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June 2012

Highlights from the Academy Bicentennial Celebration



On April 18th at the Township of Lower Merion's Board of Commissioners Meeting, Commissioner Elizabeth Rogan (Board President) and Commissioner Brian McGuire (Ward 13) presented a plaque to representatives of the Academy Trustees, the School District and the Historical Society.

April 28th was a full day of activities. It started off at the Academy with the Society's *Annual Meeting* where there was the election of Directors. The Board of Directors, who have committed themselves to serving our community are:

Officers:

President: Gerald A. Francis

Vice President: Bruce D. Reed

Treasurer: Samuel Adenbaum

Corresponding Secretary: Stephen P. Selinger

Recording Secretary: Barbara McElroy

Immediate Past President: Ted Goldsborough

Directors:

Class of 2013 - Max Buten, Alexander (Pete) Hoskins, Leon Levine
Class of 2014 - Ken Brier, Sarah E. Francis, Ross L. Mitchell
Class of 2015 - Joanne Murray, Anna O'Hora, Maria Wells

Next came the *Open House* where there were tours of the Academy. Pictured on the front porch are some of the members of the Historical Society ready to gr



The evening was reserved for the *Bicentennial Gala* at the Woman's Club of Bala Cynwyd. In addition to activities such as presentations, signing of the Academy Signature Quilt, and the silent auction, Lori Salganicoff (Historic Preservation Director) at the Lower Merion Conservancy presented to the Academy Trustees the *Architectural Hall of Fame* award. The plaque recognized the importance and the many contributions that the Academy has made to improve the quality of life here in Lower Merion.



Cynwyd Train Station Construction Platform and Area Renovations

The Cynwyd Heritage Trail is expanding and will connect to the [Cynwyd Train Station](#). This area...the Trail, the Park, Pedestrian Access to the Trail, the Commuter Platform, and the Trailhead Station will be transformed into a community gathering space.

Some of the highlights include:

- New ADA-compliant pedestrian ramp connecting the parking lot to the platform level on the Station side of the tracks.
- New Train Platform
- New pedestrian/rail crossing allowing trail users to cross the railroad tracks safely to access the recreation trail.
- New fencing separating trail users from the active rail tracks.
- New paved plaza on the trailside of the tracks to serve as a trailhead gathering area.
- Improved and widened driveway for emergency vehicle access on the trail.
- Landscaping and public amenities.



This phase of construction is funded by a Pennsylvania Community Transportation

Initiative (PCTI) grant administered through PennDOT that has been awarded to the Township of Lower Merion in partnership with SEPTA. The General Contractor is Marino Corporation and project completion is scheduled for November/December 2012.

Building Photographs: To Preserve Today for Tomorrow's History

Our June photo from www.lowermerionhistory.org/buildings/ is part of our history:



Today's name and use are very different from the original. Do you remember what it was back in the 20th century?

Click [here](#) to see how it has changed

The July Issue of *Milestones* will have a story about the Pennsylvania Historical Society and the *Main Line Times* archive collection.

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MISSION STATEMENT OF THE LOWER MERION HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Lower Merion Historical Society is an organization dedicated to *Preserving Our Past For The Future*. This is accomplished by stewardship of local history, education of the community, preservation of historic resources and outreach to promote awareness of the cultural heritage of the Township of Lower Merion and the Borough of Narberth.

