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President's Message, by Michael Schroeder

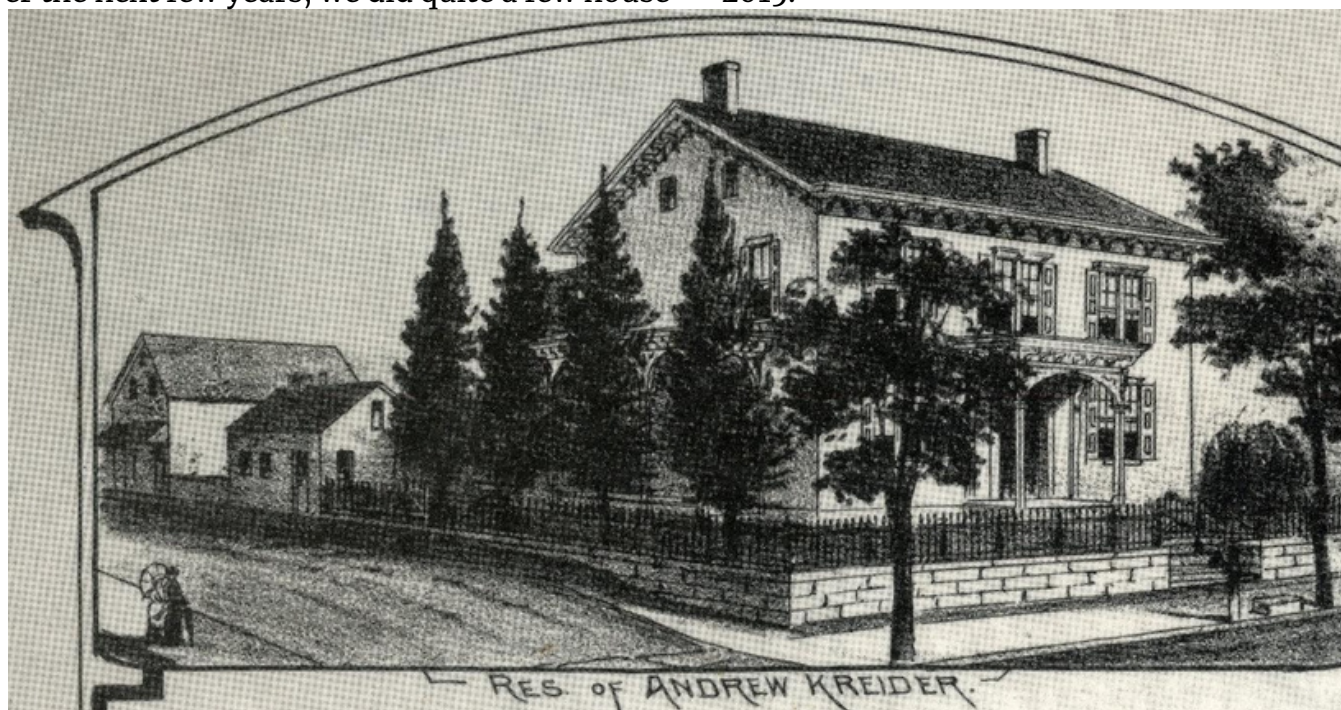
Institutional memory gets transmitted in lots of ways. Ten years ago on a warm autumn afternoon, splashes of orange and yellow leaves drifting down from above, then-FOOA President Owen Moe sat me down in his backyard on East Main St. to explain the annual cycle of FOOA events: seasonal programs in the spring and fall; our signature event, Historic Old Annville Day on the second Saturday in June; and our annual dinner meeting on the second Saturday in November.

Among the most popular seasonal programs, he explained, were tours of private homes in the historic district. People love seeing the interiors of historic houses, whether big or small—from Sukey Harris's cozy little 1750s-era log cabin on the west side of town to large, stately homes like Jill and David Palanzo's 1898 mansion on the east end.

Over the next few years, we did quite a few house

tours—like Paul and Becky Fullmer's magnificent 13-room Georgian-style Bishop Mills' House at 444 E. Main St.; Dan Massad and Scott Eggert's totally rehabbed Queen Anne-style Lorenz House at 112 N. College Ave.; and others. Then the pandemic hit, and our house tours were put on hold—until now.

