKAWANNA HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP FORM

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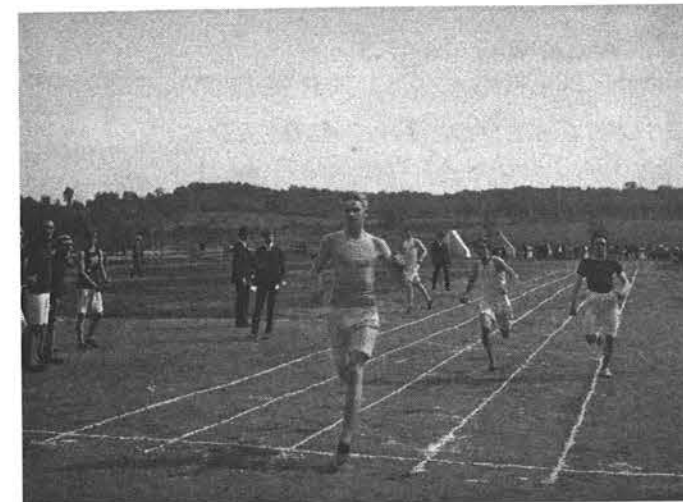
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## MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

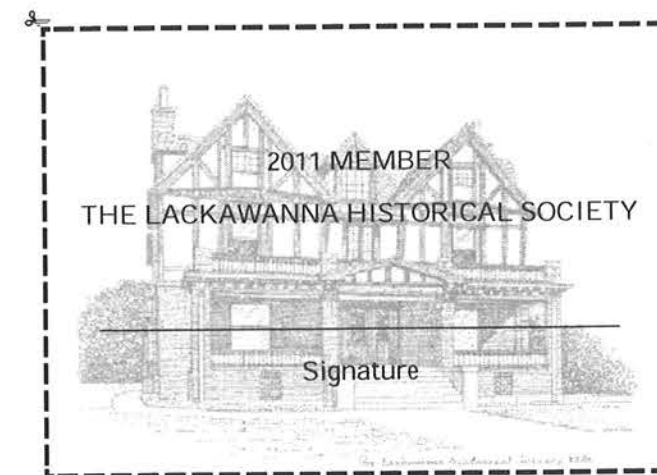


People are racing to renew their membership in the Lackawanna Historical Society...



...so hop to it!! And renew today!!!

2011 Membership Renewals are due NOW! Please help us reduce our Renewal mailing expenses by using this form. Simply detach the Membership Renewal Form on the right and return with your check made payable to THE LACKAWANNA HISTORICAL SOCIETY by January 1, 2011. Please keep the membership card below for your records. If you have already renewed, thank your interest.



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LEVELS OF SUPPORT	
STUDENT	\$10
INDIVIDUAL	\$25
FAMILY (2 ADULTS/2CHILDREN)	\$35
CONTRIBUTING	\$75
NON_PROFIT ORGANIZATION	\$125
SUSTAINING	\$150
SILVER CORPORATION	\$250
GOLD CORPORATION	\$500
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## Community Calendar

### **The Biennial Conference on Women and History in Northeastern Pennsylvania**

will be held at University of Scranton on March 5, 2011 9am – 4 pm

The Biennial Conference on Women and History in Northeastern Pennsylvania was founded by Josephine M. Dunn, Ph. D in 2007 to create a forum for presentation and discussion of current research on women's history in a region of Pennsylvania that has seen little study on the subject. Faculty from area universities, independent scholars, graduate students in history and art history have collaborated in the first two conferences (2007, 2009) to significantly expand knowledge and understanding of women's roles in historic Northeastern Pennsylvania. This re-claimed history comprises the lives and careers of local women artists, suffragists, physicians, nurses, religious, philanthropists and more. This year in addition to several presentations on women's activities in NEPA, the University of Scranton's Hope Horn Gallery will present "The Art of Jennie Brownscombe". For more information, call (570) 941-7625.

## A Celebration of a Life

Lackawanna & Wyoming Chapter,  
NRHS presents ...

Join historians from far and wide as we celebrate one of Pennsylvania's most prolific photographic documentarians of the changing railroad scene... **Edward S. Miller.**

On the first anniversary of his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, the railroad historical society Ed helped to found in 1973 will honor his life and contributions to railroad history. Since his passing last April, his photo collection is being cataloged and distributed to museums and archives for preservation. Many of these photos and some of his film collection will be presented this very special event in his honor.



### **Cocktail Reception and Buffet Dinner Hilton Scranton and Conference Center**

Adams Ave & Lackawanna Ave, Scranton  
Thursday, February 10, 2011 6 pm – 10pm \$35 per ticket  
Make checks payable to L&WV Chapter, NRHS.  
Mail to: L&WV Banquet, 30 Harford Ave  
Shavertown, PA 18708  
Reservation CLOSE on Feb 1, 2011.

