

Dear Friends of Tredyffrin Township & Supporters of Tredyffrin 300 –

To echo the recent words of Tredyffrin Township Manager, Mimi Gleason, yes, “*The tricentennial is coming*”! The community volunteers of the Tredyffrin 300 Committee have done an amazing job of organizing and planning the many upcoming events scheduled for **September 14 – 23**. The Committee has appreciated the help from Township staff and also would like to thank members of Tredyffrin’s Board of Supervisors who have shown their support. Tredyffrin 300 is excited by the response from our local community businesses – many have joined as sponsors, contributed services, placed ads in the Souvenir Book, provided donations to Tredyffrin at Twilight’s auction and local restaurant’s participation in Taste of Tredyffrin. In particular, we thank Tredyffrin Township, a Centennial Level sponsor, for making the largest donation to Tredyffrin 300! The Tredyffrin 300 Committee would like to have the entire community involved in the Tredyffrin 300 activities - following is an update on the various events. Please take the time to read about the events and then we ask that you help us by *forwarding this email to your friends, neighbor, co-workers, clubs, organizations, home owner associations, etc.!* We are still in need of many volunteers for these events; it is not too late to get involved – help us get the word out!

‘Flat Judy’ continues to maintain a very busy social calendar – she has met Governor Rendell, dined at some of the best restaurants in the area, visited the Township’s summer camp, attended a concert at Wilson Farm Park, appeared on Comcast Newsmakers and the Good, Bad & Ugly cable show, ‘dressed up’ for the Preview Party at Shuler’s Jewelers and the list goes on. To follow Flat Judy’s travels, please click here for her personal blog, www.tredyffrin300.blogspot.com and enjoy her journey!

The Tredyffrin 300 celebration includes many exciting events you will want to be a part of – I have attached a **Schedule of Events** so that you can plan your calendars. The invitations to the **Tredyffrin at Twilight soiree & auction** at St. Davids Golf Club on Friday, September 14 have been mailed and we have already received confirmation from over 100 people. Ticket price for Tredyffrin at Twilight are \$85/each. With a maximum capacity of 350 people, you want to make sure that you get your response card and check mailed. Due to printing & postage costs, we had a limited number of invitations mailed but the reservations on all ticketed-events are accepted on a first-come basis. Attached is a Tredyffrin at Twilight Ticket order form which you are welcome to use and to share with friends and neighbors. We are looking forward to some serious bidding on the live auction items which include an oriental carpet, antique piano (both donated by Cedar Hollow Design Center), a ladies Rolex watch from Shuler’s Jewelers and a BMW from Devon Hill Motors. The BMW will be a certified, pre-owned car and we are hoping for a Z4 convertible model! Check the website, www.tredyffrin300.org and we will announce the car as soon as Devon Hill releases the information. The Auction Committee has worked hard and we are pleased to report nearly 100 silent auction items including a framed Wharton Esherick woodcut print, special Tredyffrin 300 commemorative quilt, bicycle, baskets of international beers and wines, just to name a few!

Taste of Tredyffrin is a dining event that includes participating restaurants in Tredyffrin and Easttown. Select restaurants have volunteered to give a portion of their proceeds to support Tredyffrin 300. Attached is the Taste of Tredyffrin information and coupons for the participating restaurants. It is important to get these coupons out to as many people as we can – please forward the attached coupons to everyone who works or lives in the township. You will need to read the specific details & available dates of each participating restaurant for available dates. We are very excited that the new ice cream shop in Gateway Shopping Center, Maggie Moos, is donating 5% of all profits on Tuesday, September 18. Please mark your calendars and take you kids for ice cream that day. If you have a child in the local schools, please forward the Taste of Tredyffrin PDF file to the classmates of your child. We ask anyone with PTO connections to pass them these coupons on to the local schools. Maybe our T/E School Board members could help us by getting the information out to the staff for distribution in the school bags. Dining at these participating restaurants is a very easy way for all of us to support Tredyffrin 300 – just remember, to print the coupons and take them with you for your restaurant visit. Remember, a portion of the proceeds are given to Tredyffrin 300..

The **Birthd**ay Party at Wilson Farm Park on Saturday, September 15 is going to be an exciting, fun-filled day which begins early with a 5K run, sponsored by the Berwyn Veterans Association. Starting at noon, there will be a parade (featuring vintage cars, marching bands, floats, etc.), music, food, Civil War re-enactors, community tables, and special birthday cakes going on throughout the day. The evening will begin with music from the Conestoga HS choir, special documentary and Sponsor recognition, followed by the debut of our special historical documentary, *Tredyffrin...The First 300 Years*. This documentary was created especially to mark the 300th anniversary of the founding of Tredyffrin. It will be shown outside, under the stars – you will want to bring a chair or blanket. Come prepared to enjoy our community's history told through interviews, old film footage, vintage photographs and through the voices of many wonderful residents. Watch as some of our locals make their Hollywood debut at this red-carpet event. There is not charge for any of the Birthday Party activities. Immediately following the documentary, fireworks will light up the nights' sky.

