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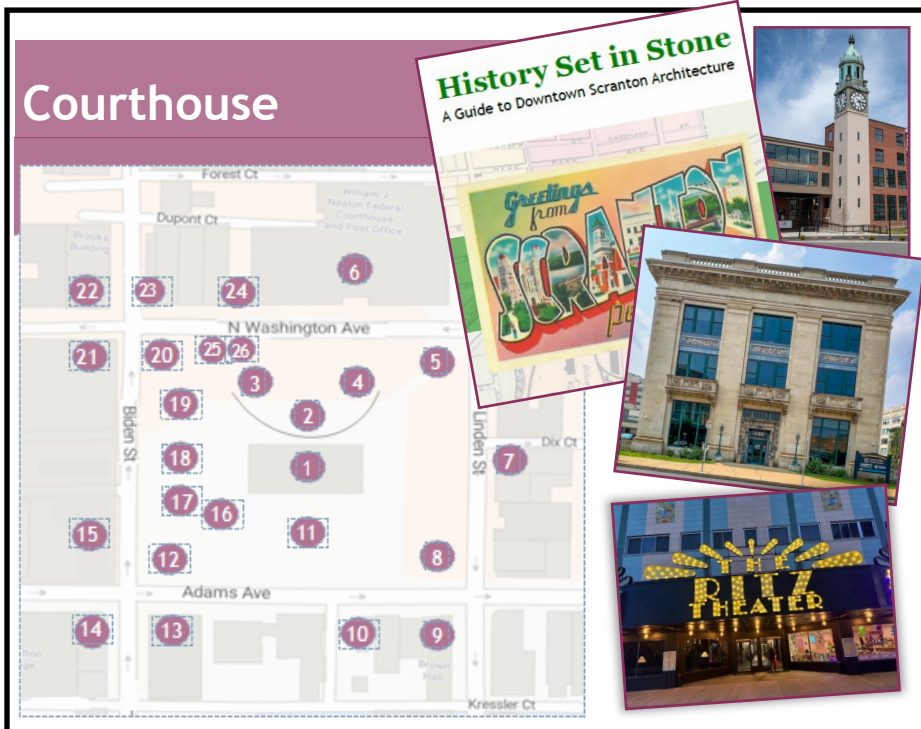
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HISTORY SET IN STONE GETS A REMODEL!



are so fortunate that so many of these buildings remain to be a testament to our past and a major part of our future.

LHS Assistant Director Sarah Piccini worked on the needed revisions and created a new design which includes helpful maps and site descriptions, and an expanded list of notable destinations outside of Scranton like museums, community centers, and cemeteries worth a visit. Or try the “Scranton Safari” scavenger hunt to discover unique details and intriguing animal-themed architectural features.

Sarah worked with local partners including the Lackawanna

The Lackawanna Historical Society is excited to announce the soon-to-be released revised *History Set in Stone*, a guide to Downtown Scranton Architecture. The guide, produced with funding support from the Lackawanna Heritage Valley Authority, was first published in 2009 and a 2nd edition was produced in 2012. Much has changed in Scranton’s downtown in the last 12 years and the Society hopes that this newest edition will reflect those changes.

Every summer the LHS offers regularly scheduled guided walking tours. Participants are always impressed with the city’s variety of architectural styles that represent Scranton’s and Lackawanna County’s early development, industrial heyday, period of decline, and recent renaissance. We

County Convention and Visitors Bureau to illustrate the guide with color photographs, and we were pleased to also work with Jenny Gonzalez Monges, Director of the STARS program at Marywood to translate the guide book into Spanish to create the *Historia Grabada en Piedra* version of the brochure. It is our hope that this effort will engage our newer residents and provide an opportunity for everyone to connect with our past.

Historia grabada en piedra:
Una Guía de la Arquitectura del
Centro de Scranton



A Word from the President...

