



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

Eugene L. DiOrio Retires from Graystone Society Board of Directors



Eugene L. DiOrio

Eugene L. DiOrio may be known to many as an authority on the history of the Lukens Steel Company and the City of Coatesville, but that is not all there is to the man. He is also an author, talented photographer, avid traveler, and a collector of many things, including political and musical autographs. Most importantly he has been a mover and shaker in the world of historic preservation in Coatesville, Chester County, and Pennsylvania.

Gene was working in the accounting department at Lukens Steel when he met Stewart Huston, and a friendship developed through their mutual interest in history and opera. Stewart invited Gene to become involved with the Primitive Hall Foundation as accountant, and after Stewart's passing, he served for many years as a foundation Board Member, President & Treasurer, and worked for the further restoration of the historic hall.

In 1984 Gene, along with Mary Sullivan, founded the Graystone Society in order to restore and preserve Graystone Mansion. Eventually the Society acquired both Graystone Mansion and the Huston family home, Terracina, and Gene was a catalyst for the creation of the Lukens National Historic District.

Some of Gene's other endeavors include service on the Chester County Parks & Recreation Board, Brandywine Battlefield Park Commission, Preservation Pennsylvania Board, and the Pennsylvania Capitol Preservation Committee in Harrisburg.

There is not enough room here to list all of Gene's accomplishments, but after decades of service to the Graystone Society and the City of Coatesville Gene has decided to retire. However, he will remain in Coatesville and will be serving the Graystone Society on an advisory, emeritus basis, and will continue efforts for recognition of Coatesville and Lukens Steel Co. history and the development of the National Iron and Steel Heritage Museum.

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Upcoming Events

Sixth Annual Rebecca Lukens

Award Presentation — March 22, 2012



The recipient for this year's Rebecca Lukens Award will be **Tamara Cansler**. Ms Cansler is the founder of Cansler Investment Group, a real estate investment firm specializing in the development of housing for low and moderate income

families in Chester County. Cansler Investment Group has developed hundreds of affordable housing units in Chester County, primarily in the Coatesville area.

The Award will be presented at a reception in the Lukens Executive Office Building, 50 South First Avenue, in Coatesville. Tickets for this event are \$40 and reservations are required. Light refreshments will be served.



Tamara Cansler

The award plaque is permanently housed in The Lukens National Historic District, mounted to a scale replica of Rebecca's original rolling mill. A commemorative etching with each recipient's name is affixed to the plaque.

This invitation-only event is sponsored by the Huston Foundation and the Stewart Huston Charitable Trust. If you are interested in attending, please give us a call at 610-384-9282 or send an email to programs@steelmuseum.org.

You can RSVP this event by going to SteelMuseum.org and clicking on the **Register Now** button.

Be a part of the Graystone Society!

We can't do it without you!

President's Message

Eugene L. DiOrio

The first day I met Gene DiOrio was on a sunny day after graduating from college. I had driven to the Historic District to learn more about my family history, and ran in to Gene as he was coming out of Terracina.



Scott G. Huston

Gene is steeped in the history of Coatesville and Lukens. He walked me through Terracina, telling me things I had never known.

Gene has a passion for historic preservation, but also the financial discipline necessary to launch the Graystone Society on a firm footing.

Since I first met Gene we have worked together at the Graystone Society, we've traveled around Chester County and other parts of the state and country together, and he still amazes me. There is no more qualified person to pass on our history to a new generation than Eugene L. DiOrio.

Meet the Staff

Jim Ziegler, our new Executive Director

Jim Ziegler first started working with the Graystone Society in 2009 when he joined the Board of Directors to help structure the Finance Committee.



Jim Ziegler

Jim has a long history with Coatesville. His father worked at Lukens Steel, and Jim is a past President/CEO/Board Member at Coatesville Savings Bank. He serves on the Board of the Brandywine Health Foundation, and is currently a Producer at Breuninger & Son Insurance, Inc.

