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President's Message

It's summertime in Virginia so I hope you have a cool and relaxing place to enjoy this newsletter! HPF continues to be active in the community, even during the summertime, in an ongoing effort to protect and promote the historic fabric that makes our City such a special place. You will see within these pages some of the many initiatives that are ongoing or coming up. Our newly expanded Board has many activities already scheduled and is looking for your input on future events as we seek to make the organization both meaningful and enjoyable.



2019 marks the 400th anniversary of the establishment of representative government in America. Fortunately for us, this world-changing event happened right down the road in Jamestown. On July 17, Dave Givens, who has led the archaeological investigations that have given us a much deeper understanding of these momentous events, will be in Petersburg to share those discoveries. On a less uplifting but nonetheless significant note, 1619 also saw the beginning of Africans being forcibly brought to these shores. Again thanks to archaeology on Jamestown led by Dave Givens, we have a window into that experience through the story of a woman called Angela, one of the first known and named enslaved persons in Virginia. Both of these stories are essential to our history. I hope you can join us on July 17 to learn what has been revealed by an intense study of the evidence left behind Jamestown's soil.

HPF also continues to work in collaboration with the Petersburg Preservation Task Force in the operation and interpretation of the museums in Petersburg. PPTF is working with the City to extend the agreement to operate the museums for the next three years. Earlier this year, our Board agreed to participate in discussions on a closer working relationship between the two preservation organizations. Those talks continue and by the Fall, we will be reaching out to you as members for your input into how you think we could best work together to benefit the history of Petersburg.

It is your ongoing support and input that guides what we do. Please encourage your friends, family and everyone you know to join the effort. There is much to be done and many hands, and minds make for a more successful (and enjoyable!) experience. Petersburg is a special place we all love deeply but it is in need. Our part is to protect our shared history so the economy and culture of our City can thrive and expand. We need your active and involved support. Thank you once again for everything you do toward that goal.

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"to lead the preservation and
restoration of Petersburg's
historic architecture and
neighborhoods and to tell
their story."*

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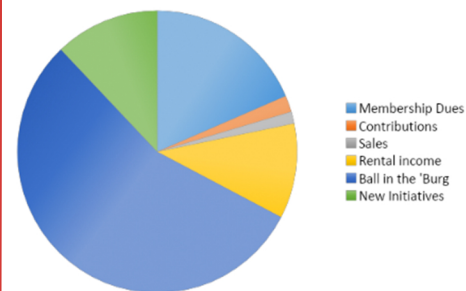
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Treasurer's Report

Every year HPF rolls out the red carpet with food, drink, music and dancing for its Ball in the 'Burg. Nowhere else in this area can you have such a fun evening for such a small outlay.

But lest we forget, the bottom line for the Ball in the 'Burg is the support of your Historic Petersburg Foundation. In fact, the Ball in the 'Burg has been the principal source of income for HPF. The chart below shows that, for Fiscal Year 2019-20, we anticipate a bit more than half our annual income will be raised on this one night!



Our Foundation might be on a much better footing with a broader array of income streams and we are considering that fact. Inside this newsletter, you will find a survey asking your input on what changes we might make in our main fundraising gala event. Please take a few minutes to share your thoughts with us. Also, please note that we are planning a new type of tour this fall as a way to raise funds. We hope you will plan on coming out for it.

In any case, I urge you to support the events, especially the galas, that HPF plans. Why not join us? It's always good fun, good food and good company. Plus, don't forget that it's tax deductible! You really can't beat the deal.

See you there!

The Ball in the 'Burg: a Magical, Mirthful Evening

The February 23 British invasion went down in history as a rocking, royal success!



It was a dark and stormy night...but no one attending the 14th annual Ball in the 'Burg on February 23 let that bother them!

The mood was festive and the costumes and outfits - a mixture of 60's, Beatles, British garb and just plain gorgeous gowns and tuxes - were fabulous. All were worthy of the royalty and famous musicians that awaited the guests. But it was the Bobby who stole the show! Before the night was over he had "cuffed" half the crowd for being way too jolly!



And "jolly-good" they were! Toes were tapping, hips were swaying and the dance floor filled with each Beatles or 60's number played by the talented *Hulabaloos*.