Hello Everyone,

As I sit down to write this letter, I cannot help but reflect on the changing seasons that we have become so accustomed to here in NEPA. This time of the year so many changes occur, and our local landscape brings so much delight to many of us. It is also a time when we come together with family and friends to mark annual traditions of Yom Kippur, Halloween and Thanksgiving.

But the Autumn season is soon overtaken. On our calendars, we know that the winter solstice is on December 21, but the weather doesn't necessarily follow that date, as we learned recently with the November 22nd snow storm! Indeed the changes of nature, as well as time and age affect all of us, and sometimes leave us feeling blue. As we are confronted with these changes that we cannot control, we can easily become emotionally stressed. But when that happens, I suggest that we seek comfort and find diversions within our community to relieve that stress.

As you read through this issue, I hope you will find much to enjoy and share. I believe our common interests can bring us together. Perhaps you will consider joining us in January when we host a January Blues Party at the Catlin House. The evening will include a scavenger hunt through our exhibits where you can learn more about our fascinating past. Keep in your mind that it is the goal of the Lackawanna Historical Society to inspire the exploration of Lackawanna County History. It is a rich, diverse and everchanging history. We need to strive ahead and look to enjoy new history together.

Stay well, be involved and treasure our history.

Sincerely,

Michael Gilmartin, President

2025 Membership is due in January.

About Membership... *Membership privileges include unlimited access to the Society library, 10% discount in our bookstore, advance notice, special discounts and invitations to all Society activities, 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

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Thanks for your Support...

History Makers

The LHS *History Makers* Legacy Society is growing! In August, we received a substantial donation from an insurance policy



naming us as the beneficiary left by our dear friend and longtime LHS Trustee, the late Richard Leonori.

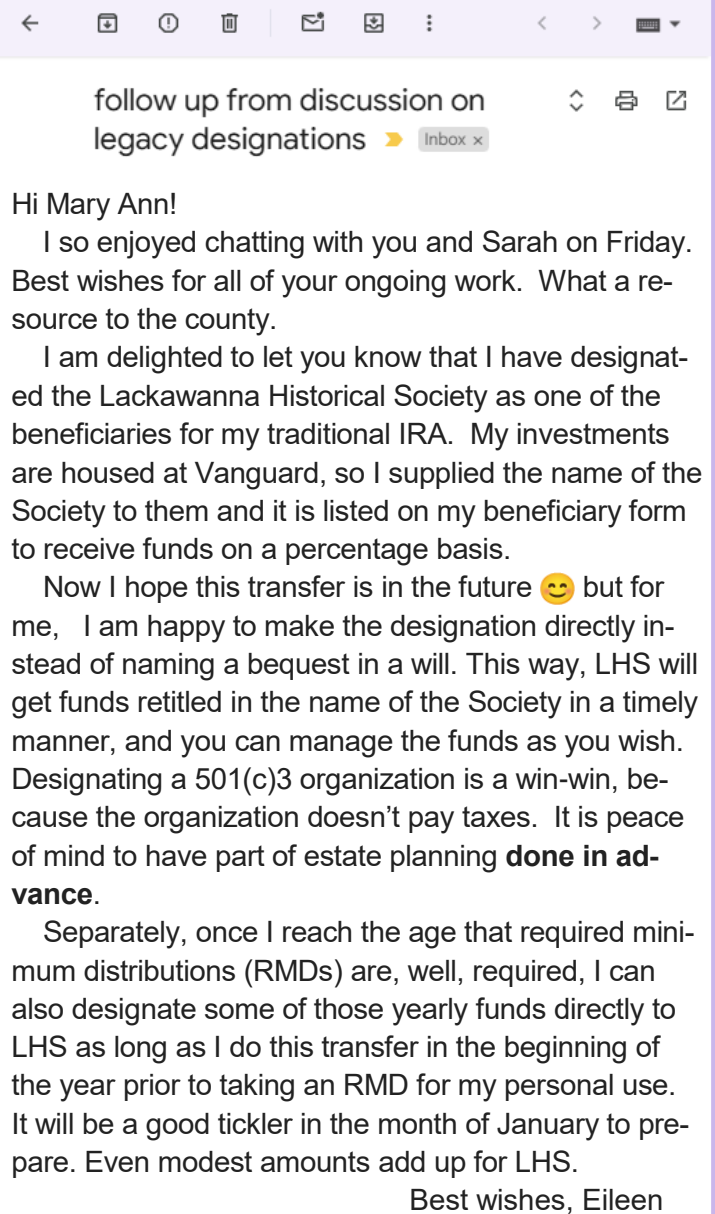
In August we also received an email (at right) from LHS member Eileen O'Hara to let us know she had decided to

