

OLD GUARD OF SUMMIT  **2015 HISTORIAN’S REPORT**

Our 85th Year

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Preamble

The Old Guard of Summit was founded on December 2, 1930 by E. Martin Heberd and a small number of close friends. On that very first meeting, Ruford Franklin suggested “Old Guard” as the name of the organization, citing “Old” as a term of endearment rather than age. The idea was, and still is, to bring retired men together for programs and to promote good fellowship and stimulating activities for its members. The high quality of programs continued the high standards of past years. In 2015 the monthly Old Guard Bulletin and the Old Guard website offered valuable information about upcoming programs, activities and other news and the weekly Old Guard programs presented during the year by outstanding guest speakers on a wide variety of subjects also contributed greatly to the overall success of the organization. The purpose of this Report is to provide an authentic overview of The Old Guard as it existed in 2015 for the benefit of both present and future members of the organization. After describing the general organization and typical activities of the Old Guard of Summit in 2015, including a listing its officers, the Report continues with highlights of Old Guard Council activities during 2015, a discussion of Committees generally, a section devoted to social events and discussion groups, a section discussing programs presented at Old Guard meetings during 2015 and a concluding statement. A listing of all committees and activity groups included in the Summit Area Old Guard Directory for 2015 is incorporated by reference in this Report.



When and Where

Regular meetings, with a few exceptions, were scheduled for every Tuesday morning, and were held in the spacious Council Chambers of the New Providence Municipal Center located at 360 Elkwood Avenue in New Providence, NJ 07974. The members who attended our meetings came from about 30 communities within about 20 miles of Summit/New Providence. On December 15 we held our 3,851st meeting since the inception of the Old Guard. At the beginning of the 2015 The Old Guard had a membership of 293 and ended the year with 282 members. Sadly, we lost members due to death or resignation. Our Membership Committee and Old Guard members helped us to welcome thirty-six new members during the year.

Coffee or tea was made available in the rear of the meeting room from 9:15 to 9:55 A.M. and the regular meetings started promptly at 10:00 A. M. and concluded at about 11:30 A. M. After each meeting, many members went out for lunch together and met at various nearby restaurants. Members were also able to participate in various regularly scheduled activity groups such as "Timely Topics" and the "Technology Users Group" (TUG). On the first Tuesdays in June and November, City Hall reclaimed the Council Room for elections, and our meetings were held on Mondays. Also, on October 20 we had to cancel our regular meeting due to the repairing of the parking lots at the Municipal Center. Another exception was the Ladies' Day event, which was held at the Grand Summit Hotel in Summit on the second Monday in October. And finally, our last two meetings in December were cancelled as is customary because of the Christmas and New Year's holidays.



Organization

The organization continues to operate under simple By-Laws that provide overall control by an eleven man council, consisting during 2015 of a Director (President) Richard Naths and Vice Director (Vice President) John Luckstone, who are elected by the membership, the Past-Director Bob Miller, and eight members appointed by the Director with terms concurrent with his. The eight Old Guard of Summit appointees of Mr. Naths were: Recording Secretary Paul Tukey; Corresponding Secretary Tom Dolce; Treasurer Foster

Osborne; Historian David Badertscher; Membership Chair Jim Hewitt; and three members-at-large Jim Boyd, Herb Waddell, and Tom Tobitsch. Forty chairmen of committees and activity groups were also appointed by the Director for terms concurrent with his. An independent five member Trustees organization provides oversight of the Council and the organization. Trustees serving during 2015 were: Elwood Jacoby, through 2015; Werner Wolff, through 2016; Kai Heyer, through 2017; Bob Miller, Ex Officio; Richard Naths, Ex Officio. On May 5, 2015 The Annual Report of the Old Guard of Summit was filed with the State of New Jersey Department of Treasury, Division of Revenue and Enterprise Services as per statutory requirement.