Jim has developed extensive executive expertise over the years.

As our day-to-day needs are increasing, Jim's non-profit experience will prove invaluable. He will be assisting with Development, Programs and Administration, increasing our eligibility for certain Grants.

Welcome Jim Ziegler!

Development

Membership

We will be starting our 2012 Membership drive in January and February, and we're looking forward to surpassing our 2011 numbers of 150 members generating \$14,000 in revenues.

Our goals for 2012 are 200 members bringing in \$20,000, which will help to offset administrative costs. Benefits of membership include early notice of upcoming events and receipt of the *Boilerplate* newsletter.

The Graystone Society and the National Iron & Steel Heritage Museum have put up some impressive statistics this year:

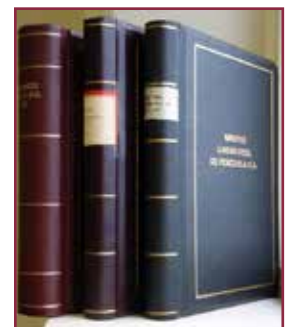
- 1,503 Actual visitors to the Historic District through September (1,529 all of 2010, 541 all of 2009)
Increased visitation helps us raise money to enhance and improve our visitor experience.
- 684,520 Digital Visitor hits so far (over one million in 2010 due to return of World Trade Center Trees)
- An average of 2,500 unique visitors to our website every month
- 1,860 views of our videos on C3TV so far this year
- A list of 2,600 contacts, which we would like to increase to 3,500 next year.
- 1,117 Email addresses
- 208 Facebook friends

Please join us as we grow by becoming a member. Membership packets will be in the mail soon, or you can join and pay online at our website SteelMuseum.org.

Collections

We have recently acquired Minute Books and Executive Committee Merger & Acquisition documents from Lukens Steel. These documents contain a great deal of historically interesting and significant details concerning Allegheny Iron & Ore, Washington Steel, Lukens General Industries, GPC International, Stewart Properties, Flex-O-Lite and others.

Eugene L. DiOrio has also been instrumental in helping us acquire the archives of the now defunct Coatesville Garden Club, thereby expanding our collections concerning Coatesville history.



Lukens Steel Minute Books

Please note: Volunteer Days in 2012 will be moving to Saturdays.

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Property

Graystone Mansion



We are please to announce that Graystone Mansion has been leased by Life Transforming Ministries, who have partnered with Harcum College and The Institute for Leadership Education,

Advancement, and Development, Inc. to bring an accredited college program to Coatesville. There are currently three degree programs currently being offered: Early Childhood Education, Leadership Studies Major, and Human Services.

Anyone interested in finding out more about the courses, degree options and financial aid should call the Life Transforming Ministries office at 610.384.5393 or send an email to Inbox@QuietRevolution.org

Interested in . . .

The Mariners' Museum

The first battle between ironclad vessels took place on March 9, 1862 between the USS Monitor and the Confederate Virginia (USS Merrimack), a battle that changed naval warfare forever.



The Monitor sank in 1862 and the wreck wasn't discovered until 1973, at which point the site became the first National Marine Sanctuary.

The Mariners' Museum in Newport News, Virginia is the home of artifacts from the Monitor, which they are working to conserve after almost 140 years of immersion in saltwater.

Visitors to the museum can view the Monitor's revolving gun turret, steam engine, screw propeller and other artifacts. Many of these articles are displayed within huge tanks containing treatment solution, with ongoing conservation work being done.

The Mariners' Museum is more than just the USS Monitor, it has a wealth of permanent and traveling exhibitions concerning naval history, plus educational programs. The collections contain photographs, ship models, art and thousands of other objects having to do with the sea.

The Mariners' Museum is located in Newport News, Virginia. For more information visit MarinersMuseum.org.

