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July, 2016 Newsletter

FROM THE IMMEDIATE PAST DIRECTOR

At the end of my tenure as Director of YPS, I must thank a number of people for their assistance: Frank Edwards for his guidance and wise counsel; Nancy Kane, Recording Secretary, for keeping all the records of Board and Business Meetings; Joy Phillips, Corresponding Secretary, for sending out what must have seemed an endless stream of information that I wanted sent to the membership; Rosalie Mitchell, Treasurer, for keeping the books, paying the bills, and especially for all the work she did in securing our tax exempt status. Thanks to Board members Lois Winter and Jerry Thompson for all the work they did on the YPS website. Jerry also edited and assembled the YPS newsletters, and Lois researched, wrote, produced and performed in her play "The Nelsons of Yorktown".

Thanks also to the Committee Chairs: Nancy Shrout, membership, Susan Powell, liquid refreshments; Jennifer Carver, who generated a lot of publicity for the Society; Joy Phillips, who handled the fund raisers until Linda and George Bennett took over this spring, and handled meeting refreshments until Nancy Shrout took over last spring.

Thanks to Joe Mitchell for maintaining and updating the YPS website; and to Frank Edwards and Society Historian Jerry Thompson for all their work in researching and publishing the update to the history of the Yorktown Branch--Preservation Virginia (APVA). Also thanks to Angier Brock and Carolyn Weekley for hosting last year's Garden Party, to Maureen and Herb Moss for hosting this year's Garden Party and to Phil and Dave Bowditch for hosting the 2015 Christmas Gala.

And special thanks to all the members who brought refreshments to the meetings and fund raisers.

Barry Shrout

WELCOME FROM THE INCOMING DIRECTOR

As the new director of Yorktown Preservation Society, I look forward to working with all of you to continue the important work that has already been done and to support the on-going projects that further our organization's mission which is "to promote interest and participation in activities associated with the village of Yorktown and to help preserve the historic aspects of this unique community." I am excited to explore with you, the ways that we can continue to evolve and grow our organization and the outreach that we do. I appreciate all the time that Barry has spent helping me get a foothold on the duties and responsibilities that you all have entrusted to me.

I would like to thank the new officers and board members for accepting the responsibilities of their roles and I look forward to working in partnership with each of you: Jennifer Carver, Vice Director; Nancy Kane, Recording Secretary; Rosalie Mitchell, Treasurer; and Joy Phillips, Corresponding Secretary. In addition, our board members are Barry Shrout, Lois Winter and Bonnie Karwac.

I am presently working to fill some committee chair positions so you may be hearing from me! I will send an email with the list of all committee chairs and other positions as soon as they are filled and confirmed.

Last but not least, I would like to thank Jerry Thompson for creating the YPS newsletters including this one, his final edition. He is stepping down after a job well done. I am so grateful to Elizabeth Pierce for agreeing to take on this important task. Thank you, Elizabeth!

In the next few weeks we will decide on a September meeting date where we will discuss the year to come. I hope to see you there!

Leslie Viccellio
YPS Director

VISIT TO THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION MUSEUM/VICTORY CENTER

Seventeen members of the Yorktown Preservation Society enjoyed a guided tour of the Jamestown / Yorktown Foundation's American Revolution Museum on April 26, 2016. Staff member Peter Armstrong led us through many of the under-construction exhibit areas and explained their purpose in the overall theme of the Museum. Staff member Lee Ann Shelhorse then escorted us down the main museum corridor which shows a timeline of events leading up to American Independence. She then led us through the garden and the encampment area, pausing for the firing of the cannon. She also explained how coded messages were sent between the military units.

Thanks to Phil Emerson, Executive Director of the JYF for arranging the guided tour and to Joy Phillips for coordinating the tour details between JYF and YPS.