designate the Lackawanna Historical Society as one of her beneficiaries for her IRA.

Eileen is also planning to designate funds to be donated to the Society as part of her required minimum distributions (RMDs), which other LHS members have already done. In October, we received more than \$3000 from members' RMDs.

Three other individuals have contacted the Society in the last four months to notify us that they have included the Lackawanna Historical Society in their planned giving.

We are so grateful to everyone for their continued support and investment in our future.



DINE LACKAWANNA

January 15: **Cafe Classico**

1416 Mulberry St., Scranton (570) 346-9306

February 19: **Eves on Adams**

1302 Adams Ave., Dunmore (570) 229-9436

March 19: **Red Robin**

1235 Commerce Blvd., Dickson City (570) 489-0060

Enjoy a night out & help support the Society by dining out at supporting locations!



Thanks to Lamar Advertising for its ongoing support of this program.



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Contributions made in the name of individuals are placed in a Memorial Fund and are not used for general operations.

To make a memorial donation, please send check payable to the Society with the name and address of person(s) for whom memorial is made.

All contributions to the Society are tax deductible to the fullest extent that the law provides.



The Lackawanna Historical Society is pleased to announce that we have received a **\$5,000** Creative Sector Flex grant from the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, a state agency funded by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. This grant will support programming reaching diverse communities and continuing to build our shared history.



We were also approved for a Cultural and Historical Support Grant in the amount of **\$8,000** from the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, a state agency funded by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. This grant will help us accomplish our mission to inspire the exploration of Lackawanna County history through continuing our daily operations, maintaining collections care, and developing educational programs.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Individual

Martina Bacarella, Dalton
Alexis Davidson, Mountaintop
Mary Harding, Moosic
Christopher Kupchik, Scranton
Melissa Major, Waverly Twp.
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LACKAWANNA PAST TIMES

Our monthly Lackawanna Past Times virtual lecture series presents local history programs via Zoom; email us at lackawannahistory@gmail.com for the link. Catch up on 70 past episodes on our YouTube channel at: <https://tinyurl.com/y5hbsufx>

Friday, January 31 at 2 pm

Anthracite Heritage Museum Spotlight

Meet Nicole Negron, the educator at the PA Anthracite Heritage Museum to learn more about current and upcoming events and exhibits at the museum and at Eckley Miner's Village.

Friday, March 28 at 2pm

25th Anniversary of the Electric City Trolley Museum

with Dan Perry *Rescheduled from November 22*

Friday, February 28 at 2 pm

Ballina: Scranton's Sister City

We're going international! Michael Larkin will join us from County Mayo, Ireland, to talk about the historic links between the city of Scranton and the Emerald Isle.

Friday, April 25 at 2pm

Electric Cars in the Electric City with George Gula

Genealogy Forum

Winter programs will be presented via Zoom

Wednesday, January 15, 1pm

The Archive Expedition:

Uncovering, Curating, and Preserving Your Family's Photographic Legacy

Take a journey into your family's story through the lens of *The Photo Archaeologist* Cheryl Kaiser! Cheryl will share the "Archive Expedition", her three-phase process focused on your photographic treasures. From uncovering not only the stuff but the stories in those family photos and artifacts to curating a cohesive collection and story to preserving your collection for sharing now and for future generations, you'll discover how your photographs hold the key to unlocking your family's legacy.

