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Borough Receives \$525,717 for Engine House Project



The recent award of \$525,717 by the Department of Community and Economic Development was the result of a collaborative effort by members of the White Haven Borough council and library board members. Pictured with the capital campaign illustrative sign are left to right: Diane Lamson, library building fund member, Charlie Best, council member, Herb Albee, council member, Jill Bauersfeld, library board member, Linda Szoke, council member, Bob Lamson, library building fund member.

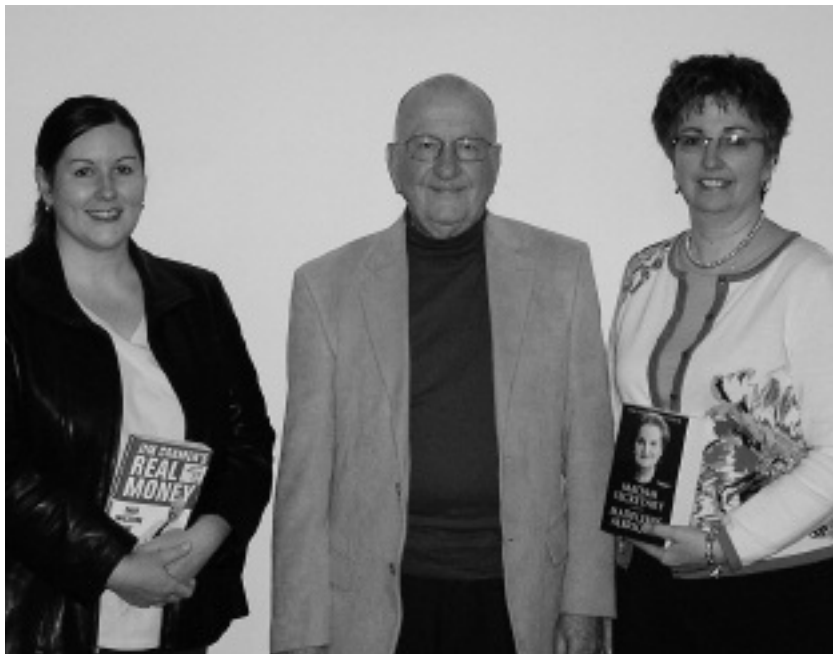
The Engine House Project is one of twenty-nine community and economic development projects chosen by the Department of Community and Economic Development to receive revenues from the Mount Airy gaming funds from Monroe County for 2009. Announced on February 17, the \$525,717 check was recently received by members of White Haven Borough Council and representatives from the library through the office of Representative Todd Eachus.

The recent infusion of financing will enable the next phase for interior construction to begin this summer. Depending upon the bid amount, it is possible that enough inside work will be completed to allow the doors to be opened for public use. The interior work for the next phase will include

all mechanical systems, plumbing and lighting. The mezzanine level will be built; however, the upper level will not be finished except for the mechanical room. Three of the four bathrooms will be completed, the walls and ceiling will be insulated and covered, the flooring will be installed and all the downstairs finishing work will be done.

The outside exterior work for this next phase is projected to begin in late spring. This includes the installation of a new driveway at the north end of the property, grading of the hillside, paving the parking areas, sidewalk installation, and landscaping. Bids for this part of the project have been received and opened and are now being reviewed for accuracy. The funding for the outside of the project has been obtained through a grant from Penn DOT.

Lamson and Love-Badowski Finish Terms



Board President John Toft shown thanking outgoing board members Valerie Love-Badowski, left, and Diane Lamson, right, at the annual membership meeting.

Out going board members Diane Lamson and Valerie Love-Badowski were recognized for their outstanding contributions to the library at the annual membership meeting held on April 14. Mrs. Lamson served for six years, four of them in the capacity of Vice President. She was also a member of the Building Fund committee and assisted in all other committee efforts. As a charter member of the library since its inception in 1997, Mrs. Lamson has served as a strong leader and role model for the other board members and volunteers. Ms. Badowski also served for six years and held the position of Treasurer and Fund Raising Chairperson. She was instrumental in developing the initial business plan for the library and offered advice on policy and procedures, marketing strategy, publicity and fund raising. Valerie has organized the volunteer recognition ceremonies that have taken place in the past three years and recently launched a Face Book page for the library on the internet. Two books will be added to the library's permanent collection in appreciation of their efforts.

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John Toft, *President*
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Jill Bauersfeld
Charlotte Carter
Carrie Greenberg
Robert Heaman
Renee Monahan
Tom Shahbazian
Jeff Taylor
Chyrl Zickgraf

Upcoming Events

Every Wednesday Morning
Tots Reading Program, Coffee Shop/
Library, 10:00 am–11:00 am

May 12, 2009
Board Meeting, Engine House
7:00 pm

June 9, 2009
Board Meeting, Engine House
7:00 pm

June 27, 2009
Volunteer Recognition Breakfast
Sitko's Farmhouse Room, 9:00 am

July 14, 2009
Board Meeting, Engine House
7:00 pm

August
Summer Reading Program
Dates and Place TBD

Library Receives Additional \$20,000



Pictured above are the library board members for 2009. Shown front row, left to right are: Renee Monahan, Deb D'Angola, Carrie Greenberg, Jill Bauersfeld, and Charlotte Carter. Back row left to right are: Chyrl Zickgraf, Patty Horn, Marla Doddo, John Toft, Bob Heaman, Jeff Taylor. Missing from the picture are Tom Shahbazian and Mark Yanus.

