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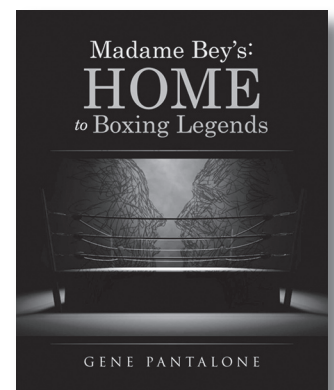
March 2018

Home of the Knock-Out Punch?

In 1881, a little girl was born in Turkey to an Armenian father and a French mother. Her life's journey would eventually lead her to, immigrate to America, and run a training camp in Chatham Township, New Jersey, that would host the best boxers in the world, fourteen heavyweight champions and no fewer than eighty International Boxing Hall of Fame inductees. Gene Pantalone, author of *Madame Bey's: Home to Boxing Legends*, will share the fascinating story of an aristocratic woman who managed a training camp for world



champion boxers during the early twentieth century. Mr. Pantalone, a New Providence resident, will share the story of Madame Bey's at the society's Annual Dinner on Thursday, April 26, 2018, at the Murray Hill Hotel & Suites.



President's Letter

We predict 2018 will be another strong year for the New Providence Historical Society.

On Thursday, April 26th, we will have our Annual Dinner at the Murray Hill Hotel & Suites with speaker Gene Pantalone, who will tell us about Madame Bey's, the Chatham-based training facility for "Boxing Legends."

The Society sponsored a display in the N.P. Memorial Library display case, "New Providence Historical Society Celebrates Women," for March. During April, the Society will host a display, Yesteryear in New Providence.

On Saturday, May 5th, we will again hold the Salt Box Craft Fair on the grounds of the Salt Box Museum. In addition to our treasure tables, we will have vendors and a bake sale. New Providence Garden Club will have their plant sale, as usual. Please encourage your friends and neighbors to stop by for some bargains and treasures. We also need items to sell and volunteers to sell them!

There's always lots to do. If you're interested, just give us a call at 908-665-1034 or come to a trustee meeting. There are a wide range of things to help with. Whatever your talents, we can probably use them.



Linda Kale
President



2018 Calendar for Upcoming Historical Society Events

April 15, 2018	Sunday	Open House at the Salt Box Museum
April 26, 2018	Thursday	Annual Meeting & Dinner
May 5, 2018	Saturday	Salt Box Craft Fair, 9 AM - 3 PM (Raindate: May 12)
September 22, 2018	Saturday	New Providence Book Festival on the Museum grounds

Other events, such as open houses will be added, so check our calendar at www.newprovidencehistorical.com.

Member Notes:

Charlotte Lewis (91) passed away Friday, October 13, 2017 at Hackettstown Regional Medical Center. Please welcome new members, Jeff Grob, Dorothy Coviello, Gerhard Peters and Stephen Lieder.

The Changing Face of New Providence:

The building that used to be Friendly's Restaurant has been torn down. A new Chase Bank will be erected on the property. Barth's Market on South Street has finally completed it's lengthy reconstruction.

Salt Box Craft Fair - Saturday, May 5th

The Salt Box Craft Fair is scheduled for May 5th from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. with May 12th as the rain date. Proceeds from the fair support the Society's scholarship program and maintenance of the museum. Any vendors interested in renting space at \$25 per eight-foot space should call 908-665-1034. (Vendors are responsible for supplying their own table and chairs.)

Donations: Please call 908-665-1034 to arrange for a drop off time for any items to be donated for our Society's "Treasure Tables." We would appreciate having these items by April 25th, so they can be priced in time for the sale. Once again, we need and request your support.

Members, please mark your calendar for baking, pricing, selling, set-up, clean-up and hosting at the Salt Box Museum.

Proposed Trustees - Class of 2018: Rick Anderson and Gail Souren

Membership Renewal Application

Our annual dues run from April 1st to March 31st, our fiscal year. Please fill in the requested information and mail your check to Margaret Maurer's attention at the Memorial Library address, New Providence Historical Society, 377 Elkwood Avenue, New Providence, NJ 07974. This will enable us to keep our membership and mailing lists current. Lifetime Members, please submit any change in address, phone, email, etc., using this form. Be sure to include your preference for Mr., Mrs., Ms., or Mr. or Mrs. Membership dues provide the main income to support Society mission and activities, we rely on your renewal.

Name _____ Email _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Annual Memberships (Many corporations will match contributions.)

Individual \$15.00 _____ Family \$25.00 _____ Business Sponsorship \$25.00 _____

I will volunteer to help:

Computer _____ Research _____ Museum _____ Lawn Sale _____ Writing _____

Clerical _____ Grounds _____ Restoration _____ House Tours _____

Reservations for Annual Dinner

Murray Hill Hotel & Suites

April 26, 2018, Hors d'oeuvre at 6 PM, Dinner at 7 PM, Cash Bar.

Number of reservations: _____ @ **\$40.00** for NP Historical Society Annual Dinner

Amount of Check \$ _____. Please make check payable to **NP Historical Society**. Reservations must be received by **April 20th**. Checks for dinner and membership may be combined. Send checks to the Mason Room, New Providence Memorial Library, 377 Elkwood Avenue, New Providence, NJ 07974, c/o Margaret Maurer.

New Providence Historical Society Officers & Committees

President	Linda Kale
Vice President	Rick Anderson
Corresponding Secretary	Carol Smith
Recording Secretaries	Kerry Lee
	Sara Jane Vignali
Treasurer	Gail Souren
Displays	Barbara Pape
Grounds & Property	Rick Anderson
Annual Dinner Coordinator	Kerry Lee
Membership	Margaret Maurer
<i>Turkey Tracks</i> & Website	J.R. Bale
Computer Archivist	Colin duSaire

Trustees

Rick Anderson, Patrick Anelli, J.R. Bale,
Linda Kale, Margaret Maurer, Barbara Pape,
Gail Souren, Carol Smith. (One vacancy at this time.)



Museum Hours

March to November
First Sunday of each month
1 - 3 PM
Or by appointment
Telephone: 908-665-1034

Mason Room Hours

Tuesday Mornings
10 AM to Noon
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