Gain insights and leave with practical tools to take the first steps on your own Archive Expedition. Key takeaways will be to **Uncover** techniques for identifying and organizing photographs, documents, and memorabilia to tell a deeper story; to **Curate** or craft a meaningful family narrative and your photographic collection; and **Preserve** with ideas for sharing and best practices for protecting and archiving physical and digital photos and memorabilia for generations.

European Tour will begin in April with monthly in-person Saturday sessions. **Details TBA**

Wednesday, February 12, 1 pm

LHS Resources

with Mary Ann Savakinus

Wednesday, March 12, 1 pm

Navigating Lackawanna County's Website
with Tom Price

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RONNIE GOES SHOPPING

“Interesting what can be found on the Internet”

As with my column in the last issue, this column is also a departure from my normal writings, and it is a column I have been wanting to write about for some time.

I am a collector. In my lifetime I have avidly collected coins, antiques, historical and political items, and cars. Since I returned to Scranton 20+ years ago and started working with our Historical Society, I find I have become interested in items from Scranton & Lackawanna County. So for this column, I would like to talk a bit about some interesting items I have found and purchased over the last year or two, starting with an intriguing late 19th century cane. I hope you enjoy it

-Ronnie

This item is what may at first glance appear to be nothing more than a late 19th century cane. But this one has more of a story than that. Note the top of the cane, gold in ap-

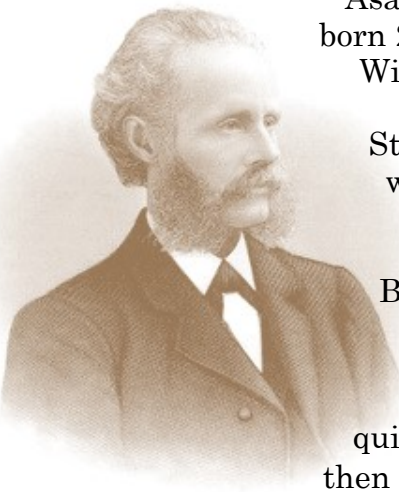


pearance. It is, as was often the custom back then, engraved in script. It reads: “Asa B. Stevens/Scranton/PA.”.



When I first saw it, it only took me about a nanosecond to ask myself, “So who is Asa B. Stevens?”, and why is that name familiar? As usual - time for some research!

Asa Bradley Stevens was born 21 September 1834 in Windsor, New York. His father was William Stevens and his mother was Marion Kise, both of Connecticut. He was educated in the Binghampton Academy until the age of 13, when his father died and he was forced to quit school, apprenticing then as a marble cutter. In



1856 Asa moved from Broome, Schoharie Coun-

ty, NY to Bailey Hollow (now Dalton) PA., where he became the head of a marble business, Green and Stevens.

In 1858, he married Elvira A. Colvin (1837-1916), of Dalton, PA, the daughter of Jason P. and Osenia Colvin, she being a graduate of Madison Academy at Waverly, PA. The couple went on to have two sons, Julian G. (1859-1918) and Frederick E. (1860-1939).

In 1863 Asa left the marble firm in Dalton and the family moved to Scranton, PA., where he opened another marble business, Stevens & May, at the corner of Penn and Lackawanna Ave.

THE CIVIL WAR: On September 6, 1864, Asa Stevens enlisted in the Union Army and was made a private in Company C of the 203d regiment of the Pennsylvania Infantry, subsequently being made a First Lieutenant on Sep 21, 1864, and remaining as such throughout the war.

Notwithstanding the fact that he was recommended as Major of colored troops, he declined, refusing to leave the men that he had induced to enlist. He was in every battle in which his regiment engaged, including: Deep Bottom, VA., Fort Harrison, VA., second battle of Fair Oaks, VA., Fort Fisher, N.C., and Wilmington, N.C., at Cape Fear. At Fort Fisher, due to the loss of a number of his superiors, Asa took command of Company C., the colored company, which were the first to enter the fort. Afterwards he received honorable mention from the officers of his regiment, and complimentary res-

olutions were passed by the members of his company, who declared *“they did not desire to follow any better or braver soldier, whose courage nobly stood the test of that terrible fight”*.

