

Monthly meetings held every 3rd Monday of the month at B'nai B'rith Apts-Comm Room West

# Neighborhood #7 Newsletter

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12TH West to 20th St. & Gordon north to Tilghman St.

December 2009

Christmas at the Pines, Dinner Theater  
from Nov 6 to Dec 20. ph 610-926-3702  
[www.pinesdinnertheater.com](http://www.pinesdinnertheater.com)

Lights in the Parkway opens Dec 11th  
at new reduced rates. \$7 carload. Visit  
[www.lightsintheparkway.com](http://www.lightsintheparkway.com) for info

<http://www.allentownpa.gov/> Holiday  
guide for more current city events

### Allentown Parking Authority News:

You can now sign up for an email 'street  
cleaning alert' that will inform you of any  
weather-related cancellations. Users may  
request this by logging onto our website at  
[www.allentownparking.com](http://www.allentownparking.com)

A Christmas Carol" opens at Civic Little  
Theater Dec 4th. Call 610-432-8943 for  
tickets or information. You can also  
order them at [www.civictheatre.com](http://www.civictheatre.com)

### From Community Exchange:

Here is a reminder from U.S. Navy Re-  
d shipmate, Walter Bruch: When doing  
our Christmas cards this year, take one  
card and send it to a wounded soldier:  
RECOVERING AMERICAN SOLDIER  
c/o Walter Reed Army Medical  
Center 6900 Georgia Avenue, NW Wash-  
ington DC 20307-5001. If everyone sends  
one card, think of how much it would  
mean to these brave patients who have  
sacrificed so much.

Merchants Square will be having  
their next indoor garage/flea market  
sale on Dec. 19th and 20th.

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courtesy city of Allentown*



### CHRISTMAS POTLUCK PUBLIC INVITED

Bring a covered dish to share and join us for our  
year end social info @ 610-437-7160

Monday, December 21st, 2009 at 6:00 PM  
B'nai B'rith Apts. 1622 W. Liberty St.

### New Year's Eve Dinner Dance

Lehigh County Senior Center 1633 Elm Street Allentown, PA ... (610)437-3700

Thursday, December 31, 2009

Doors open at 6:30 PM

Dinner at 7:00 PM

\$28.00 per person for Center Members

\$45.00 per person for Nonmembers

Music 8:00 PM - 12:30 AM

Music by: Bill and Donna Arnold

Catering by: Allentown Goose

Buffet Style Menu:

*Fruit salad Tossed Salad Roast Beef Baked Chicken Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Glazed  
Carrots Green Beans Dinner Rolls and Butter, Coffee, Tea, and Soft Drinks  
Dessert provided by Country Meadows of Allentown Snacks After Dinner!*

Join us for a Happy New Year Celebration!

SMOKING IS NOT PERMITTED IN THE BUILDING



### O'Grady Quinlan's Celtic Christmas Celebration - Allentown Sym-

phony Hall Saturday 12/19 at 7:30pm The O'Grady Quinlan Academy is proud to  
present A Celtic Christmas! The opening act will showcase future champions of the  
O'Grady Quinlan Academy. Dancers will delight you with jigs and reels danced to  
holiday favorites! The Main Act will feature both *Seamus Kennedy, a master showman  
and Irish comedian, who is delighted to bring his Christmas cheer to the stage at Allen-  
town Symphony Hall, as well as the Champions of OGG.*

**HOLIDAY PRECAUTIONS-BE AWARE** Please make sure that while shopping at the Mall or other major stores, you do NOT go to the car and place items into your car or trunk and then go back inside to shop again. The best thing that you could do is LEAVE. Thieves are waiting and watching in the parking for you to do just that. After you put the items into the car or trunk and go back in or more, they are breaking into your vehicles and taking the items that were just purchased. Keep your purses/wallets close to you at all times. Always be aware of your surroundings. Walk to your cars with a purpose and always have your keys in hand. If someone approaches you while you are walking to your car, keep walking. Always be near a phone. Have your cell phone handy so that you can call 9-1-1 if there is an emergency After the holidays, don't just put the empty "T.V." box or other large gift boxes at the curb for the trash. Cut the box up and put the pieces in the garbage can. Leaving the empty box at the curb just lets the suspected thieves know what new "things" are inside the house. Please remember to protect your personal information from a card skimmer while using an ATM machine. Use your hand to cover the keypad as you enter your PIN. For more info contact Officer Tim Yanders at 610-437-7719.

**Hess's Shining Stars Exhibit – Lehigh Valley Heritage Museum**

11/13 through 1/10

The exhibit, titled "Hess's Shining Stars," includes a reproduction of Hess's Patio Restaurant. A life-size mural of the legendary Max Hess is accompanied by illustrations of Dan Blocker who played Hoss Cartwright on television's *Bonanza*, Zsa Zsa Gabor, James Garner of *Maverick*, and Barbara Eden, all of whom visited Hess's Department Store. Stand with Max Hess in a new mural painted especially for this exhibit. Visitors are even invited to pose for photographs with the life-size painted figures of Max Hess and his celebrity guests. Museum curators are promising to prominently display an authentic crystal chandelier which formerly graced the main hall of Hess Brothers. Visitors to the museum can have their picture taken with the original Hess's chandelier in the background. Other items in the exhibit include authentic Hess's fashion apparel, and items from the Patio Restaurant. "This will be a fun exhibit for the whole family, even for those who never had the pleasure of visiting the famous department store, but have learned about it from others," said Jill Youngken curator of the exhibit. Visit [www.lchs.museum](http://www.lchs.museum) or call 610-435-1074 for more information. Hours: Museum: Tuesday through Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. and Sunday 12 noon - 4:00 p.m. Closed Mondays. Closings: Museum, Library, and outlying sites are closed major holidays.

