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The Graystone Society brings you the newsletter of the National Iron & Steel Heritage Museum in the Lukens National Historic

Rebecca Lukens Award Presentation

It was a festive group that gathered on March 22 to be part of the presentation of the Sixth Annual Rebecca Lukens Award to **Tammy Cansler** for her years of work in the area of affordable housing in Coatesville. After Graystone Society President Scott Huston's introduction, Rebecca Lukens story was related by Susannah Brody (in character as Rebecca.)



Susannah Brody as Rebecca Lukens

Mrs. Cansler founded the Cansler Investment Group, a real estate development company dedicated to bringing safe and affordable housing to the people of Coatesville in 1985. She was instrumental in the creation of the North Second Avenue Redevelopment Project, Penns Crossing Townhomes, and most recently the Brandywine Center on Lincoln Highway.



Scott G. Huston presenting the Rebecca Lukens Award to Tammy Cansler

Scott and Tammy unveiled the award plaque that is permanently displayed on the model of Rebecca's rolling mill. Scott also presented her with the award certificate.

Also honoring Mrs. Cansler were Coatesville then City Manager Gary Rawlings, Chester County Commissioner Kathi Coz-

zone, State Representative Tim Hennessey, representatives for US Representative Jim Gerlach and State Senator Kurt Schroder, and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Secretary of State Carol Aichele.

Tammy's good friend and former City Council President Paul Johnson also spoke movingly about how Tammy has worked for so many years to make Coatesville a better place to live.

SPRING EVENTS

2012 Garden Party

The Garden Party took place on June 16 on the beautiful grounds of the Lukens National Historic District. This was only the second year for the Garden Party, and already it was one of our most eagerly anticipated events.

The keynote speaker for this year was Jane L.S. Davidson and the title of her speech was "Who has the Iron Cradle?"



Jane L.S. Davidson



Scott G. Huston with Scholarship Winners Kevin A. Smith II and Genevieve Kraidman

This years winners of the **Charles Lukens Huston Scholarship Award** were **Kevin A. Smith II** and **Genevieve Kraidman**. The scholarships are given to seniors attending Coatesville High School for the purpose of furthering their education in the area of science or technology.

The highlight of the evening was the recognition of **Eugene L. DiOrio** for his years of service to the community along with the presentation of the **Eugene L DiOrio Volunteer of the Year Award**. The winner of the award this year is **Francis Ciarrocchi**, former Lukens Steel employee and a volunteer for the Graystone Society since 2007.



Scott G. Huston with Francis Ciarrocchi and Eugene L. DiOrio

To watch video of the event go to www.3CTVLive.com and to view more photos go to our Facebook page for Lukens National Historic District.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This has been an exciting year so far. We had a successful gathering for the Rebecca Lukens Award Presentation. It was great connecting with Tammy Cansler, a truly deserving winner of the 6th Annual Rebecca Lukens Award.

The 2nd Annual Garden Party took place on a beautiful night in June. The highlight of the evening was the recognition of Eugene L. DiOrio for his years of service. It was also a night for awards, two scholarships awards were given to deserving Coatesville High School seniors as well as, the 1st Annual Eugene L. DiOrio Volunteer of the Year Award.

We're looking forward to the exciting events we have scheduled for the rest of the year, including a new event this summer *Learn the Art of Storytelling with Susannah Brody* in July. We'll continue our popular Lecture Series, and again host the *Irons for Steel Golf Outing* and *Lukens Reunion and Barbeque* and look forward to our trip to the B&O Railroad Museum in Baltimore this Fall.

We will also commemorate the 11th Anniversary of the World Trade Center attacks with *Coatesville Remembers* on September 11. We again finish the year with our Holiday Open House.

We are currently increasing membership and encourage everyone to join the Graystone Society. We have some great new benefits to membership (see Development at right).



Scott G. Huston

DEVELOPMENT

Membership Drive

We are proud to announce one of the great new benefits of membership in the Graystone Society is that you now receive a reciprocal membership in the Chester County Historical Society. Also, membership renewal and new memberships are discounted by 15% during our events.

Membership goals for 2012 is 257 members and \$27,000. We currently have 156 members, so tell a friend!

Visitor Statistics through May 2012

- 352 onsite visitors.
- Average of 3200 web visitors /month
- 598 views of videos on 3CTVLive.com
- 2,709 contacts
- 1,029 email addresses
- 152 Facebook Likes

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MEET THE STAFF

Summer Interns

We are excited to host two summer interns, funded by the Coatesville Youth Initiative Service Corps, Sharee Joseph and Jewel Lee.

Jewel is 2012 graduate of Coatesville Area Senior High. She enjoys painting, reading, and playing guitar. This fall she begins at Messiah College, majoring in music therapy.



Jewel Lee



Sharee Joseph

Sharee will be a senior this year at CASH. She plans to attend Pulse Beauty Academy after high school. Her future plans include college for a degree in social work.

They they are working on collections, business planning, a volunteer handbook, and a teaching guide during their eight week program.

COLLECTIONS

Interns and WCU Collections Volunteers

This spring we had eleven history major students from Dr. Tonya Taylor's, West Chester University class learning about the collections management process. Each student was required to give six hours of volunteer time. They were a great help and we look forward to welcoming another class for Spring 2013.



Kevin Ammon

We also had Austin Shupe, a Conestoga High School senior, who's film, which used Lukens National Historic District as a backdrop, recently won 1st place in the Conestoga Film Festival. He was working with us his last semester to create a Lukens Steel documentary.

Kevin Ammon was our latest college intern, from Westminster College. He worked on developing a database to track the location of Lukens Steel products in the United States.