Asa was honorably mustered out on May 20th, 1865, while under surgeon’s care. He returned to Scranton at that time and dissolved the Green and Sevens marble business and started his own independent marble business, A. B. Stevens & Co. He went on to be elected to the office of Select Councilman of the City of Scranton three times, serving as such for more than six years. In 1869 he was elected



Marshal of the Mayor’s Court for the city of Scranton, on the Republican ticket, by a large majority, where “he made a faithful and energetic officer”. It was at this time that he retired from the marble business. (The 1870 census lists him as

a retired marble manufacturer). For the years 1876-78 he was both Secretary and Treasurer of the School Fund Coal Association and of the Miners’ and Mechanics’ Loan and Banking Association. In August, 1878, Asa was appointed by the Governor the first Sheriff of the new County of Lackawanna.

In 1889 he went to Pittston, PA and built (one reference says leased) the Stevens Colliery, which he sold in 1902 (it closed in 1919). In the 1900 census he is listed as a “Capitalist” living at 1401 Capouse with his wife, son Julian and Julian’s two children, Mabel and Walter. A real estate transaction is recorded in 1911 showing Asa bought a property in Dalton, PA., for \$1.00 from a Mr. Fred E. Beers and also sold his Scranton property to the same Mr. Beers, also for \$ 1.00. The Dalton property was at 17b Revelstroke St. where he went on to reside with his wife and grandson Walter.

Late in life he became a Mason, and took a keen interest in the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR), being a member of the Ezra S. Griffin Post 139 in Scranton, where he was elected Commander of that Post no less than 7 times. He also served one term as senior Vice-Commander of the Department of Pennsylvania GAR.

Asa Bradley Stevens died 21 Jan 1914 at his home at 1137 Grandview Street, in Green Ridge, Scranton, Lackawanna County, PA., of “senile arterial sclerosis with congestion of the brain”, and was buried in Forest Hill Cemetery with full military honors. He is buried along with his wife.

NOTE: Canes of this type – inscribed gold top canes, seem to have had their heyday between the Civil War and the 1910s. At one time I had a large collection of these canes. Most fell into distinct identifiable categories – Civil War canes presented for outstanding service; business canes, again related to outstanding service or retirement; and as Gifts – often inscribed for Christmas or birthdays. This cane seemingly can’t be definitively tied to any of those categories. Could Asa have just had it made for himself,,, sure, but given his outstanding career I am more inclined to think it was presented to him at some point. But when, by whom.... Well, we will probably never know. But we are thankful it exists. (This item came from an on-line auction).

P.S. At the beginning I mentioned that Asa’s name sounded familiar. Well, it is because here in the permanent collection of the Historical Society we have two other Civil War items that belonged to him. One is his military sword, and the other is his haversack (basically a knapsack) that contained his personal belongings – it is said that the “daily lives of soldiers would be found within the haversack”. We are currently researching both these items.



Nancy's Corner

The Lackawanna Historical Society is pleased to offer "Nancy's Corner" celebrating our musical history and dedicated in memory of LHS member and friend Nancy Farkas. Nancy was a true lover of the arts, especially music, and we hope that by sharing stories about our rich musical heritage, we will honor her memory and inspire others.