## At the Catlin House...

### Memorials

The Lackawanna Historical Society lost a dear friend in December when dedicated volunteer Bernadine Carroll, better known as Birdie, passed away. Birdie began volunteering for the Society when her daughter Elaine, Society bookkeeper, suggested she become involved in 2003. She soon became our go-to volunteer to assist with preparing any mailings. Each year, Birdie also joined us at our Holiday Open House to serve egg nog and wassail to our guests, and assist in ornament making demonstrations. In addition to her time as a volunteer, Birdie also participated at several special events as an active member of the Society. She always offered a cheerful greeting and shared her positive and enthusiastic spirit with all the staff and volunteers. We will miss her and offer our sincerest condolences to her family.

In Memory of Bernadine "Birdie" Carroll  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Savakinus  
Ella S. Rayburn

### New Members



#### Family

Judah and Kristine Collins, Greensboro, NC  
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#### Individual

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#### Student

Michael Dyson, Scranton

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### Pennsylvania Partners in the Arts (PPA) Grant Received

In October, the Lackawanna Historical Society received state arts funding support in the amount of \$3,287 through a grant from the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, a state agency funded by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency. The grant is administered locally by the Scranton Area Foundation.

### Lackawanna County Funding Support



In December the Lackawanna Historical Society was notified by the Lackawanna County Department of Arts and Culture that a county grant for \$15,000 had been approved to support general programming. The Society is grateful to Lackawanna County Commissioners Washo, O'Brien, and Munchak for their continued support and interest in local history.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS  
OF THE LACKAWANNA HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

The following changes to the By-Laws of the Lackawanna Historical Society were approved by the LHS Membership at the December 9th, 2010, Members-Only Holiday Open House.

**Article III § 2: Membership:**

**Current:** Active memberships may be of six sub-divisions: Individuals, Family, Contributing, Sustaining, Organizations and Corporate. Each subdivision of active membership shall be entitled to one (1) vote per unit. Annual dues shall be established by the Board of Trustees, subject however to the following minimums:

**A. Active Memberships:**

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|------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Individual          | \$10.00 per year  |
| 2. Family              | \$10.00 per year  |
| 3. Contributing        | \$20.00 per year  |
| 4. Sustaining          | \$30.00 per year  |
| 5. Organizations       | \$100.00 per year |
| 6. Corporate           | \$500.00 per year |
| B. Student Membership  | \$3.00 per year   |
| C. Honorary Membership | No Dues Required. |

**Change:** Active memberships may be of five (5) sub-divisions: Individuals, Family, Contributing, Sustaining and Corporate (divided into Gold and Silver). Each subdivision of active membership shall be entitled to one (1) vote per unit. Annual dues shall be established by the Board of Trustees, subject however to the following minimums:

**A. Active Memberships:**

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|------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Individual          | \$25.00 per year  |
| 2. Family              | \$35.00 per year  |
| 3. Contributing        | \$75.00 per year  |
| 4. Sustaining          | \$150.00 per year |
| 5. Corporate           |                   |
| - Silver               | \$250.00 per year |
| - Gold                 | \$500.00 per year |
| B. Student Membership  | \$10.00 per year  |
| C. Honorary Membership | No Dues Required. |

**Article IV: § 1: Officers**

**Current:** The Officers of the Society shall be President, two Vice-Presidents, a Secretary, a Treasurer and an Assistant Treasurer, to be elected annually by the Society.

**Change:** The Officers of the Society shall be President, two (2) Vice-Presidents, a Secretary, a Treasurer and an Assistant Treasurer, to be elected annually by the Board of Trustees at their January meeting, or the first meeting of the Board of the new year.

**Article IV: § 4: Officers**

**Current:** All Officers shall serve without salary.

**Change:** All Officers shall be members of the Board of Trustees, and shall serve without salary.

**LHS Community Advisory Committee**

On December 7, the Lackawanna Historical Society conducted its first meeting with the Community Advisory Committee to reach out to our local partners to discuss new ideas for programming and activities and to enhance the Society's mission with involvement from like-minded community organizations. Participants included Sondra Meyers, adjunct professor at the University of Scranton, Michael Knies, Archivist at University of Scranton's Weinberg Memorial Library, Vinnie O'Bell, Vice President of Old Forge Bank, and Leslie Collins, Executive Director of Scranton Tomorrow. We are very grateful to these individuals for their interest and willingness to share their ideas and we look forward to working with them.