The audience attending the library's annual membership meeting on April 14 experienced an unexpected surprise when Elissa Thorne, Vice President of Heritage Programs of the Delaware and Lehigh (D&L) National Heritage Corridor, announced that the Engine House Project would be receiving another \$20,000 in grant money. This money will be used to assist in the upcoming costs of the internal construction. Mrs. Thorne praised the Board of Directors for their continuing and fruitful efforts to acquire funding to move the project toward completion. The D&L was the first agency to approve a grant for the library in 2003 to assist in planning costs. The recent \$20,000 brings their total investment in the project to \$95,000.

John Toft, President of the Board of Directors, led the meeting and emphasized the importance of the library as a community resource. Elections of new board members included the addition of Marla Doddo and Carrie Greenberg. Diane Lamson and Valerie Love-Badowski completed two con-

secutive, three-year terms and were required to leave their Board positions. Elected for second, three year terms were Deb D'Angola and Bob Heaman.

Committee chairpersons each gave a synopsis report of events occurring during 2008. Highlights from the Operations Committee were presented by Jill Bauersfeld and Chyrl Zickgraf and included the following: The present library has moved successfully from the PNC Bank into the Canal Depot building. A self-service protocol has been implemented so that coffee shop patrons and library members can access the library's books and materials even when desk volunteers are not on duty. The volunteer contingency is growing, with more than 45 community members taking part in the daily operations.

Marla Doddo, Chairperson of the Building Fund committee, spoke of the geothermal component of the Engine House project, the annual wine and cheese event in the fall and the direct mail campaign, all of which netted over \$40,000. Charlotte Carter outlined the

progress of the Engine House construction, emphasizing the outside site work to be done in late spring and the internal work to be started, hopefully in the summer months.

Fund raising efforts in the past year included the chili cook off sponsored by Thrivent Financial Services for Lutherans, the annual raffle ticket supported by area businesses, the Jam Below the Dam event, Remember Me Jewelry, quilt squares and note card sales. Two new fund raising projects are the selling of tote bags with the new library and visitors' center logo on them and commemorative pavers, which will be used in landscaping designs around the new building.

Deb D'Angola summarized the children's programs this year, which included the summer reading program, the Responsible Readers program, the Halloween party, the Tots reading program, the Halloween parade float and the One Book, One Child project. All of these programs will continue through 2009 with new people helping with their implementation.

Library Tote Bags Now on Sale

- Heavy cotton twill material with green handles and the new WHACL logo on the front
- Makes a great gift
- Can be purchased at the coffee shop/library
- \$15.00

Check out the new web site:
www.whitehavenlibrary.com

We've Moved!

The library has packed up and moved down the block to its new temporary home in the historic Canal Depot building. We are now sharing space with Main Street Coffeeworks and Diamond Seafood, thanks to the forward thinking co-owners, Henry and Daphne Straub. Patrons of the coffee shop can now enjoy looking at books and magazines while sipping their coffee and munching on lunch; likewise, library patrons can pick up coffee, cold beverages and food while checking out books and materials. It is a great blend of services and everyone walking through the doors seems genuinely pleased with the atmosphere and set up. Library hours now coincide with coffee shop hours, even though library staff is not necessarily always available. To overcome that obstacle, the library Board decided to offer an honor system of self-service check out for anyone who has a library card. The library's computers are set up and functioning, offering a real "internet cafe" experience. Stop by to see us today!



Shown above is a glimpse of the new Main Street Coffee Works and the temporary library. The partnership has enabled the library to follow the hours of the coffee shop, offering services for longer hours each week.

Tots Kids Receive New Book



Shown above are children attending the Tots Reading program who were presented with the book, If You Were A Penguin as a gift from the library to promote literacy and good reading habits among families. Volunteers shown with the group are left to right: Deb D'Angola, Megan Schneider and Samantha Rucinski.

Children participating in the Tots Reading program were presented with the book, *If You Were A Penguin* by Wendell and Florence Minor. The annual Pennsylvania literacy initiative called One Book; Every Young Child is available to all libraries in the Commonwealth. Even though it is a private library, the White Haven Area Community Library also purchases books to give to children as part of this statewide effort to promote early reading.

The extremely popular Tots Reading program that was begun last summer is being organized this year by Megan Schneider and Samantha Rucinski. It is held every Wednesday morning at the coffee shop/library from 10:00 am to 11:00 am. Each week Megan and Samantha read a book to the children and then do a craft or activity that reinforces the theme of the story. The program is geared to children ages 2 to 5 and is free of charge.