The Officers

The officers of the of The Old Guard are the Director, the Vice Director, the Recording Secretary, the Corresponding Secretary, the Treasurer, the Chairman of the Membership Committee and the Historian

The Council

During 2015 the Council of the Old Guard of Summit continued to act in an advisory capacity to the Director. In accordance with provisions in the By-Laws, the Council also has the authority to call special elections as required, has final authority in the establishment of policies, and approves budgets and expenditures.



Council Highlights

This Section is a listing of some matters of possible Old Guard historical interest arranged chronologically by date of the Council meeting where they were mentioned initially. For more detailed and comprehensive information regarding Council deliberations, consult the official Minutes of meetings of the Council of the Old Guard of Summit, NJ.

January 6, 2015:

Director Richard Naths noted that in 2015, June 2nd and November 3rd are election Tuesdays so that Old Guard meetings scheduled for those dates will be moved to the

previous Mondays. During this meeting he also noted that the *Old Guard By-Laws & Procedures Manual* is now published online as a PDF file and that Bob Miller is the new Chair of the Procedure Committee that will consider revisions to the *Manual*.

At his initial presentation to the Council the new Historian, David Badertscher, stressed the importance of record accessibility, organization, and preservation. At the time, filing cabinets holding the Old Guard's historical records were located in a secure location which was not easily accessible by our members. The access to these cabinets was obstructed by various sporting equipment and other stuff essential for the Borough of New Providence to maintain its athletic programs. With the approval of Council at the January 6 meeting, David and his committee began investigating alternative locations for storing and maintaining these records, hopefully within the building, by contacting the New Providence Borough Clerk's office (Ms. Wendi Barry).

Throughout the summer of 2015 various alternative locations were explored resulting in a new location being offered which both affords better and more convenient access to us and provides added working space needed to organize records. The NP Borough Clerk's office agreed to move the cabinets free of charge. The Council approved the relocation of the cabinets at its September 1 meeting. The Old Guard's historical files were moved to the basement level of the Municipal building and are now in a place that is more accessible than before, making it easier to organize and maintain them in a meaningful way. The borough personnel were very helpful finding space and moving the cabinets. David sent them a letter of thanks.

April 7, 2015:

The By-Laws committee was requested to change some wording in the *Old Guard Procedures Manual* (Blue Book) relating to the Awards Committee (on page IV-6 – IV-7) to read "No member of the Committee either regular or ex-officio shall be eligible for recommendation for any award until one year after their term expires". This period shortened the then four-year eligibility waiting period. The council approved this change.

September 1, 2015:

The Council approved the recommendation of the Old Guard Recommendation-Awards Committee that Ken Clark be the 2015 recipient of the "Life Member Award", the

highest award the Old Guard can bestow on a member. The Award was presented to Ken at the Ladies Day event on October 12, 2015.

The Nominating Committee is charged with proposing candidates to the Council to serve as Director and Vice Director in 2016. In addition, the Committee is charged with proposing a candidate to serve as Trustee in the years 2016 thru 2018. Selections presented by the Committee to Counsel for approval were as follows:

Director for 2016: John Luckstone, Vice Director for 2016: Thomas Dolce.

Trustee for 2016 thru 2018: John Kissane.

The Council approved the committee's choices. These candidates were introduced to members present at our regular meeting on October 6th.

October 6, 2015:

Regular Old Guard Tuesday meeting of October 20, 2015 was cancelled due to repairs of municipal building parking lot.

Historian presents final report to Council regarding successful relocation of cabinets containing Old Guard historical files to new location in basement.

A proposal to extend the summer dress code was brought up and discussed but no consensus was reached so the proposal was tabled to another day.

It was reported that someone recently asked for permission to videotape an Old Guard regular weekly meeting. After some discussion the following motion was presented to council by member Tom Tobitsch and approved: "Video recording of meetings is not allowed except by special permission from the Vice Director".

November 2, 2015:

Director Richard Nath noted that two member's terms as members of the Nominations Committee are ending and reported that Trux Mann and Ralph Ortega-Maggi are willing to serve through 2018. The Council voted on and approved the recommendations.

