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December 21, 2014



The Victorian Dance Ensemble travelled to the New Castle Delaware Historical Society to help recreate the Fezziwig Ball from Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" last Friday. Twas held in the historic Arsenal Building and was sold out weeks in advance.

Despite somewhat crowded conditions, everyone had a good time as they danced in the 19th century style and enjoyed refreshments provided by Mr. and Mrs. Fezziwig. The next day, New Castle held its 14th Annual Spirit of Christmas Celebration throughout the town.

The Victorian Christmas themed event included tours of historic homes, buildings and churches, musical performances, visits with Santa, and street theater with scenes from "A Christmas Carol."

Text & photos -Ken Sturgis



MERRY CHRISTMAS



Precious, right, and all her friends would like to thank Michelle & Michael Quaranta for hosting a Taste of New Castle. A wonderful evening for their friends and neighbors in New Castle to learn more about our Faithful Friends Animal Society. The food & drink was as good as it looked! The silent auction raised much need funds to benefit our mission. You can still send gifts to Faithful Friends!

► [Faithful Friends](#)

ANIMAL SOCIETY



Merry Christmas Happy New Year



WEEK 16

Date	Teams	Time
THU, 12/18	Tennessee at Jacksonville	8:25 PM
SAT, 12/20	Philadelphia at Washington	4:30 PM
	San Diego at San Francisco	8:25 PM
SUN, 12/21	Minnesota at Miami	1PM
	Baltimore at Houston	1PM
	Detroit at Chicago	1PM
	Cleveland at Carolina	1PM
	Atlanta at New Orleans	1PM
	Green Bay at Tampa Bay	1PM
	Kansas City at Pittsburgh	1PM
	New England at NY Jets	1PM
	NY Giants at St. Louis	4:05 PM
	Buffalo at Oakland	4:25 PM
	Indianapolis at Dallas	4:25 PM
	Seattle at Arizona	8:30 PM
MON, 12/22	Denver at Cincinnati	8:30 PM
	MON 9/22	

Week 17 SUN, 12/28

Carolina at Atlanta	1PM
Cleveland at Baltimore	1PM
Dallas at Washington	1PM
Indianapolis at Tennessee	1PM
Detroit at Green Bay	1PM
Jacksonville at Houston	1PM
San Diego at Kansas City	1PM
NY Jets at Miami	1PM

Chicago at Minnesota	1P
Buffalo at New England	1PM
Philadelphia at NY Giants	1PM
Cincinnati at Pittsburgh	1PM
New Orleans at Tampa Bay	1PM
Oakland at Denver	4:25 PM
Arizona at San Francisco	4:25 PM
St. Louis at Seattle	4:25 PM

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Sun 12/ 21	Flyers	Jets	9PM
Tue 12/ 23	Flyers	Wild	7PM
Sat 12/ 27	Flyers	Predators	8PM
Mon 12/ 29	Flyers	Coyotes	9PM
Wed 12/ 31	Flyers	Avalanche	9PM

Happy Cobblestone Birthday

Sun 12/21 Donna Shrum 12/22 Lyn Briggs ~ Heather Hubert

Wed 12/24 Jim Berrigan Thurs 12/25 Kerry Larotonda

Fri 12/26

16th Anniversary Esther & Matt Lovlie

Mon 12/29 Matt Andrews ~ Jack Klingmeyer ~ Mike Sobieski

Birthday or Anniversary approaching?

Tell The Teditor flytedb13@comcast.net

See the New Castle Weekly for Full Schedules

Mon. 12/15 Planning Commission Mtg. 6:30pm
Thurs. 12/18 Historic Area Review Committee Mtg. 6pm
Mon. 12/22 Municipal Services Mtg. 4pm

Tues. 1/6 Trustees Mtg. Penn Farm 6:30 Reg. Mtg. 7pm

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DECEMBER at Our Senior Center

Mon 12/22 10 Hope through the Holiday 12:30 Handbells Concert Wed 12/24 10 Christmas Eve Covered Dish brunch No line dancing

CENTER CLOSSES AT NOON

Fri 12/26 12:30 Shop Rite

MON

9-3 Billiards
9 Pool Exercise
9:30 Park Walk
10 Crafty Seniors
12 Lunch
12:30 Mah Jongg
1 Chair Yoga