Which is why I'm delighted to announce our Holiday Historic House Tour at 244 E. Main St., a joint fundraising effort sponsored by FOOA and the Annville Free Library and made possible by the generosity of homeowners Ralph and Melissa Fetrow. Built in 1867 by prominent Annville resident Andrew Kreider, the house is locally known as the Shanaman House after Ralph and Mildred Shanaman, who lived there for nearly half a century, from 1967 until Ralph's passing in 2015.



Since purchasing the house in 2016, Ralph and Melissa Fetrow—only the house’s third set of owners—have undertaken extensive renovations on the 6-room first floor, where the tour will take place. Trained docents will offer guided tours of each room, festively decorated with Christmas trees and other holiday delights. Student carolers from Lebanon Valley College will add another sparkle of holiday cheer, as will Ralph’s micro-miniature horses on the open-air porch in the rear, decked out in festive holiday garb and perfect for photo-ops with children.

The cost is \$20 per person, with kids ages 10 and under free of charge. Light refreshments will be served. Tickets can be purchased on the FOOA website(www.fooa.org -> Events -> Holiday Historic House Tour 2022); by mailing us a check; or by check or cash in-person at the Annville Free Library, just down the street from Ralph & Melissa’s. All proceeds will be split equally between FOOA and the Library.

I’m especially glad for this December 11 event because we had to cancel our fall program thanks to the slow steady rain of Hurricane Ian’s remnants lumbering through the region on Sunday, October 2—the date of our inaugural “Literary & Literacy Walking Tour of Annville.” Conceived and developed by FOOA Board member Joanna Guldin-Noll, the walking tour focuses on nine locations in Annville that help to illuminate our town’s literary and educational history. We even prepared a handsome 26-page color booklet for the event, interlacing Joanna’s written text with images of the places and people we’d be spotlighting.

Alas, the best laid plans . . . We look forward to offering this Literacy & Literacy Walking Tour of Annville on one of our future seasonal programs.

Meantime the booklet can be purchased online

at the FOOA store for only \$5, for a tour also designed to be self-guided.

Finally, I’m happy to report on our Annual Dinner Meeting this past Saturday, November 12 at the American Legion in Annville, held indoors for the first time since 2019. We were delighted to host featured speaker Mike Emery, Site Administrator at Cornwall Iron Furnace, who gave a fascinating talk on “The Hidden History of Cornwall Iron Furnace.”

His talk focused not only on the furnace and iron ore mines and their owners, but on the workers, indentured servants, and enslaved African Americans who made Cornwall Iron Furnace one of the mid-Atlantic region’s leading producers of pig iron from the 1750s through the Revolutionary War and after. We thank Mike for sharing his knowledge and expertise, and we look forward to building on our relationships with Cornwall Iron Furnace and other local historical societies in Lebanon County and South Central PA.

Board members re-elected at our Annual Dinner Meeting for the 2023-2024 term are Doug Nyce as Vice President, Matt Woolson as Treasurer, Joerg Meindl as Secretary, and me as President—a full decade since Owen Moe sat me down in his backyard on that warm, color-splashed autumn afternoon to begin imparting his institutional memory and knowledge to an Annville newcomer. It’s been an honor and privilege to serve as FOOA president since then, and I am humbled and grateful for the opportunity to continue.

(Cover image: “Res. Of Andrew Kreider” at 244 East Main St., from an inset in the 1888 panoramic map of Annville; note the two outbuildings in the back, since taken down.)

By-Laws Amendments Approved

At its Annual Dinner Meeting on Saturday, Nov. 12, 2022, the assembled members of the Friends of Old Annville voted unanimously to adopt the amendments to FOOA’s By-Laws approved by the FOOA Board of Directors at its meeting of July 14, 2022. The amended By-Laws are published on our website, at www.fooa.org/about-us/by-laws.

Holiday Historic House Tour in Annville



244 East Main St.
Historic Andrew Kreider House
1-4 PM, Sunday, December 11



**\$20 per person • kids 10 & under free • joint fundraiser for the
Annville Free Library and Friends of Old Annville**

**6 beautifully restored rooms on main floor • Victorian photo-ops
micro-mini horses • holiday carolers • refreshments**

Register & purchase tickets at www.fooa.org > Events
or mail check to FOOA, P.O. Box 99, Annville PA 17003
or in-person at the Annville Free Library, 216 E. Main St.