The Recognition Awards Committee put forward recommendations for two Unsung Hero Citations, Woody Trumbore for his continuing excellent work as editor-in-chief of

the Monthly Bulletin and Tod Packer for his long term many faceted service to the Old Guard. Both recommendations were approved by Council at this meeting.

December 1, 2015:

At this Council meeting, the Director raised the question as to whether Old Guard by-laws permit out of state residents to be members of the Old Guard. After some discussion it was decided that the Council did not find any impediment to admitting out of state residents as Old Guard members.



The Committees

At the beginning of this year Director Ricard Naths reminded all members that “our committees and activity groups are the Old Guard’s life energy”. Collectively, they play a very significant role in addressing the wide ranging interests and needs of the Old Guard. Thirty-six are listed in the 2015 Directory! You are encouraged to participate in the committees and activities. There is room for all. As in previous years some of our groups, particularly those related to organization, management, technology, and Old Guard history remained active throughout the year while others really came to life in early February and March and became more active in the planning of golf, fishing, bridge, day trips by bus to theaters and to interesting locales, as well as the planning for the summer picnic and Ladies’ Day Luncheon in October. Some groups were busier and more obvious than others, but each one provided useful and enjoyable activities for our members. The names of all group chairmen and participants are listed in The 2015 Old Guard Directory, and all deserve our thanks for their efforts and commitments.



Social Events and Discussion Groups

During 2015 Old Guard members continued to engage in a wide range of social activities and discussions, both formal and informal, within the framework of the Organization. Rather than attempt the daunting task of creating an authoritative list of these activities, this report will limit itself to highlighting some of the more prominent events organized through committees.

Ladies Day

Under the able leadership of Richard Naths, Chair of the Ladies Day Committee during 2015, the Old Guard continued its proud tradition of arranging a special luncheon and associated program for the enjoyment of Old Guard members and in honor of their ladies. Following detailed planning by the Ladies Day Committee, the luncheon and program occurred on October 12, 2015 at the Grand Summit Hotel. The Program began with welcoming remarks and introduction by Richard Naths of the speaker, Christopher J. Cotter, the recently retired City Administrator of the City of Summit, NJ who spoke about "A retrospective of 39 years with the City of Summit". This was followed by a social hour, the call to luncheon, the invocation by Rev. Shawn Callender Hogan, Senior Pastor, United Methodist Church of Summit, NJ, and a delicious luncheon. The afternoon was devoted largely to recognition and honors of Old Guard members, including the recognition of David Hartley as a 20 year inductee and the presentation of Life Membership Awards. A good time was had by all; the tradition lives on.

Old Guard Picnic

On June 16, immediately after our regular meeting, 90 Old Guard members gathered at Oakwood Park in New Providence for the annual picnic party. With the outstanding help and support of his committee members, Tom Dolce arranged again a fantastic event. An elaborate barbeque menu plus sandwiches and salads were prepared, just like last year. All members enjoyed the fine food, refreshments and the Old Guard friendship. For entertainment, members tried their skills at bocce or horseshoes. Thank you, Tom, for all your efforts and hard work to make this event another wonderful success.

Timely Topics

Under the leadership of Pete Lederman and Vice Chair Ken Lindhorst, the Timely Topics discussion group presented a large variety of topics which were discussed immediately following our regular meetings with Old Guard members usually on the second Tuesday of each month except for October because of Ladies Day. Usually 15 - 30 Old Guard members participated in these discussions which were often quite lively. Topics discussed were diverse and many related specifically to current events of the time. Among topics discussed were: "Immigration-its causes and what can or should be done about it", "What should our foreign policy be toward the Middle East?" Can democracy

survive increasingly divided government?", "War powers-what shall be the roles of the President and Congress?" "The role of privacy", "Nuclear agreement with Iran", "The Paris attacks and what we should do about it", and "Money and politics".

