



July 8, 2021 CLUB BULLETIN

Speakers

July 8: Board Transition

July 15: District Governor Mike Berg

July 22: Beth Hathorne, Whispering Hope

July 29: OPEN

Aug 5: OPEN

Aug. 12: Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger

Birthdays

UPCOMING EVENTS:

If you have any upcoming events that you would like to see in the bulletin, please reach out to Stephanie Woody at swoody@forsythnews.com.

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THIS WEEK:

July 8: Board Transition

*** Now meeting in the Academies of Creative Education building, 1160 Dahlonega Hwy. (use entrance off Pilgrim Road, third left from Hwy. 9, then take first right, 1160 is the second building, which has two sets of double doors on the front. Use the doors to the right.)**

Please email Mike Smith at mfs125@bellsouth.net if you are willing and able to help with our set up and serving at our in-person meeting.

This week in history: 1776

Liberty Bell tolls to announce Declaration of Independence

On July 8, 1776, a 2,000-pound copper-and-tin bell now known as the Liberty Bell rings out from the tower of the Pennsylvania State House (now Independence Hall) in Philadelphia, summoning citizens to the first public reading of the Declaration of Independence. Four days earlier, the historic document had been adopted by delegates to the Continental Congress, but the bell did not ring to announce the issuing of the document until the Declaration of Independence returned from the printer on July 8.

In 1751, to commemorate the 50-year anniversary of Pennsylvania's original constitution, the Pennsylvania Provincial Assembly ordered the bell to be constructed. After being cracked during a test, and then recast twice, the bell was hung from the State House steeple in June 1753. Rung to call the Pennsylvania Assembly together and to summon people for special announcements and events, it was also rung on important occasions, such as King George III's 1761 ascension to the British throne and, in 1765, to call the people together to discuss Parliament's controversial Stamp Act. With the outbreak of the American Revolution in April 1775, the bell was rung to announce the battles of Lexington and Concord. Its most famous tolling, however, was on July 8, 1776, when it summoned Philadelphia citizens for the first reading of the Declaration of Independence.



Jeremy P. Skinner
Club Service Chair



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George Galphin
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The Four-Way Test

Of the things we think, say or do...
Is it the **TRUTH**?

Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?

Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?

Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?



Rotary Opens Opportunities



As the British advanced toward Philadelphia in the fall of 1777, the bell was removed from the city and hidden in Allentown to save it from being melted down by the British and used to make cannons. After the British defeat in 1781, the bell was returned to Philadelphia, which served as the nation's capital from 1790 to 1800. In addition to marking important events, the bell tolled annually to celebrate George Washington's birthday on February 22 and the Fourth of July. The name "Liberty Bell" was first coined in an 1839 poem in an abolitionist pamphlet.

The question of when the Liberty Bell acquired its famous fracture has been the subject of a good deal of historical debate.

In the most commonly accepted account, the bell suffered a major break while tolling for the funeral of the chief justice of the United States, John Marshall, in 1835, and in 1846 the crack expanded to its present size while in use to mark Washington's birthday. After that date, it was regarded as unsuitable for ringing, but it was still ceremoniously tapped on occasion to commemorate important events. On June 6, 1944, when Allied forces invaded France, the sound of the bell's dulled ring was broadcast by radio across the United States.

<https://www.history.com/this-day-in-history/liberty-bell-tolls-to-announce-declaration-of-independence>

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Past Presidents

1975	Tommy Bagwell	1986	Steve Jackson	1997	Bill Kehres	2008	Mike Palmer
1976	Terry Smith	1987	Tim LeBlanc	1998	Jeff Stephens	2009	Burton Blackmar
1977	Jackie Welch	1988	Denton Ashway	1999	John Weaver	2010	Shan Mize
1978	Larry Boling	1989	Bobby Thomas	2000	Jim Whitney	2011	Taylor Rice
1979	Zack Rice	1990	Jim Wheeler	2001	Jon McDaniel	2012	George Pirkle
1980	Roger Williams	1991	Rich Brown	2002	Keith Argo	2013	George Pirkle
1981	Tom Miller	1992	Tim Perry	2003	Rich Neville	2014	Mike Smith
1982	Gabe Dukas	1993	Bob McGuinn	2004	Melissa Durand	2015	Rusty Smith
1983	Eddie Stowe	1994	Robert Thuss	2005	Brandon Barron	2016	Donna Wade
1984	Dana Miles	1995	Brian Carpenter	2006	Chuck Welch	2017	Eric Duncan
1985	Mike Gravitt	1996	Charles Ammons	2007	Gabe Arango	2018	Ken Terry

Paul Harris Fellows

In 2016 our club became 100% Paul Harris Fellows!

1977	Tommy Bagwell	Penny McGuinn	Jim Whitney	Seth Thomas
1978	Jim French	Rafe Banks	Rex Abbott	Donna Wade
1986	Bob McGuinn	Rich Brown	2000 Nancy Abbott	Lucy Thuss
	Larry Boling	Malvelene Vaughan	Melissa Durand	Matt Richmond
	Bobby Thomas	1993 Stan Gault	Tim Perry	2006 Chuck Welch

1987	Gary Allen Bill Carter	1994	Mike Gravitt Shannon Mize	2001	Mike Smith Bill Levensalor	2008	Dana Miles Eric Duncan
1988	Jack Manton Zack Rice		Charles Welch Brenda Thomas	2002	George Pirkle Burton Blackmar		Mike Palmer John Heath
1991	Robert Thuss Vic Shirley Lou Douglas		Chantal Bagwell Shaun McGuinn Brian Carpenter	2003	Lorne Twiner Bruce Hearn Jack Godwin	2010	John Martin Linda Duncan D'Arcy Duncan Andrews
1992	Rafe Banks Jack Heard Jim Wheeler		Michael O'Bryan Leslie McGuinn Denton Ashway	2005	Jon McDaniel Mike Montgomery Joni Owens	2015	Erin Duncan Topel Sam Siemon Gabe Arango Murray Rice

Will Watt Fellows

1986	Tommy Bagwell	1999	Rex Abbott	2007	Donna Wade	Lorne Twiner
1990	Dick Neville Bobby Thomas Lou Douglas	2001	Jon McDaniel Rich Brown Bill Kehres	2008	Eric Duncan Dana Miles John Hall	Bill Guilfoil
1995	Brian Carpenter Bob McGuinn		Mike Gravitt Malvelene Vaughan	2009	George Pirkle Dennis Gravitt	
1998	Jim Whitney	2002	Mike Montgomery	2010	Jim Wheeler	

If you have a question about the bulletin/programs, or have a program of interest to the club, please contact Stephanie Woody at swoody@forsythnews.com or mobile 678-878-0516.