

# BOWNE TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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## A NEW YEAR AND A NEW NAME

### HAPPY NEW YEAR !

Welcome to our new format and to our new name.

After several months of blood, sweat and tears, we were finally able to get our problem (insurance/501c3) resolved

Thanks to Sandra Kowalczyk and the township attorney we are once again open.

The Historical Society has been dissolved and a Historical Commission has been appointed. The Commission was approved by the Township Board and a board of commissioners will elect officers to conduct the Commission business. Then we will be back at work as usual.

We have a busy year ahead of us and hope you will all bear with us as we start a new year under new rules and regulations.

### TIME TO PAY YOUR ANNUAL DUES!

It is that time of year again when you need to think about paying your annual dues.

We have not changed the amount we are charging and you can find information on amounts on the next page of this newsletter.

We would like to encourage members to

### CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

With everything back in working order we were able to scramble around and get the museums cleaned and decorated in time for our annual Christmas Open House.

This year we welcomed approximately 150 visitors to the school and the museum. The most we have ever had attend our December event.

Santa was on hand to greet the children and listen to their Christmas wishes and give them a candy cane.

In the museum we had treats for visitors and warm drinks to ward off the cold.

The Methodist Church live nativity was a big draw which contributed to so many visitors to the museums. With live animals (cows, sheep, camels, etc) and cooperating weather, it was a special evening for all that attended.



feel free to attend our meetings. We are always looking for new ideas and input and would welcome one and all.

You will find meeting times and dates at the end of this newsletter.

If you know someone who would be interested in joining us, we always are ready to welcome new members.

### FUND RAISER

It is now time to get serious about making some money for our organization. We have had some very nice donations given for our raffle.

There is a gift package from Soaring Eagle Casino; maple syrup from the Wenger's; golf from Tyler Creek; a bird feeder from Blue Ribbon Feeds; a game from Spring Grove Variety; and hair cuts from Great Clips.

The drawing for these items will be held during the annual "Spring Into the Past" weekend, May 5th and 6th.

Please help us with this endeavor by offering to sell tickets for us or by purchasing some. The tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.

You can call Sally Johnson at 868-6425 if you would like to buy or sell some tickets.

### THANK YOU FOR HELPING!

### 25TH ANNIVERSARY

October of 2012 marks the 25th anniversary of the origin of the Bowne Township Historical (Society) Commission.

We are looking for some unique ways that we might celebrate this special occasion.

More about this in future newsletters.