Additional copies of the documentary will be available for \$20/ea at all the Tredyffrin 300 events and also at the Township Building, starting September 15. A complete schedule of Birthday Party events can be found on www.tredyffrin300.org. FYI: Should weather force the cancellation of the Birthday Party – the reschedule date is Saturday, September 22 – check the website for updates. If weather force the postponement of the Birthday Party, the documentary will still be shown on the evening of Saturday, September 16 – it will be shown at Conestoga High School's auditorium.

On Sunday, September 16 and Sunday, September 23, we have historical lectures and open house at Valley Friends Meeting scheduled for the Sunday mornings. All are welcome to attend these lectures for free. The open house will include a special walk in the Valley Friends Meeting cemetery.

United in Song, a special musical celebration to mark the township's milestone, by local musicians and church choirs will take place on Sunday, September 16, 2-4 PM! The community is encouraged to come out and support our own local talent. Refreshments will be served and no tickets are required for these event.

The **Vintage Fashion Show & Dinner** at DuPortail House on Thursday, September 20, 6:00 – 9:00 PM is shaping up to be another 'not to be missed' event. In addition to vintage clothing and accessories, several antique cars will add to the evening's atmosphere. Vintage clothes will be featured from the colonial times to modern runway fashions from VanCleve Collections in Paoli. All vintage clothing will be modeled by local talent, including several middle and high school girls. Ed Auble, president of Paoli Business Association has quasi-agreed to serve as a male model in a vintage tux. With several more vintage tuxes available – we continue to be in the need for male models – any interest among the male readers of this email? Please contact me if you would consider donning a vintage tux and helping with the escort of our lovely models in their vintage clothing. Tickets for the Vintage Fashion Show & Dinner are \$75/ea. Tables of 10 are available are \$700. Attached is a ticket order form for this event – there is a limit to 140 seats, so if you are interested you will want to get your ticket & check in right away.

Eight wonderful historic houses will be featured on the **3rd Annual Historic House Tour** sponsored by the Tredyffrin Historic Preservation Trust on Saturday, September 22, 1-5 PM. We are thrilled to have the Cedar Hollow Design Center, a recently restored 18th century building on Yellow Springs Rd. serve as this year's sponsor. Mike Caldwell has graciously offered to have Maxwell's Quarters (which later served as Sen. Philander Knox home) open for the tour with light refreshments served in the grand dining room. What a wonderful opportunity to visit some of our beautiful historic homes in Tredyffrin! House Tour tickets are pre-paid only – tickets are \$35/ea. and a house tour ticket form is attached for your use. Please let me know if you would like to serve as a volunteer docent – the committee is in need of additional volunteers.

Tredyffrin 300 celebrations will close on Sunday, September 23 with a **Vox Consort in the Garden** performance by Vox Amadeus, a musical group performing period music, in period costumes using period musical instruments. This 4 PM concert will be held at Jenkins Arboretum in Devon, with a rain date location at the Baptist Church in the Great Valley.

As you can see, there are many events scheduled to celebrate our 300th anniversary. On behalf of my co-chair Judy DiFilippo and myself, thank you all for your support and contributions to make this a very special celebration! We ask for your continued support with the purchase of tickets to Tredyffrin at Twilight, Vintage Fashion Show and the 3rd Annual Historic House Tour. Wonderfully designed Tredyffrin 300 posters, featuring vintage photographs of the community, are on display throughout the Township. These limited edition posters are currently available for sale at \$5/ea. at the Township Building and will be on sale at the Birthday Party (if any remain). You might want to stop by the

Township Building and pick-up these one-of-a-kind posters as a special remembrance of Tredyffrin 300.

Thank you for your indulgence and your support. Please take the time to forward these email to your friends, neighbors, co-workers – we want all the events of Tredyffrin 300 to be well attended and supported by the community. We are still in need of many volunteers to help – if you have time to spare and want to get involved in one of these events, please let me know.

This is the year to celebrate Tredyffrin's milestone and help plan for the future – a portion of the proceeds will make the dream of the Jones Log Barn as an educational history center in Wilson Farm Park a reality!

Kind regards,

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