Before the dancing got underway, guests perused an array of interesting silent auction items (including Beatles memorabilia), enjoyed a delicious buffet of typical English fare, tested their memories during a trivia contest, strutted their stuff in a costume contest, and tried to outbid each other during a live auction.



The evening ended with the raffle drawing for a trip to England (won by Louise Wyatt of Prince George) and then, appropriately, with the crowd singing along to the band's final number - the Beatles *Hey Jude*.

It is safe to say that a bloody good time was had by all!



As HPF's main fundraiser, the money raised from this event is going toward implementing the many initiatives planned for the coming year. Read about them on the other pages of this newsletter.

What should we do next year?

Planning has already started for HPF's 2020 signature event and we'd like it to be better than ever! That might mean some changes. To help us determine what most people would like, please take our GALA 2020 survey. A printed copy is enclosed or go online to www.historicpetersburg.org/gala for digital options.



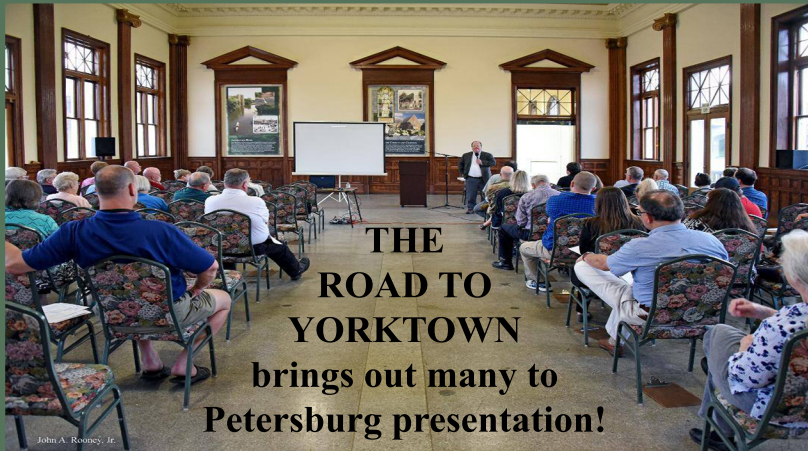
Scenes from the Ball thanks to John Rooney! Find more on the Facebook page.

Photos Right: HPF member Joe Miller offered a candlelight dinner and tour of his home, Strawberry Hill, as an auction item for the Ball. In April, auction winner and guests, Louis & Lucia Malon, Bob & Bobbi Kennedy and Jay & Kay Freeman thoroughly enjoyed the evening. And the dinner was fabulous. Thank You, Joe!!!

Note: Strawberry Hill was recently featured in the national magazine *Early American Life*. Copies are available at the HPF headquarters.

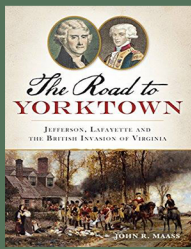


Yorktown Program Well-Attended



THE ROAD TO YORKTOWN
brings out many to Petersburg presentation!

On April 30, Dr. John Maass, a historian at the U.S. Army Center of Military History discussed his latest book, *The Road to Yorktown: Jefferson, Lafayette, and the British Invasion of Virginia*. Following the presentation, Dr. Maass sold and signed copies of the book. Attendees



were also treated to a display of Revolutionary War artifacts owned and displayed by Bob and Bobbi Kennedy. The event was a joint effort with the Petersburg Preservation Task Force.

Copies of the book can be purchased on Amazon or the Arcadia Publishing website.

Dine at Sedona and Help HPF!



No, we're not talking about the city in Arizona. It's a restaurant on Temple Avenue in Colonial Heights. Each Monday, they have *Steak Out for Charity* night offering a very nice steak or salmon dinner at an excellent price (at least half off) and giving a portion of the proceeds to a local non-profit. At least \$1 is donated to the store's featured organization that month for every steak or salmon sold! Recently it was FOLAR. We have just learned that HPF was named the *Steak Out* recipient for the month of August! Watch our Facebook page for more information. We will try to organize tables/times for those interested in group dining. So come join the fun or just get a great meal. You won't be disappointed and it's for a very good cause!

