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PHF Sponsors Children's Visit to Old Economy Village

On April 26, May 3 and May 9, Old Economy Village in Ambridge, Beaver County, welcomed three groups of schoolchildren for tours sponsored by PHF. The children are among hundreds from Title 1 schools who otherwise would be unable to afford a trip to a PHMC historic site or museum.

"It was exciting to watch the students explore the historic site," said Michael Knecht, administrator at Old Economy Village. The children expressed great curiosity learning about the lives of the Harmonists, members of a religious communal group known for its agricultural-industrial enterprises who lived and worked at the site in the 19th century. Fourth

grade teacher LaRita Stewart of Highland Elementary School summed up the value of the experience for her group: "It was interesting to see the connections of how people lived in the past compared to today."

The PHF Board of Directors has prioritized raising funds to give underserved children the opportunity to learn about Pennsylvania's rich history through PHMC's sites and museums. For this tour, PHF granted \$3,000, raised on Giving Tuesday 2017, to cover the children's transportation and admission costs.

PHF would like to thank all Giving Tuesday donors who helped make these visits possible.



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PHF Identifies PHMC's 21st-Century Museums Initiative as a Fundraising Priority

PHF looks forward to partnering with PHMC's Bureau of Historic Sites & Museums in fundraising for the 21st-Century Museums Initiative. This program seeks to make PHMC sites more relevant and welcoming to diverse audiences and to ensure interpretation of history from multiple perspectives. The following goals were set for the initiative:

- Making our sites and museums more relevant to their local and regional communities
- Identifying new audiences and engaging them in our sites and museums
- Developing interpretation and programming that prioritizes diversity, inclusivity, equality and accessibility, allowing us to convey Pennsylvania's history in all its complexity and to better serve all visitors

For more information on the 21st-Century Museums Initiative, or to support this program, please contact PHF at 717-787-2407 or RA-paheritage@pa.gov.



Jalila Parker, deputy director of the Commission on African American Affairs, top, and Tiffany Chang Lawson, executive director of the Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs, below, led a session for PHMC's site administrators as a prelude to the 21st-Century Museums Initiative.

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PHF Hosts Rotary International Students for Tour of The State Museum

On St. Patrick's Day 2018, PHF Executive Director Heather Hu hosted more than 20 Rotary International Students at The State Museum of Pennsylvania. Hu, a member of The Rotary Club of Harrisburg, partnered with the organization in a full day of activities for the international students who are living throughout the commonwealth. Hu said, "It was a fun and festive morning full of learning about Pennsylvania's rich history!"

PHF Executive Director Heather Hu and her children Carter and Kanu enjoyed hosting Rotary International Students for a tour of The State Museum.



PHF Hosts Giving Circle Members at 4th Annual Dinner

On April 10, 2018, PHF hosted the 4th Annual Giving Circle Dinner at The Harvest Seasonal Grill & Wine Bar in Harrisburg. At the event, PHF and PHMC administrators and staff recognized donors at the \$1,000 and above level and shared current and future priorities of the organizations.

This year, Brenda Reigle, director of the Bureau of Historic Sites & Museums, spoke on the 21st-Century Museums Initiative and David Carmicheal, director of the Pennsylvania State Archives, gave an update on the forthcoming new State Archives building.

Annual gifts at all levels are critical in supporting PHF operations and building our capacity to manage a robust membership program, manage grants, and fundraise on behalf of PHMC. Please consider joining the Giving Circle in 2018. For more information, please contact PHF at RA-paheritage@pa.gov.



PHF Executive Director Heather Hu.

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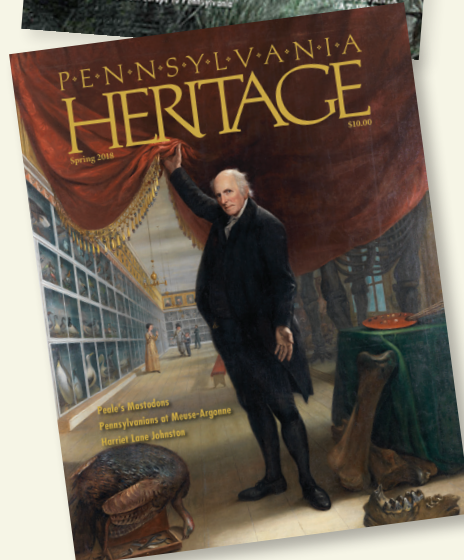
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Director of the Pennsylvania State Archives David Carmicheal spoke at the 4th Annual Giving Circle Dinner.

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