**Pip: The Mouse Before Christmas – Liberty Bell Shrine Museum**

11/27/09-1/2/10

Beginning Friday, November 27, 2009 and extending through Saturday, January 2, 2010, the Liberty Bell Museum is pleased to present, for its seventh holiday season, the classic holiday puppet show, "Pip the Mouse: The Mouse Before Christmas." The ten-minute show takes place on the Night Before Christmas. Santa is stuck in the Chimney! Will he get out in time to deliver all of his toys? Starring Allentown's favorite mouse, Pip, "The Mouse Before Christmas" has been a holiday tradition in Allentown since 1962, when Max Hess, Jr. purchased the stage and show for his world-famous Hess's department store in Allentown. This holiday puppet show created by Dr. George R. Creegan is celebrating its 47th Anniversary in Allentown. Come and experience all the fun and excitement yourself! Let the magic and wonder of Pip brighten your holiday. Young and old alike will love him!  
*Mondays and Tuesdays* – 12:00 p.m., 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m.  
*Wednesdays* -10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m., 1:00 p.m. & 2:00 p.m.  
*Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays* – 12:00 p.m., 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. *Performances Will Not Be Held on Thursday, December 24 and Friday, December 25 and Friday, January 1. Additional Holiday Exhibits at Liberty Bell Shrine Museum in conjunction with Pip the Mouse:*

**A Presidential Christmas** This special exhibit features the Presidential Christmas Card Collection of William J. Albert, as well as historical anecdotes of how the Presidents have celebrated Christmas through the years.

For more information about Liberty Bell Shrine Museum exhibitions and events visit [www.libertybellshrinemuseum](http://www.libertybellshrinemuseum)

**Pip's Winter Wonderland** Don't miss the three new animated figures in the fantasy winter wonderland all around the Pip the Mouse display, specially designed and handcrafted for the Museum by Pip's creator, Dr. George Creegan of Steubenville, Ohio. The new addition of a dog on a horse, a teddy bear, and a jack in the box, all brilliantly costumed and wonderfully animated, is sure to be a delight with visitors both young and old. This "Winter Wonderland," created by Artistic Director and Museum Curator, Joshua A. Fink, is reminiscent of the "Fantasyland" display that accompanied the Pip the Mouse stage when it was set up inside the Hess's Department Store on Hamilton Street years ago. Included in the "Winter Wonderland" are Antique Animated Toys and a Swiss Chalet House that were originally part of the Hess's display. Geoffrey the Giraffe, who was rescued from Hess's, will return to the display, with other plush animals and characters (including Elmo, Bob the Builder and Hello Kitty,) as well as children's toys reminiscent of the toy display at Hess's. The "Thomas the Tank Engine" Train and "The Polar Express" Train will again run through the "Wonderland," recalling the days of Hess's fabulous train layouts and displays.

**21 Foot Hess's Toy Soldiers** The Museum entrance is again guarded by two Giant Hess's Toy Soldiers, the same ones that used to decorate the front of Hess's Stores around the Lehigh Valley. The Soldiers presence at the Museum greatly enhanced our "Pip the Mouse" program last year. Ever popular visitors and people who live in the Lehigh Valley, the Soldiers are on loan from the City of Allentown and "announce" the 2009 Holiday Season at the Museum to all those who pass by. **The Lehigh County Senior Citizen's Center Christmas Putz** This "Christmas Village" is reminiscent of the type of holiday displays that the Pennsylvania Germans built, starting in the mid-nineteenth century. The displays were most often erected underneath the Christmas Tree and included a "Manger Scene," depicting the first Christmas. This Christmas Putz, built by the Lehigh County Senior Citizens Center in 1977, features 19 buildings and one scene from Lehigh County's past and present. The buildings are built to scale and include such famous landmarks as Trout Hall, The Old Courthouse, and Zion's Reformed Church, where the Museum is located.

**A Pennsylvania German Christmas Tree by Ann Wertman**

The Museum features a Christmas Tree that is decorated like the Pennsylvania Germans would have decorated their trees in the Lehigh Valley in the mid nineteenth century. The tree often features handmade items such as cut out cookies, pretzels, and cranberry and popcorn garlands, as well as natural items such as nuts and cinnamon sticks. The tree also includes a "gift," a small handmade item that a family member might have made and put into the tree for the children to find on Christmas morning. Because Christ's birth was central to the Pennsylvania Germans celebration of Christmas, the tree also includes a Nativity Scene under the tree. The tree is decorated each year by Ann Wertman and Joe Zeller of New Tripoli and Museum Curator, Joshua A. Fink. Ring An Exact Replica of the Liberty Bell, which weighs over 2000 pounds, and see other historical exhibits...and visit our Expanded Gift Shop, featuring patriotic, Christmas, "Pip the Mouse" and Allentown merchandise, for all of your holiday shopping needs.