

# Harrington Park Historical Society Newsletter

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## MEMBERSHIP

Many of you have already paid your dues, and we thank you for taking care of this detail. If you have not paid, now is the time to take out your checkbook and write a check payable to the Harrington Park Historical Society and post it to P.O. Box 105, Harrington Park, New Jersey, 07640. We are still a bargain, with the dues remaining the same from last year:

Individual - \$10.00

Family - \$15.00

Youth - \$5.00

Please include your name(s), address, phone number, and e-mail.

Also, the following is a list of volunteer opportunities that we have reprinted from our membership application. If one or more of these opportunities does interest you, please indicate it on your note when returning your check. You can be assured; we never turn down a volunteer. Bottom line – don't be bashful!

And, remember, members receive a discount on all Society events and activities. (You will be reading later in this newsletter about one such event.)

## Volunteer Opportunities

If you are interested in participating in any of the activities of the Society, please circle your choice.

1. Docent – The Society has "History Hikes" as well as tours of historical homes and

neighborhoods. If you enjoy people, and learning local history – this is for you.

2. Archivist – One of our primary functions is to preserve and catalog the history of Harrington Park.

3. Research – Plenty of opportunity here, either on your own or as part of a group for a specific project.

4. Hosts and Hostesses – Volunteers to prepare and serve refreshments are always needed at the membership meetings and special events.

5. H.P. Society Newsletter Author – The editor of the Society Newsletter welcomes articles of local historical interest, as well as personal recollections of earlier days in H.P.

6. Special Projects – This will include the restoration of Haring and Perry Cemeteries, as well as other endeavors.

7. Other – Let us know how you would like to help, and your area of expertise.

## HOSTING

Each month at our general meeting, we always have delicious goodies and beverages to end the meeting. It is because of you, our members, who volunteer to be the hosts for the evening, that we enjoy not only the goodies but also the conversation that goes with it. For all of you who have provided our repasts – thanks. If you would like to help, please speak with Carol Block, whom I am most pleased to report to you has just taken on the job of recruiting and overseeing this activity as our Refreshment Chair.

**DECEMBER MEETING**  
**PRIVATE TOUR AND HOLIDAY**  
**RECEPTION**

Since the Society started up again, we have had our December meetings off-site, and this year will be no exception. We have planned a private tour of the Ridgewood Historical Society Museum, located in Paramus, and a reception after at Marcello's Ho-Ho-Kus Inn in Paramus (only kiddin'). We will car pool, and plan to leave the Library parking lot at 7:00 P.M. and begin the tour at 7:30 P.M. After we'll enjoy some yummy hors'dourves and desserts at the Ho-Ho-Kus Inn. A cash bar will be available. Sounds like a perfect way to begin the holiday season. The date is our regular meeting night, December 1<sup>st</sup>. Cost is \$20.00 per person. For members it's only \$15.00. See – I told you it was a good idea to send in that membership check. Please invite your friends – this will be a fun evening – one you will want to share. Some of you have already signed-up. At the November meeting we will be collecting checks for the reception costs. Or, send your money to our address, P.O. Box 105, Harrington Park, no later than November 22<sup>nd</sup>. We will accept latecomers, but it's always easier for all to have the money in ahead of time, and we'd like to have a firm headcount. Thanks for your help!

**H.P. CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION**

You probably have received the tentative calendar with the dates of the various events, which will be held to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the incorporation of the boro. Certainly, the Historical Society is well represented by the variety of events we will hold to participate in the celebration. One of the activities not mentioned in that publication are the exhibits we will be mounting to show the history of the town. We have decided to put together three separate exhibits for the year of 2004. They are:

1. Government and the Municipal Services
2. Families of Harrington Park
3. Houses and Buildings

Each exhibit will be shown for four months, and it will be open once a month on a designated Sunday, for the members of the community to visit and hopefully learn a little more about the history of the town.

In order to do this ambitious project we need as many members as possible to help. A meeting of all members who are interested in developing and executing these exhibits will be held on Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 P.M., 154 LaRoche Avenue. If you can attend, please call me at 201 768-2615. If you are unable to attend, and would still like to be a part of this exciting project, call me too! Or visit with me at our next meeting.

**CEMETERY CLEAN UP**

The next scheduled clean up date at the cemetery is Saturday, November 15, at 10:00 A.M. We will have a sign-up sheet at our meeting, if you can help. If you can't make the meeting, please call Dave Ross to let him know you will be there. His number is 201 768-3621.

**NOVEMBER MEETING**

At our November meeting we will have Dr. Gary Stone who will speak on the Battle of Monmouth. Dr. Stone is the curator of Monmouth Battlefield, which many consider to be the site of the turning point in the Revolutionary War. We start at our usual time – 7:30 P.M. at the Library on Monday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Bring a friend!

Your faithful servant, Gerri Gibney