**Historic Hill House Tour Scheduled**

*The Historic Hill House Tour has been scheduled for June 26th. As planning gets underway we welcome any suggestions of sites to be included. Please email us with your ideas at:*

*maryann@lackawannahistory.org.*

**President Michael Gilmartin  
"Ties One On"  
for the LHS**



In December Lackawanna Historical Society President Michael Gilmartin appeared in Happenings Magazine as part of their Ties that Bind contest. The editors asked 11 NEPA Non-Profit organization leaders to model their favorite ties which would then be voted upon by readers. The tie owner who gets the most votes will receive a monetary donation for their organization. So if you haven't already gone online to vote for your favorite guy-in-a-tie (MICHAEL GILMARTIN!), here's the link. [happeningsmagazinepa.com/tiesthatbind.html](http://happeningsmagazinepa.com/tiesthatbind.html).



On March 13th at 2 pm the LHS will present *Frances Slocum: Child of Two Americas* by Bill Bachman, Commonwealth Speaker for the Pennsylvania Humanities Council. Mr. Bachman is an Instructor of Communication Arts and Sciences at Penn State University-Wilkes-Barre, where he's been on the faculty since 1982. Following extensive research, Bill wrote, directed and co-produced the docudrama, *Frances Slocum: Child of Two Americas* which explores the life of the young Pennsylvania girl kidnapped by Indians in 1778. He received his M.A. in Communication Arts from the New York Institute of Technology in 1982.

**VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION**

The Society wishes to express its appreciation to all of the volunteers who assisted with our recent programs. We especially wish to thank the Scranton After Dark paranormal researchers for their great work in presenting the October event and to everyone who assisted with that event as well as those who helped with the Holiday Open House including: Donna & Irwin Adler, the Azzarelli Family, Olivia & Tony Bernardi, Bob Booth, Elaine Carroll, Brandon Castellano, Gay & Jim Clifford, Bridget and Bill Conlogue, Marion Dunleavy, Pat Fairall Chipak, the Forrer family, Mary Ann Gavern, Michael Gilmartin, Chrissy & Mary Ann Grunza, Joanne and Steve Kavulich, the Martin family, Guy McGinnis, Joe and Sean McTiernan, Lee Nolan, Ann Marie O'Hara, Leni Piasky, Juliana & Sarah Piccini, Jeff Ross, the Posly family, Ella S. Rayburn, Dave Searing, Marc Tobin, Pat Tobin and the Trustees who donated poinsettias. We are especially grateful to Jeff Kiefer for his outstanding work in coordinating the decorations at the Catlin House, Arlene O'Malley for leading the workshop, and Arlene Devereaux O'Hara and Bob Savakinus for the many extra hours they spent with us make everything perfect! We also want to wish LHS Volunteer Clem Fasbender a fond farewell and best wishes as she settles into her new life in New York. We will MISS you!

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The LHS Fund For the Future campaign began in November. At that time we informed our member of the importance of this year's fund due to recent funding cuts by the State. We are delighted to report that as of January 12 we have received \$9,977 from the dedicated donors listed here. Donations continue to come in and we are truly grateful to everyone for their continued interest and support. If you have not yet had an opportunity to make your donation, please use the form below:

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Article V: § 1: Board of Trustees

Current: The Board of Trustees shall consist of no less then fifteen active members of the Society, one third of whom shall be elected annually for a three year term by the Society. Trustees will be eligible for three 3-year terms at the discretion of the Board and determined by availability of Board Members.

Change: The Board of Trustees shall consist of no less then fifteen (15) active members of the Society, one third of whom shall be elected annually for a three (3) year term by the Society. Trustees will be eligible for three 3-year terms at the discretion of the Board and determined by availability of Board Members.\*

\* To be stricken.

Article V: § 3: Board of Trustees

Current: In addition to those elected as above provided, the election of officers shall also serve as members of the Board of Trustees.

Change: Eliminate section - conflicts with changes to Article IV, § 4 above.

Article V: § 4: Board of Trustees

Current: The President of the Society shall preside at meetings of the Board of Trustees.

Change: The President of the Society shall preside at meetings of the Board of Trustees, or one of the Vice-Presidents in the absence of the President. In the event a quorum of the Board of Trustees is established and the President and Vice-Presidents are absent, a majority of the members of the Board present shall select one of their members to chair the meeting.

Article VII: § 1: Meetings

Current: An annual meeting of the Society for the election of the Officers and Trustees and for the transaction of such other business as may be necessary shall be held in November, or at such other time as the Board of Trustees may direct.

Change: An annual meeting of the Society for the election of the Board of Trustees and for the transaction of such other business as may be necessary, and shall be held in December, or at such other time as the Board of Trustees may direct.

Additional proposed clauses:

Tax Exempt Statement

This Society is organized exclusively for charitable and education purposes as such purposes are defined by § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (or the corresponding section of any future Internal Revenue Law of the United States). No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of any individual and no member, director, officer or employee of the Corporation shall receive any pecuniary benefits of any kind except reasonable compensation for services in effecting the corporate purposes. No substantial part of the services of the corporation shall consist of carrying on propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, nor shall the Society participate or intervene in (including the publishing or distributing statements of) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

In addition, the following individuals were elected to serve as the Class of 2013 for the LHS Board of Trustees: Joseph F. Cimini, Mark Cruciani, Laurie Cadden, Douglas Forrer, Mary Jane Memolo and Elaine Shepard.