Papa's Christmas Tree

Recently, the Society was contacted by Tom Harding offering to share a recording of the 60th anniversary broadcast of WEJL from 1982. Tom is the grandson of Hugh Connor, who began his broadcasting career as a staff announcer for the station in 1948, then served as program director and sales manager before becoming the general manager in 1965, a post he held until retiring in 1975. We were pleased to receive the recording for our archives and more intrigued to learn from Tom that it was his grandfather's idea to light the WEJL radio tower for Christmas. In his own words:

Several years ago, my aunt, Barbara Quinn, daughter of Hugh Connor, spoke with Bill Lynett, former publisher of the Scranton Times-Tribune and former chair for Shamrock Communications. They've been friends for decades. Bill recalled that WEJL leaders and her father,



Bob Stantion, who has been stringing the lights on the tower for 20 years and WEJL's Ray Magwyre watch as Hugh Connor, retired general manager of WEJL Radio, prepare to throw the switch to turn on multi-colored lights on the 300 foot tower atop the Scranton Times building. - Scranton Times, November 24, 1983, pg. 44

Hugh, had business in New York City, circa 1958/59. During their return drive to Scranton, Hugh noticed a radio tower with Christmas lights, somewhere in New Jersey. He said, according to my aunt's recollection of her conversation with Bill, that Hugh commented what a great idea it would be to do the same thing with the WEJL tower. Bill firmly cred its Hugh, my grandfather, with the idea and the follow through.

Tom went on to note that according to his research, WEJL station engineer Guy Rauer is often credited for the idea and he points out that it would make sense that Hugh would have directed Guy to get the tower wired for lights. So credit should also go to Guy and the local engineers who did the wiring work but it High's idea and leadership that made the Times tower lighting a reality that began in 1960 and continues today. He's the man who started it! *We still like to call it Papa's Christmas Tree.*



WEJL 'Tree' Back Again

What has been termed "the largest Christmas tree in Northeastern Pennsylvania"—The Times Radio Station WEJL tower atop The Times Building—will be lighted tomorrow.

Mayor William T. Schmidt will throw the switch setting hundreds of Yuletide lights aglow at 4:30 P.M.

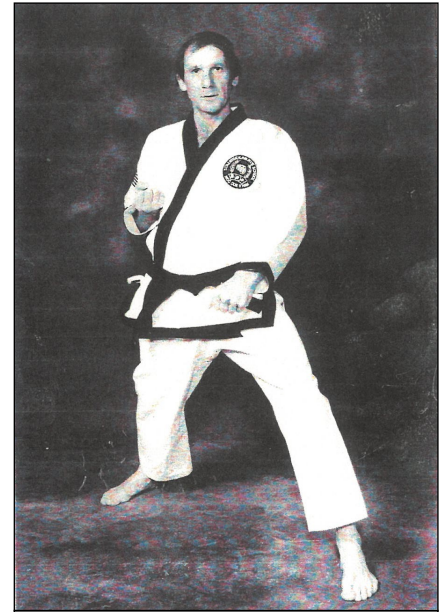
Originally conceived by Guy Rauer, WEJL manager for engineering, the tower lights have become a Christmas tra-

Scranton Times,
December 6, 1962, pg. 3

Meet LHS Member: John Andrejack

The Lackawanna Historical Society's membership currently totals more than 1000 individuals who are committed to our mission and supportive of our work. But many who join also share their stories with us and donate personal items to broaden our library and museum resources. One such member is Scranton resident John Andrejack. John has been a member of the Society since 2009. As a local contractor, he has also donated his time and services from time to time to help us maintain the Catlin House. But recently he stopped in to share something even more valuable –his story!

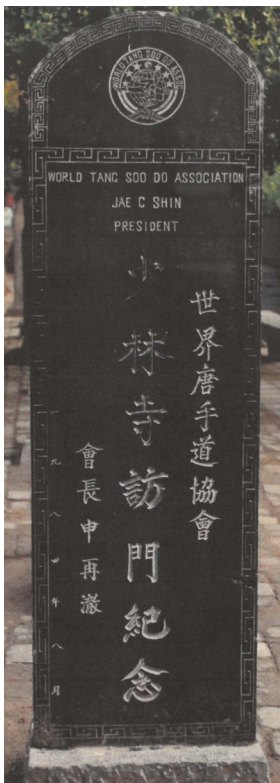
John was born and raised and still making his living in Scranton. At 80 years of age, he has been a student of the martial arts, specifically Tang Soo Do, for 50 years, starting when he was in his 30s. He has studied with Grand Master Shin of Korea and Philadelphia and Grand Master Frank Trajanowicz of Scranton Karate. He still practices and is a candidate for a 6th Degree Black Belt.