Technology Users Group (TUG)

TUG Workshops were held after the general meetings on the first and fourth Tuesday of the month at the front of the Council Chamber. This is a very knowledgeable and enthusiastic group of Old Guard members led by Tom Tobitsch as Chair, David Berkeley, Paul Tukey as well as John McCloskey and Dick Aiken. This group continued in 2015 to provide Old Guard members with an outstanding opportunity to meet regularly for the purpose of discussing issues, problems, and new developments related to the use of personal computers and other electronic information providing devices such as tablets and smart phones. Discussions were often held regarding emerging software issues such how to deal with matters relating to upgrading to Windows 10 and what are and how people can protect themselves from various types of problem software such as malware (malicious software) and ransomware. A couple of meetings were spent on trying to stay current with Cyber Space and Social Media Vocabulary. Five years ago the group was trying to put perspective around such terms as Wikipedia, Twitter, Facebook, etc. By 2015 these terms were a standard part of the technology vocabulary so TUG moved onto other terms like blogosphere, hashtag (new name for the old pound sign #), emoticons and phishing. One meeting was devoted to Application Enabling Internet Services like Uber, Spotify, Pinterest and PayPal. 2015 also featured a number of live TUG demonstrations. For example, Paul Tukey actually converted Olin Friant's old (POP3) email system to an (IMAP) gmail account in front of our live TUG audience. The always current topics like security and backup continue to be issues TUG will focus on as appropriate.

Throughout the year, members were encouraged to check the Old Guard's website for the current month's topics and members with computer issues had a chance to contact TUG committeemen for consultations and help. This group kept our membership well informed about available computer and software enhancements as well as the possibilities available through Internet communications. All Old Guard members liked the committeemen's willingness to share their expertise so freely.

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Programs

The wide ranging interests mentioned earlier and the intellectual curiosity of Old Guard members continued to play a significant role in the selection of high quality of speakers presenting at weekly meetings during 2015.

JANUARY PROGRAMS: John Bonacci, Program Chairman

Jan. 6 Retiring Ground Zero: The Once and Future World Trade Center – *Carla Jean Bonacci, Assistant Director for WTC development at the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, an architect, and a professional planner discussed the WTC and the history and memory of the former World Trade Center.*

Jan. 13 The Dodge Foundation and its Efforts – *Chris Daggett, President of the Geraldine Dodge Foundation and a former candidate for governor, discussed the Foundation's initiatives to help create a better New Jersey through support of the arts, education, and environment.*

Jan. 20 The Crisis of Religious Authority and Religious Extremism in Islam – *Dr. Christopher Taylor, Drew University, explored the void in religious leadership and the rise of radical extremism in the Islamic world.*

Jan. 27 Personal Health Records: What You Need to Know – *Pat Stelmach, Sage Eldercare. A personal health record is an important tool to collect, track, and share information about your health history; saving time, money, and unnecessary testing.*

FEBRUARY PROGRAMS: Doug Garno, Program Chairman

Feb. 3 Cosmology – How We Understood the Universe – *Philip Eisner, Old Guard member and retired physicist, Exxon Research.*

Feb. 10 Why Study Philosophy in the 21st Century – *Nancy Bauer, Dean of Academic Affairs for Arts and Sciences, Tufts University and daughter of Art Bauer, Old Guard member. This speaker cancelled due to snow. The substitute program for the day was a Timely Topics discussion of the question: What should the U.S. policy be in the Middle East?*

Feb. 17 Washington Crossing Foundation – *Charles Tweedy III and Katherine Julia Weeder, Esq.* These speakers could not make the trip from Pennsylvania. Instead Old Guard member Werner Wolff gave a personal account as living as a teenager in Germany during World War II.

Feb. 24 Life and Achievements of Thomas A. Edison – Charles Hummer.

MARCH PROGRAMS: Alf Walton, Program Chairman

Mar. 3 What Goes Into Making a Successful Performing Arts Center – *Ed Kirchdoerffer, General Manager of the Mayo Performing Arts Center, Morristown*, described how Mayo survived disaster 20 years ago and has grown to be one of the most successful PACs in NJ and the challenges it faces as a non-profit organization.

