

Report to the Annual Meeting 2017
By Executive Director Sharon Kline
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Welcome; ladies and gentlemen, including
Guests Gloria & Bill Heishman, Avis Foster, and our speaker Karl Stolfus Sr. all from Dynamic Aviation, in Bridgewater, Virginia.

Five years ago a group of older people signed a charter establishing the Bridgewater Historical Society. So this evening we come together to celebrate their vision of preserving the unique history of our community.

Some might say five years is a little premature- I'm sure some of you belong to churches or organizations 50 years or 100 years old but we need to recognize these small milestones- especially at our age!

This year we hosted a tour at the historic Dinkel Tavern with tea and cookies in the garden. The Galang family led tours (Judy in period costume) of the house and there was a self-guided tour of the garden with historical pictures.

A Veterans Day open house helped by the local VFW and other veterans of WWII, Vietnam and Iraq. We got history lessons as many stories were exchanged and I actually sat down with a WWII veteran for his experiences in the Philippines and Japan.

Because Adair McConnell was dying to play the newly refurbished organ at the Methodist Church we partnered with the Church for a fund-raising Christmas hymn sing and cookies. The museum sold the collectible Christmas ornaments and cards.

The Museum was a face-of interest for the Virginia Garden Tour that took place in Bridgewater this April. A special exhibit of women's and men's hat was loaned and on display. We had about 150 women and men come through that day- remembering our mothers and grandmothers and their hats.

So this evening we are celebrating the dedication of this unique community and individuals who have supported us this year in these projects and for 5 years of support with their time, funds, loans, stories, and gifts

We are particularly grateful to Harry Jarrell and his staff for helping arrange the donation and setup of tonight's banquet venue here at On Sunnyslope Farm.

Another reason to celebrate is the birthdays of members Ray Wine, CS Kiracofe and Filly Gilkerson.

So Welcome to the Bridgewater Historical Society's annual meeting and Celebration, and thank our caterers for their fine job.

Prayer: Tom Matheny

Business Meeting-Call to order

Financial report

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