Master John Andrejack

John was a delegate to the World Tang Soo Do Association Exhibition and Cultural Visit in 1986, when he had the opportunity to study and participate in demonstrations in China and Korea. While there, he and his fellow American delegates had the opportunity to train at the legendary Shaolin Temple, where one of the world's oldest martial arts traditions originated. There, a granite monument was erected in the courtyard of the Temple to commemorate to his delegation's visit and participation in the Exhibition. John is especially honored that his family name is displayed on this hallowed ground.

John has shared his passion for Tang Soo Do through teaching at the Boy



First non-Chinese Monument placed at Shaolin Temple honoring World Tang Soo Do Association (At right is close up of the Reverse showing where J. Andrejack name is listed.

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and Girls Club of Scranton, Weston Field, the Deutsch Institute for Special Needs Individuals, the Scranton Karate School, Scranton School for the Deaf, the University of Scranton's Physical Education Self-Defense Classes and as Head Instructor and President of the Black Belt Club. He has volunteered as a coordinator of Karate clinics and as a martial arts teacher for physically and developmentally challenged children and adults, and regularly offers Karate demonstrations at local events and schools. He also offers private lessons to professional athletes, civic leaders, and prominent community members. His many awards and accolades include achieving the 5th Degree Black Belt in 2014; being inducted into the Action Martial Arts Hall of Fame in 2010; and being named the 2009 Master of the Year at the Oriental World of Martial Arts Hall of Fame Conference. On May 11, 1993, John

received the Eugene M. Langan Sr. Award from the Deutsch Institute for Volunteer Work. He is widely recognized for his dedication and mastery of the Art of Tang Soo Do and holds a Lifetime Membership in the World Tang Soo Do Association.

Welcome NET Credit Union Members!

LHS is proud to be a NET Credit Union Preferred Partner Group, allowing credit union members to become LHS members and LHS members to become credit unions members. Welcome to these new members:



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Cory Domiano, Dunmore	Joseph McGrail, Dickson City	Cala Tolerico, Carbondale
Dennis Dougherty, Covington Twp.	Jerry Michaels, Dalton	John Wagner, Dickson City
Timothy Dougherty, S. Abington Twp.	Edmond Millon, Waymart	Dakota Watkins, Plymouth
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Anthony Gorey, Pittston	Stephen Pisko, Old Forge	Leeanna Zembrzycki, Herrick Center



LHS
HOLIDAY PARTY

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 18,

6:30 PM : COCKTAIL HOUR

7:30 PM : DINNER

ENTREE OPTIONS:

BRAISED SHORT RIBS \$60

STUFFED CHICKEN BREAST \$55

SPAGHETTI SQUASH \$55

RSVP 570-344-3841

BY DECEMBER 10, 2024

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO
LACKAWANNA
HISTORICAL SOCIETY

PLEASE JOIN THE
LACKAWANNA HISTORICAL SOCIETY
FOR A

JANUARY BLUES *Party*

January 16, 2025 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Refreshments - Music - Scavenger Hunt
& Mocktail* Tasting Contest Fundraiser

The Catlin House, 232 Monroe Avenue, Scranton
For further information: 570-344-3841

**A more spirited option will be offered in our 2nd floor Speakeasy...
but instead of a password, you will need cold hard CASH!*

Fun for the whole family!

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A general meeting will be held at the January Blues Party at 7 pm to ask LHS members to elect the following individuals to serve a three-year term on the Board of Trustees as the Class of 2027: *Michael Gilmartin, Ella Rayburn, Leni Piaskey, William Rinaldi, Jack Shean and Martina Bacarella*. Jack and Martina have been nominated to fill vacancies formerly held by Richard Leonori, who passed away this summer, and Tom Cipriano who has decided to rotate off this year. We will miss them both.