Mar. 10 Biomass as a Source of Energy – *Joachim Messing, Professor of Microbiology, Rutgers University*, most noted for his work in plant genomics, discussed how the search for renewable sources of energy has made biomass (plant materials and animal waste) a promising alternative even though it competes directly with the supply of food and feed.

Mar. 17 Globalization, Inequality and Women's Well-Being – *Jennifer Olmsted, Professor of Economics and Director of Middle East Studies, Drew University*, discussed the effect of globalization on the status of women in the Middle East and the roles played by economic and religious factors.

Mar. 24 The Battleship *New Jersey* – *Professor Thomas P. Walsh, Kean University*, recounted the 50-year history of the famous battleship. It was Admiral Halsey's flagship in the island-hopping phase of WWII in the Pacific. It participated in 19 battles. Commissioned four times – during WWII, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, and again by President Reagan, it is the most decorated ship in the U.S. Navy.

Mar. 31 The American Intelligence Community – *Douglas W. Simon, Emeritus Professor, Drew University*, described the immense growth of the Intelligence Community following 9/11, focusing on the CIA and the NSA. He will consider whether the Community has grown too large. Is it too intrusive upon our privacy? Is it consistent with our democratic values?

APRIL PROGRAMS: James Murray, Program Chairman

Apr. 7 The Land Conservancy's Efforts to Preserve Land and Water Resources – *Barbara McCloskey, Membership and Outreach Manager and Public Relations, BA Montclair State University,* discussed efforts to protect land and the environment.

Apr. 14 The Battle of the Bulge – *Robert (Bob) Max, a lifelong New Jersey resident,* enlisted in the U.S. Army in October 1942. Bob fought in the dreaded Battle of the Bulge in Belgium in December and January 1944/1945. Bob described his poignant experiences during this turning point battle (100,000 U.S. Army casualties). These include being wounded and captured behind enemy lines, being tortured and forced into slave labor, starvation, and a daring escape. Bob is one of only a handful of soldiers known to have successfully escaped their German captors and survived.

Apr. 21 Educating Elementary and Secondary Students in a New Millennium – *Dr. David Micelli, Superintendent of New Providence School System (K-12) since 2006.* Dr. Micelli was awarded the Union County Superintendent of the Year award in 2014-2015. New Providence High School has been ranked in the Top 10 in New Jersey three times since 2010. They were ranked #1 in New Jersey in 2012.

Apr. 28 Know the Bear Facts Program – *Michelle Ruggiero-Smith, Biologist for the N.J. Division of Fish and Wildlife,* discussed how to live in a state in which black bears have a presence in all 21 of New Jersey's counties. Black bear natural history, biology, human/bear safety and recent experiences will be covered by Michelle.

MAY PROGRAMS: John Luckstone, Program Chairman

May 5 The Great Divide – *Dr. Gerald Williams* presented for review and discussion the challenges to the world-wide gap in income and wealth proposed by Thomas Piketty in his book, *Capital in the Twenty-First Century*.

May 12 Sir Winston Churchill, a Titan of the 20th Century – Part 1: The Pre-World War II Years – *Nolan Asch, a member of the Old Guard Historical Committee,* told us about this extraordinary man's life leading up to the Battle of Britain.

May 19 Sir Winston Churchill – Part 2: World War II and Beyond – *Nolan Asch*. We heard more from Nolan about Churchill as a stirring orator and inspired leader in Britain's darkest hour and about his life thereafter.

May 26 Practicing before the Silver Oar – Pirates, Particular Average, and Plimsoll Marks – *John A. Orzel, Esq.*, regaled us with many interesting insights into the law of the seas.

JUNE PROGRAMS: Bob Miller, Program Chairman

June 1 How to Prevent Age-Related Changes in Posture and Balance in the Senior Years – *Holly Sweeny-Hillman, Director of the Tai-Chi Academy of Northern New Jersey and creator of ZENTONICS*.

June 9 Role of European Christian Clergy in the Holocaust – *Pastor Mac MacPherson, Faith Lutheran Church of New Providence*.