TUES

9-3 Billiards
9:30 Shanghai
10 Bingo
12 Lunch
12:45 Bingo
1 Strength Building/
Exercise

WED

9-3 Billiards
9:30 Park Walk
11 Line Dancing
12 Lunch
12:30 YMCA
Diabetes Prevention
1 Pilates

THUR

9-3 Billiards
9:30 Shanghai
9:30 Bridge
10 Games w/Tom
12 Lunch
12:30 Super Market
1 Zumba Gold
2 Qi Gong/Tai Chi
5:30 Yoga
5:30 Bible Study

FRI

9-3 Billiards
9:30 Park Walk
9:30 Knit/Crochet
10 Bingo
10 Mah Jongg
10:30 Beginner's/
Arthritis Exercise
12 Lunch

"Where Friends Gather"

► New Castle Senior Center

Your Senior Center is open on Thursday nights until 7pm

the New Castle library

READ COBBLESTONES HERE

12/22 In Her Shoes*/1PM

12/23 ESL*/Beg./10AM
In Her Shoes*/1PM
GED in Span/6:30P

12/24-25 **CLOSED**
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12/26 Kwanzaa begins

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The Holidays at the Amstel & Dutch Houses



The Amstel House will be decorated for a traditional holiday celebration in colonial times, showing off a "dessert board" of the period, and featuring traditional 18th century customs during the period of Governor Nicholas Van Dyke's residency. At the Dutch House, experience a celebration of St. Nicholas' Eve, a tribute to the legend of Saint Nicholas, Dutch patron saint.

Included with regular admission to the museums.

Through Sun., Dec. 28th 2 East 4th Street New Castle

Garden of Lights Open To Visitors

A small garden is transformed into a little winter wonderland with lights by the owners David and Judie Baldini. White lights of different sizes and function are used to accent the garden features and various shapes are added to highlight the existing space. Simplicity, detail, and creativity result in a delightful scene.

Many have seen the front yard and now you are invited to visit the backyard at 419 SOUTH STREET next to Good Will Fire House.

Open during these times ONLY:

Today, Dec. 21st ~ 5-9pm

Dec. 28th 30th ~ 5-9pm

Jan. 1st through 4th ~ 5-9pm



December 19, 2014
Letter to the Editor, Cobblestones
112 Delaware St., New Castle, DE 19720

To The Editor:

The Fourteenth Annual Spirit of Christmas, December 13, was a delightful celebration for New Castle, the New Castle Visitor's Bureau and the New Castle Presbyterian Church. Hundreds of visitors and friends participated in the festivities throughout the city and at 14 houses in our neighborhood. Many thanks to this community for their unfailing hospitality!

On behalf of the members of the New Castle Presbyterian Church and the Spirit of Christmas leadership team, I express a sincere thanks to Gene and Caroline Dempsey of the New Castle Visitor's Bureau, Jean Norvell, Florence Davis, and Nancy Jodlbauer and the New Castle Historical Society's Dickens Experience, the New Castle City employees and officials, all local businesses, the generous publicity of Cobblestones, and all the citizens of New Castle for wonderful support. Your participation each year is very much appreciated.

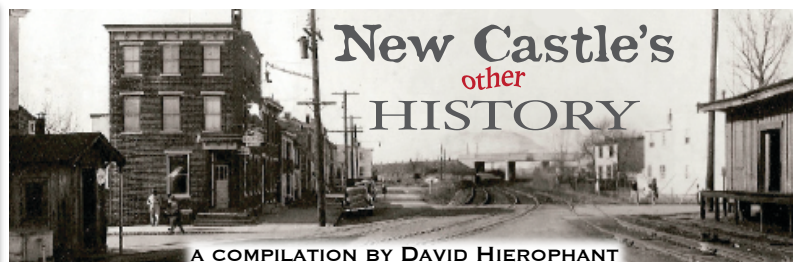
The generosity of all involved helped us generate a contribution of almost \$10,000 to Friendship House ministries for homeless men, women, and children. We particularly thank the New Castle Visitor's Bureau for a contribution of \$2000.