Two Grants Awarded to HPF

The Historic Petersburg Foundation has been awarded two grants to further our preservation of Petersburg's historic fabric. The first is in collaboration with The Petersburg Preservation Task Force towards the restoration of the roof and associated repairs at the Exchange Building. The Cameron Foundation has awarded us a \$300,000 grant contingent upon the receipt of a \$350,000 Savings America's Treasures grant submitted for the same project. We should hear from that request in September. We will ask the City to provide the remaining \$50,000 match for the overall \$700K project.

The Emma E. Bogart Trust, Bank of America, N.A., has awarded HPF a \$12,000 grant to install a driveway and provide a graveled surface parking lot behind the Shirley VanLandingham Headquarters Building on Washington Street. The Bogart Trust has been instrumental in supporting the rehabilitation of the building and this parking lot will make it more appealing when offering the two upstairs spaces for rent as office space.



HPF Acquires Book Collection



When longtime HPF member and supporter Joan Black recently moved from her home on Fairfax Avenue and was downsizing to facilitate the move, she offered her extensive collection of books to HPF. It numbers over 2,000 volumes including several boxed sets of classical authors. Her wish is simply that the organization use them in a way that best benefits it.

HPF is currently sorting through the collection at the HQ Building and plans to offer many of the books for sale. As a member, you will have the first opportunity to peruse the collection and make selections. **A special member preview and sale will be held sometime in September** (date TBD). The general public will be allowed to purchase books at the September 29 Dependency Tour and Fall Fest and at other occasions throughout the fall.

Proceeds from the sale of the books will be used to enhance our Petersburg-specific research library in the headquarters building.

A special thanks to Ken Pritchett for overseeing the transfer of the books to HPF.



First Member/Donor Lunch Held at Centre Hill



On May 23, HPF members and donors enjoyed a tour of Centre Hill followed by an elegant and delicious lunch prepared by Swift Creek Mill caterers and a presentation about the latest developments at Colonial Williamsburg by Matt Webster, Director of Architectural Preservation. The event, which will be held every Spring going forward, is to show appreciation for the members and donors who make possible the important initiatives that HPF implements.

For those not able to attend, there's always next year!



Photo: Matt Webster, President Louis Malon, donor Victor Lavenstein and Marlene Maze enjoy the meal.

Achievements of Past Year and Exciting Plans for the Future Highlighted at 2019 Annual Meeting and Awards



It was a full house at the 2019 annual meeting.

Historic Petersburg Foundation held its annual meeting on April 7 at the Union Train Station, giving members a chance to hear about both accomplishments of the past year and ideas for moving forward in an ever-changing environment.

This year's guest speaker, Sergei Troubetzkoy, could not have been a more appropriate choice. As returning tourism director for the city of Petersburg, he discussed both past efforts and future plans. His ideas were especially exciting as he will also sit on HPF's board going forward. Other new board members were announced and welcomed at the meeting as well. They are profiled on the opposite page.

As it does each year, HPF honored those who have made a significant contribution to preserving Petersburg's historic structures and landmarks. The recipients were:

Preservation Volunteer Award – William Irvin

Governmental/Public Servant Award – Marc Wagner, Architectural Historian, VA Dept of Historic Resources

Craftsman / Artisan Awards – Jack McMurray for work on *The Exchange Bldg.*
Boyd Burton for renovation work on *Market Street and Grove Ave properties*

“The Blandford Boys” (Howard Brown, Jr., Walter “B” Brown, III, Ken Cox, Alfred Elmore, Greg Gwaltney, Jim Hamlin, Lester Harris, Donny Hicks, Brandon Martin, Walt Purcell, Edward Ruhnke, Jr.) for repairing stones & monuments in *Blandford Cemetery*.

Architectural Preservation & Restoration Awards:

135 Liberty Street, completed by Project Homes
406 High Street, owned by Dale & Linda Pittman
1013 W. High Street, owned by David Budyh & Mirek Wapniarz (Creative Painting)

Petersburg Heritage Awards – Julian Greene, Jr.
Tamara Eastman

Special Achievement Award – Pam Covil



Speaker Troubetzkoy shows a preservation award he received from HPF in 1988.