June 16 New Jersey Day Trips for the Old Guard Member – *Old Guard Member and Railroad Hobbyist, John Groot*.

June 23 Changes in Hospital Healthcare and Patient Empowerment – *Old Guard Member, Bob Miller*.

June 30 Role of the Sharing Network, New Providence, in Organ and Tissue Donation – *Veronica Horvath, Resource Development Assistant*.

JULY PROGRAMS: Herb Waddell, Program Chairman

July 7 Experiences on the Manhattan Project during WW II – *Byron Arison of the Old Guard* recounted his experiences working on this project that developed the nuclear bomb and hastened the end of World War II.

July 14 U.S. Tax Policy – *Old Guard member, John Kissane*. A discussion was led by Old Guard member, John Kissane and the Timely Topics Committee. The U.S. Tax Code and policy is very complex. There is continuing discussion of overhauling and simplifying it and making it more equitable. What if anything should be done to change it?

July 21 Experiences in a Japanese Internment Camp during WW II – *Old Guard member, Reyer Swaak* talked about his experiences as a teenager imprisoned for four years by the Japanese Army during World War II. He also addressed the Japanese state of mind before and at the end of the war and the emergence of third world nationalism after the collapse of colonialism.

July 28 Wagner Farm Arboretum – *Old Guardsman Mike Bennett* talked about the Wagner Arboretum in Warren and in particular, about the Giving Garden within the Arboretum where volunteers produce tons of vegetables for food pantries, soup kitchens, and shelters

AUGUST PROGRAMS: Nolan Asch, Program Chairman

Aug. 4 Premiere Stages/Kean University – *Associate Producer, Christine Whalen and Director of Audience Services, Heather Kelley* gave an exclusive overview of Premiere's Liberty Live initiative, a unique new partnership with Liberty Hall Museum, as well as the many other plays and programs they sponsor. Created in 2004, Premiere Stages is the professional Equity theatre company in residence at Kean University.

Aug. 11 American Revolutionary Round Table of Morristown – *Rich Rosenthal of the Round Table* discussed the life and times of George Washington.

Aug. 18 One Six-Year Term for President. Why Not? – *Nolan Asch of the Old Guard* examined this intriguing question.

Aug. 25 China, Tibetan Buddhism, and the Dalai Lama – *Elizabeth Downing, a Chinese language instructor* for over 30 years, was to enlighten us on these esoteric subjects but was unable to attend. In her place we had a substitute speaker . . .

Aug 25 Part I. The Dalai Lama, Part II. The U.S. Constitutional Convention – *Old Guard member Nolan Asch* introduced himself as the substitute speaker and gave a short but compelling talk on the Dalai Lama and then gave a fascinating account of the U.S. Constitutional Convention.

SEPTEMBER PROGRAMS: John Luckstone, Program Chairman

Sept. 1 The Nazi Account – *Author Larry Roth* told us about a top NYC public relations firm contracting in 1933 to work for Hitler, why he wrote a fictional novel about it, and how powerful PR firms have become in recent years.

Sept. 8 Albert Einstein: An Extraordinary Life – *Philip Eisner, our in-house science lecturer*, told us about a great physicist and a great humanitarian who had an immense influence on the course of the twentieth century.

Sept. 15 Personal Health Records: What You Need to Know – *Pat Stelmach, SAGE Eldercare*, explained why these records are important tools to collect, track, and share information about your medical history, saving time and money and avoiding unnecessary testing.

Sept. 22 Trans-Hudson and other New Jersey Transportation Crises – *Martin E. Robins, Director Emeritus of the Alan M. Voorhees Transportation Center, Rutgers University*, addressed our needs for greater rail and tunnel capacity to connect New Jersey with New York City.

Sept. 29 Overlook Hospital Today – *Kenneth Cole, Director, Planned Giving and Finance, Overlook Foundation*, updated us on the advances in healthcare being provided at the hospital, the financial challenges faced by it, and plans for the future.