**The Lackawanna Historical Society  
& The Scranton Cultural Center  
present  
*Dinner By Design***

*Dinner by Design is a unique event weekend of visual indulgence to benefit the Lackawanna Historical Society and the Scranton Cultural Center. Thank you for joining these two organizations who have combined their efforts to showcase the talents of area designers. From small intimate settings to larger exotic celebrations, you will enjoy the unexpected and inventive ideas of skilled professionals as they present venues for dining. Dinner by Design, as seen in historic settings within the Scranton Cultural Center, may inspire you with ideas, dazzle your eyes and introduce you to some of our area's best designing minds. Be prepared to be surprised and delighted.*



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Tickets can be purchased through the Scranton Cultural Center Box Office: (570) 344-1111

Preview Cocktail Party Friday February 25th 7pm -10pm \$60

Exhibit Tours Saturday/Sunday February 26th/27th 10am -5pm \$15 in advance (\$20 at the door)

Combination ticket (includes Preview Cocktail Party on Friday and Exhibit Tours on Saturday/Sunday) \$70

**FRAMING FAITH**

**TO BE RELEASED THIS SPRING**

The Lackawanna Historical Society is pleased to announce that the Tribute publication "Framing Faith" will be released this Spring. LHS volunteer Sarah Piccini has been very busy writing the histories of ten local churches that recently closed in the Scranton Diocese to be used in the publication with the photographs taken by local students last summer. Churches that will be highlighted are Holy Family Church on East Gibson Street in Scranton, St. Anthony of Padua and St. Joseph Churches in North Scranton, St. John the Evangelist and St. Mary of the Assumption Churches in South Scranton, St. Mary Czestochowa Church on Greenwood Avenue in Scranton, Sacred Heart Church in Mayfield, St. Michael's Church in Old Forge, and Immaculate Conception and St. John the Baptist Churches in Taylor. Photos from the project are currently on display at the Taylor Community Library, 710 South Main Street in Taylor through Friday January 28. Pre-orders for \$24.95 + S&H can be made at [info@tribute-books.com](mailto:info@tribute-books.com) or by calling (570) 876-2416.



St. John the Evangelist Church, Scranton  
by Ivana Pavelka

## A New Jersey Volunteer in Lackawanna County

Bob Morrisette has been a volunteer with the Lackawanna Historical Society for about four years. He and his wife Linda live in Paramus, NJ and started visiting when their son Paul was at the University of Scranton. Paul graduated in 1999. About eight years back, Bob stopped by Steamtown National Historic Site to check on a great-grandfather and grandfather who were both employed by the Lackawanna Railroad. He did not find his ancestors, but he did find a volunteer position cataloging railroad personnel records. During that time Bob met the people of the Society. When Bob completed the personnel records after 3 1/2 years, he asked about maps at the Lackawanna Historical Society and what he might do to make them accessible and documented. His offer was met with open arms.

Each month Bob drives over for three days, usually Tuesday morning to Thursday afternoon. During the summer Linda is off from teaching and also comes. Bob has made tremendous progress with initial organization and subsequent cataloging of the map collection. All is not work, though, as he has many friends and an active social calendar. We look forward to those monthly visits and appreciate the good work from our New Jersey connection.

Bob sent this Christmas note to Mary Ann Moran-Savakinus, the director, and Ella Rayburn, volunteer curator:

Dear Mary Ann and Ella,

Ella and I spent so much time repairing our 1911 Lackawanna County Wagon Trail map this past visit, I was only able to catalog three additional maps. Therefore, instead of sending the usual "Update", I thought it might be fun to take just a few moments to review where we are with "the Project". With four years and 685 hours invested (that includes a vast amount of lunches and coffee breaks), we completed the preliminary "collections and sorting" portion of the project last December, 2009. In April of this year, I began to catalog and repair the maps and place them in folders. Over the past nine months, 58 documents have been cataloged, many repaired. At this rate .... I estimate, the project will be completed December, 2057. Linda and I plan to throw a party at our convalescent home at that time and everyone will be invited. Details to follow.

Other interesting statistics concerning my four year project:

1. Hours spent commuting between Paramus and Scranton: 156
2. Nights spent at the Lackawanna Radisson Hotel: 77
3. El Pepe Steaks consumed this past year: 5
4. Lions Club Magic Shows Attended: 1

I love this project, I enjoy my association with the Historical Society. I have reservations at the Radisson for February 1st through to the 3rd, 2011. We'll begin a new year and move my favorite project a little farther forward. Until then, Merry Christmas, my friends, and my sincerest best wishes for the coming New Year.

Bob

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