My Love Letter to My Sister Soldiers

On **Sunday, February 16 at 2 pm**, the Society will host a return visit from Janice Gavern when she presents *My Love Letter to My Sister Soldiers* at the Catlin House. Janice, a Scranton native and Air Force Veteran, continues to serve her country as the deputy commander for Women Veterans Issues at the 15th District American Legion Department of Pennsylvania. She is also the historian for Gardner Warner American Legion Post 154 in Montrose, Pennsylvania and the acting historian for Gladys Watkins American Legion Post 550, which once existed in Scranton. She is dedicated to documenting the service of her sister women veterans. During her program, she will share their stories and also honor the women currently serving today, including an Air Force Captain who was recently awarded a Silver Star for her performance in an enormous drone fight.

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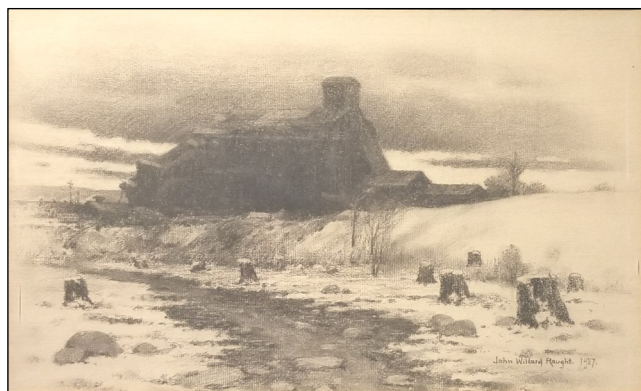
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EVENTS & VIRTUAL HAPPENINGS

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- Wed., Dec. 18, 6:30 pm **LHS HOLIDAY PARTY** at Constantino's (Reservation Required) See page 11.
- Wed., Jan. 15, 1 pm **GENEALOGY FORUM** *The Archive Expedition* See page 5.
- Wed., Jan. 15 **DINE LACKAWANNA @ Café Classico** See page 3.
- Thurs., Jan 16, 6 pm **JANUARY BLUES PARTY** at the Catlin House See page 11.
- Sun., Jan. 26, 2pm **ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS IN ANTHRACITE** panel at the Catlin House See below.
- Fri., Jan. 31, 2 pm **PAST TIMES** via Zoom *Anthracite Heritage Museum Spotlight* See page 5.
- Wed., Feb. 12, 1 pm **GENEALOGY FORUM** *LHS Resources* See page 5.
- Sun., Feb. 16, 2 pm **MY LOVE LETTER TO MY SISTER SOLDIERS** with Janice Gavern at the Catlin House See page 11.
- Wed., Feb. 19 **DINE LACKAWANNA @ Eves on Adams** See page 3.
- Fri., Feb. 28, 2 pm **PAST TIMES** via Zoom *Ballina: Scranton's Sister City* See page 5.
- Wed., Mar. 12, 1 pm **GENEALOGY FORUM** *Navigating Lackawanna County's Website* See page 5.
- Wed., Mar. 19 **DINE LACKAWANNA @ Red Robin** See page 3.
- Fri., Mar. 28, 2 pm **PAST TIMES** via Zoom *Electric City Trolley Station & Museum Turns 25!* See page 5.
- Fri., Apr. 25, 2 pm **PAST TIMES** via Zoom *Electric Cars in the Electric City* See page 5.



January is Anthracite Mining Heritage Month *Artistic Expressions in Anthracite*

On **Sunday, January 26 at 2pm** LHS will present a panel discussion at the Catlin House on how Anthracite has been expressed through different artistic mediums. Chester Kulesa will speak on Photography; Richard Stanislaus will discuss Paintings; and Charles F. Petrillo will present Films. Philip Mosley will moderate the panel.

Check our website for full calendar of Anthracite Mining Heritage Month events.