Book Nook

Union Monitor 1861-65

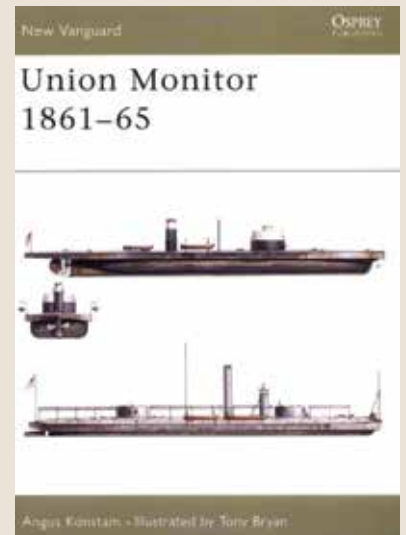
By Angus Konstam, Illustrated by Tony Bryan

This easy-to-read book is devoted to the history of the earliest American iron-clad warships — the Monitors. It is full of information on the development of all Monitor style ships, not just the first well-known Monitor that fought at Hampton Roads.

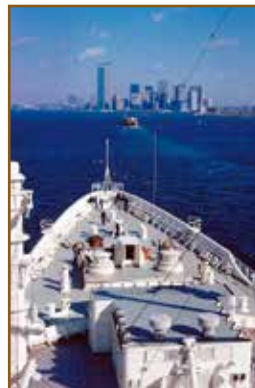
Following this battle more of these vessels were built, until a squadron protected the ships blockading the Southern coastline. By the end of the war the US Navy possessed a modern coastal fleet carrying the most powerful artillery afloat.

Union Monitor 1861-65 contains rare archival photos, period engravings, cut-a-way drawings of the interior workings, and specially commissioned paintings.

Available online at <http://lukensnhd.org/store.htm!>



Recent Events



Gene DiOrio speaking at one of his Touring Italy slide shows (sample slide at left).



The first 2011 Fall Lecture featured Scott Huston speaking about the Lukens Athletic League, pictured above at right.

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Irons for Steel Golf Outing September 27, 2011



Left: Vice president Gene DiOrio and Treasurer Jim Ziegler enjoy the great atmosphere on the Patio of Merion Golf Club

Right: Our Event Sponsor City Construction with our Program Manager Carolyn Keene.



Recent Events

Trip to World Trade Center Memorial

October 19, 2011



Left: Full bus of eager participants heading to the Tribute WTC Visitor Center

Right: Airplane window on display at the Tribute WTC Visitor Center



Above: Massive North Tower reflecting pool with the museum visible behind

Right: Personal photograph exhibit of First Responders and Victims on display at the Tribute WTC Visitor Center



2012 Events in the Lukens National Historic District

March 22 — 5 to 8 PM (\$40)

Sixth Annual Rebecca Lukens Award Presentation honoring Tammy Cansler

April 12 — 6 to 8 PM (\$5, Members Free)

Lecture: USS New Jersey lecturer Jason Hall — Battleship Development of the Monitor to USS New Jersey

April (date TBD) — (Cost TBD)

Day Trip: USS New Jersey / Independence Seaport Museum

May 3 — 6 to 8 PM (\$5, Members Free)

Lecture: Eugene DiOrio – The Lukens Steel Connection with the Creation of the Chester Valley Bank

May 19 — 10 AM to 3 PM (Free Event)

Volunteer Day: Collections Management

June 16 — 6 PM (\$75/seat, \$45 Tax Deductible)

Garden Party & Scholarship Award Dinner

July 1 — Noon to 9 PM (\$5 Tours)

Celebrate Coatesville Day: Open for Tours

July TBD — one day a week (\$15 All sessions, \$5 Per session)

Story Telling with Susannah Brody

Ages 8-12 — 3 Hour long Sessions & 1 Final Show

Go to www.steelmuseum.org/events for a full listing.

Inaugural Lukens Reunion a& BBQ

October 8, 2011



Above left (L to R): Louis Pieri and his daughter Debra.

Above right (L to R): Janet Steen, Carol Slody and Rich Smith look at old photographs.

Left: Jimmy's Barbecue cook.



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