OCTOBER PROGRAMS: Irwin Dorros, Program Chairman

Oct. 6 Report Card on Water Quality – *Laura Kelmis, Director of Water Quality Programs, the Great Swamp Watershed Association*, spoke on the grading of local streams with the Great Swamp Watershed Card. The Report Card synthesizes all the stream monitoring data collected by GSWA during 2014 to grade each of our five main streams. She discussed what the grades mean and the implications for landowners, municipalities, and counties.

Oct. 12 Ladies' Day (Monday) – **A retrospective of 39 years with the City of Summit**
Christopher J. Cotter, the recently retired City Administrator of the City of Summit, NJ.
The Ladies' Day event preempted the normal meeting on Tuesday, October 13.

Oct. 20 Meeting cancelled due to parking lot repairs.

Oct. 27 Home Solar – How it Works – *Kelcy Pegler Jr, President of NRG Home Solar.*

Kelcy leads a team of more than 1700 employees who are passionate about solar and obsessed about customer service. He discussed how the system functionally works, how adoption is happening both across the country, and specifically in this area.

NOVEMBER PROGRAMS: George Ross, Program Chairman

Nov. 2 Training of Seeing Eye Puppies – *Sharon Meade and her daughter* have provided early (**Mon.**) training to Seeing Eye dogs. This entails taking the dogs to all venues that a blind person would go to. They discussed the Seeing Eye program in Morristown and all aspects of this remarkable and valuable service.

Nov. 10 College Admissions Guidance to Students and (Grand) Parents – *Heather Heard* is an independent Guidance Counselor providing support and guidance to parents, high school juniors and seniors (and grandparents) on the selection process and application for college admissions. She is not associated with a specific high school or college and therefore, can be objective with all parties in this complex and important process.

Nov. 17 HomeTowneTV – Our Local TV Station – *Fred Honold is Chairman of the Board of local TV Channel 36* (Channel 33 on FiOS and www.hometownetv.org online). He discussed the Channel's mission, goals, and operations. This important non-profit service is a major asset to our local communities. It provides support for our various interests and area services and airs programs that benefit our communities.

Nov. 24 The Noe Pond Club – *Bailey Brower is the original founder and longtime manager of the Noe Pond Club in Chatham.* Active in many aspects of Chatham, he has provided a wonderful array of activities for area families. He is well-known in the Chatham community, having served in many capacities that make this area a great residential destination.

DECEMBER PROGRAMS: Hank Esnes, Program Chairman

Dec. 1 J.M. Keynes, A Deeper Dive – *Steve Varley*, a Summit Old Guard member and former CFO of both International Business and Consumer Business at AT&T, followed up his earlier presentation on the life and economics of British economist, John Maynard Keynes.

Dec. 8 John Marshall, The Greatest Chief Justice of the Supreme Court Ever- How He Did It – *Nolan Asch*, a Summit Old Guard member and a noted Alexander Hamilton historian, covered this topic and much more.

**Acknowledgments**

In this report I have tried to prepare a document of reference value which provides an overview of the Old Guard as it existed in 2015 for the benefit of both present and future members of our organization. Such an effort could not be accomplished without the help of both my fellow members and information sources made available. While I cannot begin to mention everyone, I am especially grateful to Richard Naths and John Luckstone for their leadership and support, to Paul Tukey for always responding when I needed added information, to Tom Tobitsch for providing additional information regarding activities of the Technology Users Group (TUG) during the year and to Ron Hoke our Vice Chair of the Historical Committee for overseeing the “Just Thought You Would Like to know” and “Did You Know That?” activities of the Historical Committee – thereby freeing me up to carry out other Historical Committee and Historian responsibilities. The OG Minutes, prepared by the Recording Secretary, and the Monthly Old Guard Bulletin, prepared by the Bulletin Committee, as well as other reports helped me a great deal. Also, the “Blue Book” supplied a good source of information. In addition, I gathered information by just attending our meetings and by listening and talking to our members. Finally, should I have overlooked one or the other activities, then the fault would be mine, but it was not done intentionally.

Respectfully Submitted

David Badertscher

Historian 2015