

Village Inn Englishtown, N.J.

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**Battleground Historical Society**  
**P.O. Box 61, Tennent, NJ 07763**  
**[www.thevillageinn.org](http://www.thevillageinn.org) February 2010**

**February Monthly Meeting:**  
**Friday 02/26/2010 at 7:30PM at The Village Inn**

The February meeting will feature Mr. Michael Ticktin borough historian of Roosevelt as the speaker. The Borough of Roosevelt is located in Monmouth County in the Millstone Township area. The topic will be the depression era and the town. We look forward to a very interesting evening. We hope many of our members will come out to join us.



## Saving The Brigadier General David Forman House

As Township historian over the years I have tried without success to save several of our 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> century homes. I now am desirous of saving the home of an illustrious patriot during and following the Battle of Monmouth. The Battleground Historical Society in 1972 was influential in saving the oldest part of the home when Covered Bridge was being built in hopes that the residents would desire to use it in some manner. That did not occur and the house has been boarded up since that date. The Covered Bridge Association now wishes to remove it. At this point I was contacted and that started my challenge. In my own library I have ten books referring to the General. A Rutgers history professor did a study of his life and loaned me twelve of his slides which I have made into a CD and DVD. Many local notable historians have sent letters referring to “a cultural tragedy if the house is lost”.

By Lydia Wikoff



**February 14, 2010**  
**Happy Valentine's Day To All!**

## Village Inn Notes & News

### Membership Dues and Renewal:

We have raised the yearly dues for 2010 to help cover the continuing cost increases in our operating expenses. The membership dues will now be \$20.00 Individual, \$30.00 Family and \$125.00 Life Membership. This is the first time dues have been raised in twenty years. If you would like to receive your newsletter via e-mail, please contact us at [thevillageinnenglishtown@verizon.net](mailto:thevillageinnenglishtown@verizon.net). This will save on printing and postage costs. We are also collecting e-mail addresses so that we may notify you of all upcoming events.

### Cataloging of the Inn's Donations:

As you may be aware several volunteers have been cataloging the Inn's many donations. Although we have completed most of the project, we are still missing items that were donated to us. If anyone is holding items for safe keeping, now is the time to return them for cataloging and display. Please contact Lora Capozzoli at 732-888-6061 and we will make arrangements for their return.

### Village Inn Wish List:

We are hoping for financial donations to fund our new and improved gift shop. We would like to purchase several items with the Inn's name and or logo on them. We were lucky to be the recipients of several filing cabinets and a desk top as well as several bookshelves and a copier for our office. If you would like to help or make a donation please contact Lora Capozzoli at 732-888-6061.

We have many great books available in our gift shop or online at our website [www.thevillageinn.org](http://www.thevillageinn.org). They would make a wonderful addition to your library or a great gift for someone else. The gift shop is open at all our regular meetings and events. Come in and check it out.



## 2010 Membership Dues!

Reminder To All Members It Is Time To Pay Your 2010 Membership Dues! For those of you that have already paid we thank you for your promptness. We count on all our members to keep current. Please keep in mind your dues help to fund the operating expenses of the Village Inn and the programs and events we offer.

## The Village Inn Notes & News

This year we will be hosting our Colonial Soup Day on Sunday March 21, 2010. The ticket donation will be \$15.00 per person. We will be doing two seatings this year so that we can accommodate more people. The times for the seatings will be 12:00PM and 2:30PM. Please mail donation fee number of guests and time requested to:

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**We will accommodate seating time requests on a first received basis.**



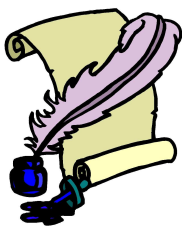
We will need volunteers to make soup and work this event. If you can help please call:

**Kathy Doherty at 732-679-4560**

**Don't forget the "Weekend in Old Monmouth" sponsored by the Monmouth County Historical Commission. "Weekend in Old Monmouth" is a two day event when most of the historic places in Monmouth County open their doors to visitors all at the same time! The Third Annual Tour will be May 1st and 2nd, 2010. The Saturday hours will be from 10:00-5:00 p.m. and the Sunday hours will be from noon to 5:00 p.m. The Village Inn will be participating. We will be showcasing Quilts, Coverlets and Linens through the years. If you have any items that you would like to share for display please contact Sally Dalik at 732-462-4947. We will also need volunteers to work as tour guides, greeters and to work our sales tables. Please contact Lora Capozzoli at 732-888-6061. Let's make this a great event for the Inn.**



We would like to thank last month's guest speaker Mr. Michael Krakowski. He gave a very interesting presentation on Bruno Richard Hauptmann's unique small "x." The presentation was attended by a group of our members and some outside guests.



If any members of The Battleground Historical Society have information to contribute for the newsletter, please email:  
[thevillageinnenglishtown@verizon.net](mailto:thevillageinnenglishtown@verizon.net)

## RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE EACH YEAR ON JANUARY FIRST  
DUES ARE \$20.00 FOR AN INDIVIDUAL AND \$30.00 FOR A FAMILY AND  
\$125.00 LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

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Make check payable to Battleground Historical Society. Mail to P.O. Box 61 Tennent, NJ 07763

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