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2020 MEETING DATES: April 5, May 3, June 14, July 12, August 9, September 13, October 11, November 8, December 6. All meetings 7:00 p.m. in The Cedars Methodist Church, Maple & Harrison Avenues, The Cedars, Wilmington, DE 19808.

2020 ARCHAEOLOGY DATES: April 4, May 2, June 13, July 11, August 8, September 12, October 10, November 7, December 5. Meet in the parking lot at 9:00 a.m. or come down at your convenience. We'll work until about 3:00 p.m. Bring a lunch if you plan to spend the day. We'll have water and soft drinks. Archeology team leader Mark Lawlor plans to continue searching for the actual location of the carousel.

ANNUAL PICNIC SEPTEMBER 28: There were a lot of happy, well fed people at our picnic. Mary Lou Cannatelli won the count-the-candy contest donated by Paul & Joyce Harris and promptly gave all the candy to her grandson Dante. Thanks to everyone who helped make the picnic a success.

OFFICERS RETIRING: Mike Ciosek announced at the December meeting that 2020 will be his last year as FOBS President. In addition, Sandi Ciosek has decided it's time to hang up her steno pad. Both have had recurring health issues over the past year or so which have prevented them from doing their jobs the way they'd like to do them. Mike has been President since 1995, and Sandi is the only Secretary FOBS has ever had. Both feel it's time for some new blood to take over with some new ideas. If you'd like to fill either position, please contact Sandi at (302) 994-0536 or MikeCiosek@comcast.net.

EDISON FILMS SHOWN IN THE PARK: As part of the O'Rourke Family Reunion on September 22, Mark Lawlor took them on a park tour. Someone brought along a laptop computer so they were able to watch the Edison Brandywine Springs silent films at the site where they were actually filmed in the early 1900s.

VISITORS CENTER: The 2020 season is about to begin and we'll need hosts at the Red Clay Valley Visitors Center & Museum. It takes just a couple hours on a Saturday or Sunday when the Wilmington & Western Railroad is running. If you can help, please contact Mary Simons at (610) 274-8949 or mhsimons21@comcast.net. You'll meet a lot of nice people and maybe even someone you haven't seen in a long time.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER MARILYNN BARTLEY!

IN MEMORIAM – CHRIS MURPHY – October 16, 2019 – Sincere condolences to husband Charlie and Family.

2020 PICNIC: Our annual picnic is scheduled for Saturday, September 26, 2020. Mark your calendar now and let us know if you have any ideas to make the picnic special.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL: It's that time again! Because of our computer problems, I can't send you a renewal form or a membership list to see what membership category you're currently in. If you'd kindly send your check with your name, address, Email address, and membership category, I'd appreciate it. Mail to Friends of Brandywine Springs, P.O. Box 5323, Wilmington, DE 19808-0323. Membership categories: Family/Business \$20, Individual \$10, Students/Seniors \$5, Sponsor \$50, Donor \$100. If you would like to make a donation in addition to your dues, FOBS is a 501(c)(3) organization and all donations are tax deductible. Please remit by April 15.

THIS & THAT: Election of 2020 officers was held at the December meeting. Reelected were President Mike Ciosek, Vice President Ed Lipka, Secretary Sandi Ciosek, Treasurer Diane Franklin. Reelected to three-year terms on the Board of Directors were Richard Gillis and Scott Palmer.... Mark Lawlor now has responsibility for the archaeological digs... Had a very enjoyable Christmas party on December 8. Many thanks for the delicious refreshments and special thanks to the folks who donated door prizes... Mark Lawlor has repaired and repainted all the historical marker posts in the park. Mark has also been busy building Adirondack chairs. They'll be installed in various places around the park when the weather gets warmer... Steve Franklin has built a new sign for the Chalybeate Spring site to replace the one that was destroyed when a tree fell on it. Plans are to install it also when the weather gets warmer Thanks, Steve!... On October 7 Mark Lawlor did a park tour for about 20 people from the Osher Center for Lifelong Learning... Many thanks to Scott Palmer for an interesting and informative talk on "The Diverse Mills & Industries of Mill Creek Hundred" at the November 10 meeting. Be sure to check Scott's blog at mchhistory.blogspot.com for other interesting stories about Mill Creek Hundred.... Questions, comments or suggestions, contact Sandi at (302) 994-0536 or MikeCiosek@comcast.net.

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