Thank you, New Castle, for sharing your gifts!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Rev. Nancy Rowland, Pastor

New Castle Presbyterian Church



Education

Since many of the immigrants were illiterate, education was an important goal for each family. Each child was given an education commensurate with the time--8th grade, high school and later for some college.

The following descendants of the Italian immigrants graduated from college--- Angelo Baldini was the first male to graduate from college---U. of D. 1945; Loretta Ianni was the first female to graduate from college---Notre Dame of Baltimore 1953 and she received her Masters in 1956. Edward Ianni was the first to acquire a Ph D---U. of Illinois, 1970. Francis Ianni was the first to graduate from West Point, 1954, and acquired two Master Degrees, 1964 and 1966 respectively. Reverend J. Thomas Cini was the first to be ordained a priest. Several others, although not first, graduated from College---Alexander J. Alvini, Anthony Coccia---Ph D in Philosophy; Andrew Marinelli, Galileo Leon De Ascanis, and Francis De Ascanis, Jr. From these children came businessmen, school administrators, executives, military commanders, firemen, policemen, councilmen, Trustees of New Castle Common, and tradesmen.

Religion

The Church drew the Italian community together providing spiritual comfort. St. Peter's parish in New Castle served their needs in baptism, marriage, and death. A natural outgrowth of this love of church was the formation of St. Anthony's Society. Since travel was difficult and an Italian priest was not readily available, the Society filled the gap. The Society did provide an Italian priest two times a year---Christmas and Easter. All the men and women would confess and receive communion in a body, after which breakfast was served. At first all brought something, later a nominal fee was charged for breakfast. - Coffee royal was a specialty for the men. Upon the illness of a member flowers were sent and a visit by his fellow members was the order of the day. Upon the death of a member flowers and mass cards were sent as well as a visitation to the family of the deceased offering condolences and a helping hand. The viewing was at that time held in the home, and on the night of the viewing the men would gather and recite the rosary and the following day accompany their deceased friend to the grave. The St. Anthony's Society was founded by Vincent Coccia, Guido De Ascanis, Pierino Pierantozzi, and Luigi Marcozzi with the help of Fr. Edward Lienhouser. Carnevale, the night before Ash Wednesday was usually celebrated by individual families or in groups of families. The feast of St. Joseph, March 19th, a group of men and women would go from house to house, block to block singing songs and dancing. The families along the way would offer wine, sausages, and cheese *Continued next week*

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21		05:08 AM	-0.3	-9
Su		10:39 AM	5.7	174
		05:58 PM	-0.3	-9
22		11:08 PM	4.9	149
22		05:58 AM	-0.4	-12
M		11:24 AM	5.8	177
		06:48 PM	-0.4	-12
23		11:54 PM	4.9	149
23		06:48 AM	-0.5	-15
Tu		12:11 PM	5.9	180
		07:37 PM	-0.5	-15
24		12:42 AM	5.0	152
W		07:39 AM	-0.5	-15
		12:59 PM	5.9	180
		08:26 PM	-0.5	-15
25		01:32 AM	5.0	152
Th		08:32 AM	-0.5	-15
		01:51 PM	5.8	177
		09:16 PM	-0.5	-15
26		02:26 AM	5.0	152
F		09:27 AM	-0.4	-12
		02:47 PM	5.6	171
		10:07 PM	-0.5	-15
27		03:23 AM	5.1	155
Sa		10:25 AM	-0.3	-9
		03:46 PM	5.4	165
		11:00 PM	-0.5	-15

21 ☀ 7:19am ☾ 4:41pm

New Moon: 8:37pm

22 ☀ 7:20am ☾ 4:41pm

23 ☀ 7:20am ☾ 4:42pm

24 ☀ 7:21am ☾ 4:42pm

25 ☀ 7:21am ☾ 4:43pm

26 ☀ 7:22am ☾ 4:44pm

27 ☀ 7:22am ☾ 4:44pm

Read House & Gardens



This year, Christmas in the three twentieth century period rooms at the Read House will have an even more retro feel than usual as the Lairds look back to the works of famed English novelist, Charles Dickens, as they plan a Victorian Christmas-themed celebration. The Laird Dining Room will be set for a sumptuous holiday dinner with all the trimmings and feature a Christmas tree decorated in the Victorian style with garlands of fruit and nuts and various small eccentric trinkets. Party preparations are underway in the Laird Bedroom as Philip and Lydia gather their Victorian costumes for a costume party they plan to attend. Festivities will continue in the Tap Room, which will be decorated for a New Years' party



featuring Victorian games from yester-year. Through Dec. 31st.