2022 Historic Building Awarded to Rotunda Restaurant & Brewery

By Michael Schroeder

We are delighted to announce the awarding of the 2022 Historic Building Award to the Rotunda Restaurant & Brewery at 245 West Main Street. The Rotunda family—brothers Lou, Mike, and Dave, and their parents Dale and Lupe—have done a splendid job over the past years renovating both the exterior and interior of Annville's oldest public house.

The building's exterior now positively glistens after the laborious and expensive removal of its concrete façade to reveal the beauty and charm of the original limestone, along with the cleaning and repointing of the mortar and stone and reframing of the windows and doors. We are happy to have contributed \$3,000 in a 2019 façade grant to help defray at least a fraction of the cost. The lovely and welcoming renovations in the building's interior are apparent to anyone who goes inside to drink or dine.

Over this past summer, we also worked with the Rotundas to develop a handsome 3-foot by 4-foot poster for the interior that describes the "History of 245 West Main St., Annville's Oldest Public House." We are looking to develop similar infographic-style posters for the interiors of other public places in the historic district, should their proprietors be interested.

Meantime, hearty congratulations to Rotunda Restaurant & Brewery for this richly deserved award!



At FOOA's Annual Dinner Meeting this past November 12, FOOA President Michael Schroeder congratulates Lou Rotunda on his family restaurant's receipt of the 2022 Historic Building Award.

A Smashingly Successful Pumpkin Walk

This past Friday, October 28 saw a smashingly successful Pumpkin Walk in Quittie Creek Nature Park, with scores of families and oodles of ghosts, goblins & witches, and even one sighting of an extremely rare sparkling fairy princess unicorn in what all observers agree was our biggest group of visitors ever.

It takes a village to put on an event like this—or in this case, the hard work and collaboration of 13 student clubs at Lebanon Valley College spearheaded by sophomores Sarah Draud and Danielle Fetterolf, namely Kappa Lambda Nu (Clio) • Biology Club • Valleyfest • Red Cross Club • Outdoor Club • Environmental Club • Cause for Paws • OMA(Sinfonia) • APO and Gamma Sigma Sigma • Global Education Club • Tri Beta • Videography Club • CEC: Council for Exceptional Children. A hearty thank-you to all!

Thank-yous to LVC's Facilities Services for delivering & picking up all the tables, chairs & ladders; to Annville Township Public Works for delivering & picking up the luminaria, various props & sundries.

And to a bevy of hardworking community volunteers, especially chief organizer Owen Moe, pumpkin-gate erector Jim Scott, and FOOA & Quittie Creek Nature Park Committee setter-uppers, table-staffers, parking-helpers, cleaner-uppers Kathy Moe, Ann Lasky, Matt Woolson, Mary Woolson, Dave Hand, Danielle Hand, Michael Charelian & Michael Schroeder. And finally, thanks to the heavens for a beautiful autumn evening and to all the moms, dads, aunts, uncles, grandparents & kids for joining in the fun. Hope to see you at next year's Pumpkin Walk!



Annville Free Library: Writing the Next Chapter

By Marty Brandt, President, Annville Free Library

Much activity is underway in and around the Library. Volunteers removed many things from the neighboring duplex, home to our future Community Room, to pave the way for professionals from Speedwell Construction who are now working on the 3,400 sq ft Addition. Speedwell is currently doing demolition, grading, digging footers, putting up temporary walls and waterproofing below grade walls. We are so thankful to everyone who has supported us these past several years and are excited to see work underway.



This photo shows the rear of the duplex where out-kitchens were removed. Note the differences between the two sides. The doorways and windows that were removed are for sale. A previous owner who lived in the 228 E Main (right half) in the late 70's told us there was a cistern off the back porch. We found it when digging the footers for the Addition and it will be filled in.

The exterior stairways and old window wells from the existing library were removed to make way for the Addition construction. While the area was open, the walls were waterproofed and insulated; the area, backfilled. Digging footers and pouring concrete is next.

Fencing surrounds the job site to keep everyone safe. When you visit, please pay attention to the sign instructions.

Inside the Library, temporary walls were built to keep dust, dirt, and noise out of the patron area. We'll continue to share pictures of construction progress in the Library and encourage you to ask staff or Board members about this exciting expansion project that benefits our community. More information about the project and how you may support it is available at www.WritingtheNextChapter.org.



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