CANNON ON YORKTOWN RIVERWALK

You may have noticed the cannon barrel that had been on display in the Riverwalk area of the waterfront, has been removed. It was one of two guns raised in 1934 by the Mariners Museum, National Park Service and Newport News Shipyard. A protective covering had been painted on the barrel but due to weathering it was allowing water and salts to penetrate, causing corrosion.

The Mariners removed the gun for conservation work. One process they are using is Dry Ice Blasting. Next will be Electrolytic Reduction and then Desalination before reevaluation. We are hopeful adequate preservation methods will be found so it can be returned to Yorktown for display.

For more information go to the June 27, 2016 blog by Laurie King on the Mariners Museum website.

marinersmuseum.org

YORKTOWN DAY CELEBRATION OCTOBER 18TH AND 19TH, 2016

While this is still a work in progress, the National Society Children of the American Revolution are sharing some of the plans they are working on for this Yorktown Day as the host organization.

The Yorktown Day Association dinner will be held at 6:00 pm, on October 18th at what is currently the Victory Center. Diners will be allowed to tour select new exhibits and make purchases from the gift shop before dinner. Hors d'oeuvres will be available prior to dinner at 7:00 pm. A cash bar will also be open.

On the morning of the 19th, the regular wreath laying ceremonies and coffee will take place before the parade at 10:30 am, followed by the 11:15 am Patriotic Exercises at the Monument. The speaker will be our own Colonial National Historical Park Superintendent, Kym Hall. The YDA reception will be in the Custom House Garden, at 12:30 pm.

Since YPS is a member of YDA, you are able to purchase tickets to attend the dinner and reception. The dinner will be \$55 per person, all inclusive, and the reception will be \$25. Tickets must be purchased prior to the event, with a deadline for RSVP of September 30, 2016. Or if you wish, the Yorktown Women's Club will sell Brunswick Stew and ham biscuits at Grace Churchyard, while food lasts. Remember, we will have a row of seats for our members at the Monument during the program, so please plan to join us!

Later in the day there will be a ceremony held at Redoubt 9. Honored guests will be a delegation from Germany.

YPS BALANCE SHEET As of June 30, 2016

	Jun 30, 16
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Towne Bank	8,146.19
Total Checking/Savings	8,146.19
Total Current Assets	8,146.19
TOTAL ASSETS	8,146.19
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Fund Balance	7,051.37
Net Income	1,094.82
Total Equity	8,146.19
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	8,146.19

Yorktown Preservation Society **Profit & Loss**

July 2015 through June 2016

PROFIT & LOSS Cont'd.
July 2015 through June 2016

	<u>Jul '15 - Jun '16</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Member Dues	
Dues - Annual	1,650 00
Jan to Apr	20 00
Total Member Dues	<u>1,670 00</u>
Donations	1,105.00
Fund Raising	
Spring/Summer Party	
Income	460 00
Donations	20 00
Total Spring/Summer Party	<u>480 00</u>
Christmas Party	
Income	780 00
Donations	70 00
Total Christmas Party	<u>850 00</u>
Total Fund Raising	<u>1,330 00</u>
Total Income	<u>4,105.00</u>
Expense	
Advertising and Promotion	40 00
Donations Given	
Jamestown Yorktown Foundation	200 00
York County Library	640 67
Gift Memberships	270 00
Grace Episcopal Church	150 00
Symphony	100 00
Total Donations Given	<u>1,360 67</u>

	<u>Jul '15 - Jun '16</u>
Dues & Memberships	
Yorktown Day Association	500 00
Total Dues & Memberships	<u>500 00</u>
Franchise Fee	25 00
Insurance	250 00
Meetings	282 63
Printing	344 50
Safety Deposit Box Rental	74 25
Web and Domain Expense	15.99
Total Expense	<u>2,893 04</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>1,211 96</u>
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
Interest Income	0 81
Total Other Income	<u>0 81</u>
Other Expense	
Fixed Asset Purchase	117.95
Total Other Expense	<u>117.95</u>
Net Other Income	<u>-117.14</u>
Net Income	<u><u>1,094.82</u></u>