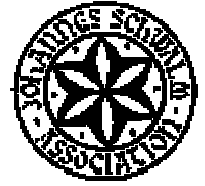




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Dear Members and Friends of JSHA,

Our JSHA Annual Meeting is fast approaching! Hessian Heritage Day will be held at the Valley View Park starting at 10 a.m. on Sunday, July 13, 2008. Members and the public are invited to the 34th consecutive Annual Meeting of the Johannes Schwalm Historical Association, Inc. (JSHA). Admission is free to all. This event will be held rain or shine, as pavilions and trees offer shelter and shade. This year we will feature a Concert in the Park, as we host the Egerlander German Band.

Genealogy, history, folklore, fun, fellowship, and food are the ingredients for the Hessian Heritage Day event. Throughout the day short talks and demonstrations will be given on a variety of topics. Children's activities include a playground, games and stories.

If you have paid your 2008 annual membership, you will receive your membership card in this mailing and you will be able to pick up your 2008 The Hessians: Journal of the Johannes Schwalm Historical Association at the Annual Meeting (or it will be mailed to you the following week).

The 2008 Journal will have 140 pages, larger than normal, with translations of a diary by Johann Christoph Doehlemann of the Ansbach Regiment, a new historical view of Lt. Col. Friedrich S. Baum, a biography and portraits of Ludwig Johann Adolf von Wurmb, the second half of the article on the Tories at Bennington, translation of the diary and letters of Capt. Karl Ludwig Freiherr von Doernberg describing the trip from Germany to Portsmouth, soldiers of the Braunschweig Corps who deserted and served in Col. Armand's corps, correspondence between the Admiral at Portsmouth and the Secretary of the Admiralty concerning German troops, the story of Konrad Zeul of Maryland, several shorter features, and All in the Family.

Many attendees bring their own picnic lunches. Traditional bean soup is cooked in a large iron kettle, hot dogs and beverages are available and for sale. Following the short business meeting and afternoon program a "Kaffeeklatsch" will be held with coffee and punch provided. Donations of cookies, pies or cakes would be appreciated. The self-guided driving tour to local Johannes Schwalm sites (including churches and cemeteries) has been updated. It has new photos, maps and directions. It is available for a nominal fee.

Our volunteers will be set up in the sales booth to scan your family photographs and documents for publication in future journals. Persons in photos must be identifiable and all persons named. Bring written information regarding events and stories. All photos will be returned at completion of the digital scanning process. Our sales booth will offer publications, badges and other JSHA-related items.

Valley View Park is located in Valley View, Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, 8 miles west of I-81, Exit 112. Follow Route 25 toward Hegins to Gap Street in Valley View and turn left toward the gap in the mountain. Directional signs will be posted. For further information contact N. Daniel Schwalm, Annual Meeting Coordinator, through the organization's website www.jsha.org. We hope to see you and your family at the Annual Meeting on Sunday July 13.

Sincerely,

Linda B. Schwalm, Membership Chairperson and Annual Meeting Committee