Closed Christmas

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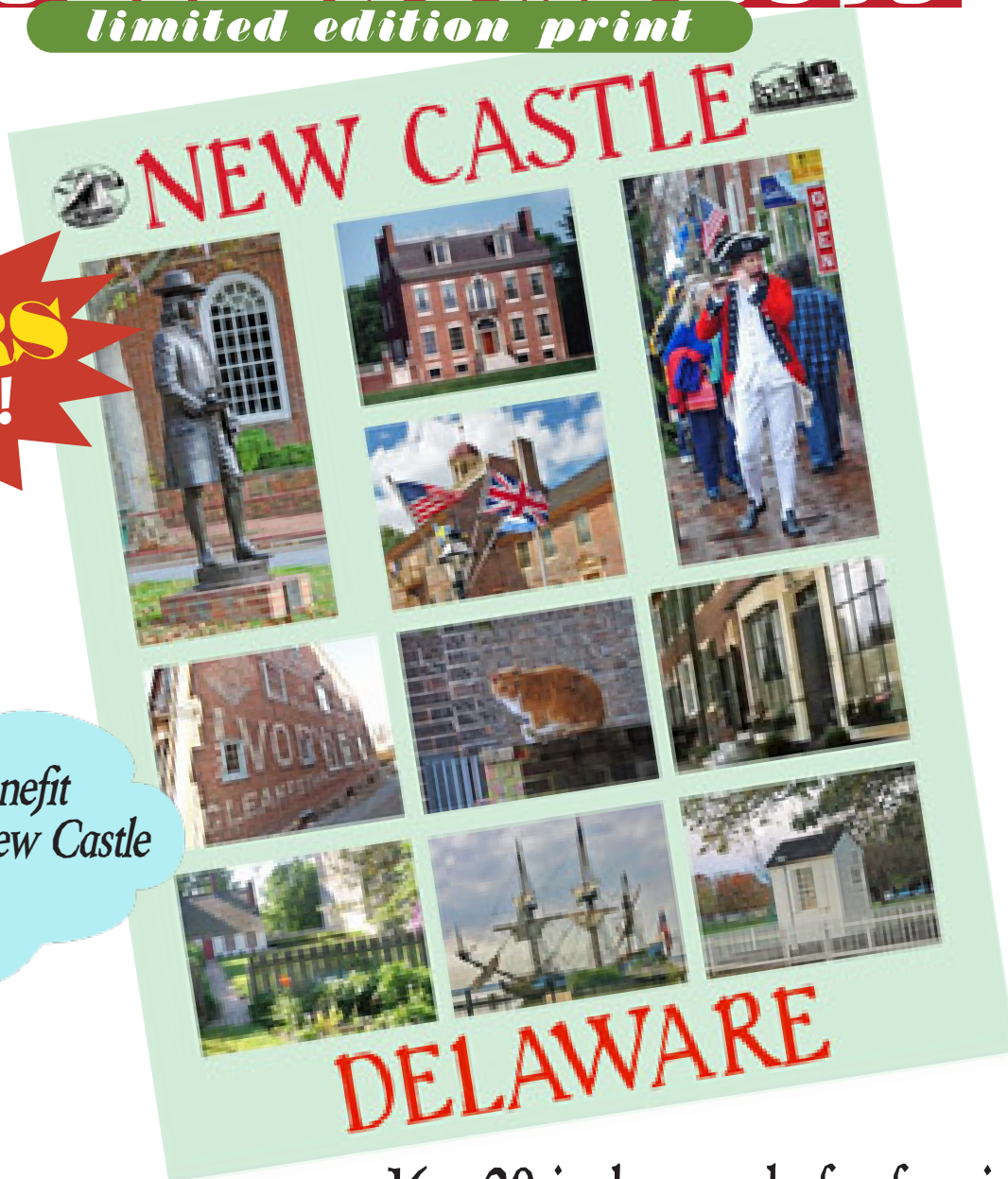
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