Julian Greene, Jr. (photo left) and Creative Painting partners David Budyh & Mirek Wapniarz (photo right) with their awards.



The Blandford Boys with their awards.



Bill Hartsock, HPF Real Estate Committee Chairman, speaks about plans for ongoing efforts on various properties.



President Louis Malon thanked Tony Wrice for leading a program on the VSU's ROTC program.

Membership Drive Under Way

It's that time of year again when we ask members to renew their commitment to the organization. We also seek to re-enroll former supporters whose memberships have, for one reason or another, lapsed. Letters went out last month. Responses are still coming in.

If you have not yet renewed your membership, please consider doing so this month. We have, as you can see from this newsletter, been “stepping up our game” in hopes of having an even greater impact on Petersburg. To renew, go online to www.historicpetersburg.org or send a check.

We will also be reaching out to potential new members, especially younger folks who can carry the organization forward in the future. If you know any Gen Xers, Millennials or even Gen Zs who might be interested in becoming members, please let Pam Covil know and we will contact them. We have some great ideas for new types of events and projects that we believe they will embrace and enjoy.



If you've recently joined HPF or renewed your membership ...

Thank You!



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HPF is happy to announce the addition of five new members to the Board of Trustees. Their expertise and ideas will undoubtedly bring new energy and perspective to the leadership of the organization. Their new three (3) year terms began in May.

Beverley Coleman has extensive experience in state and local government specializing in business development. She has worked for Chesterfield County, Historic Jackson Ward Association, and the Department of Housing and Community Development.



Butch Downing is Assistant Inspector General for the Virginia National Guard, based at Bellwood in Chesterfield County. Before taking this lead position he was a Strategic Initiatives Manager for the Guard.



Dale Pittman is a local attorney who maintains a statewide consumer protection litigation practice. He and his wife Linda just completed an award-winning renovation on their historic High Street home.



Sergei Troubetzkoy is Petersburg's new part-time Director of Tourism, a return engagement so-to-speak. He was the City's full-time Tourism Director from 1984 - 89. In between, he directed tourism efforts for Lynchburg, Bedford County and Staunton.



Eddie Woodmancy owns and operates Cruisers Collision & Restoration on Bank Street and Kluchwood Coatings which specializes in products for historic homes. He is a self-made "archaeologist" and has amassed a large historic artifacts collection.



Other Board members and their years of service are::

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| Louis Malon - 5 | Nancy Cox - 2 | Dean McCray - 6 |
| Bob Kennedy - 3 | Kay Freeman - 6 | Walt Patrick - 2 |
| Jay Freeman - 3 | Bill Hartsock - 2 | John Rooney - 3 |
| Martha Atkinson - 2 | William Irvin - 2 | Kate Sangregorio - 2 |

HPF is thankful to all Board members for their dedication and service. Without you, there would be no HPF!



Mark your calendar: upcoming HPF events



**Wednesday, July 17, 7 PM - Historic Jamestown:
An Exclusive Update**



Union
Train Station

FREE
Open to
the public

This year marks the 400th anniversary of Virginia’s First General Assembly which was held at Jamestown, the first English settlement in America. Dave Givens, Director of Archaeology at Historic Jamestown will speak about the latest discoveries at the site and how they have added to our understanding of the beginnings of our nation. He will also describe the discovery of artifacts that confirm the existence of enslaved persons brought from Africa to the settlement as early as 1619.

In these times of political change and debate, this promises to be an eye-opening and thought-provoking presentation.

**Sunday, September 29, 1 - 5 PM :
Dependency Tour and Fall Fest**

The first ever of its kind in Petersburg, this tour will include 6 dependencies (buildings such as summer kitchens that were built behind historic homes to serve the household) that have been lovingly restored with a new purpose. Learn about their roles in supporting “the big house,” listen to period music, watch artisan demonstrations, and pick out a pumpkin from a local farmer. This unique tour will focus on the High Street area with all tour stops within walking distance.



An entrance fee of \$20 in advance/\$25 on the day of the tour will go to support HPF’s efforts to encourage the restoration of Petersburg’s many fine, historic homes. Advance tickets will go on sale August 1 on Eventbrite as well as HPF’s website and, on August 15 at select locations in Old Towne Petersburg.

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