

# Tidings

## Official Newsletter of the Avalon History Center and Avalon Historical Society

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### EXPERIENCE THE HISTORY OF AVALON!

Due to the popularity of last summer's lecture series, the History Center has created corresponding videos that can be viewed on your computer, phone, or tablet. The videos cover the following topics:

Part 1, through 1933: learn about Avalon's origins, founders, infrastructure buildup (including the railroad!) and early businesses.

Part 2, through 1962: discover the impact of WWII on Avalon, changes through the 1950s and on to the powerful Nor'easter of March 1962, which altered the course of the island's history.

Part 3, through today: reflect on Avalon's history in more recent years, characterized by new businesses, rapid development, and shifting demographics.

Find the videos on the History Center's Facebook page or through the Avalon Free Public Library's Youtube channel.



The Avalon Hotel in the early 20th century.



Avalon's Civil Defense group in 1941.



Marion & Charlie Moore, with dog Laddy and the famous popcorn machine, in the 1960s.

### History Center Programs continue throughout the winter and spring on the first Saturday of each month!

December 1, 4-7pm	Avalon Historical Society Annual Holiday Party
January 5, 1pm	The First Frontier: Yeoman-Whalers and the Origin of Cape May County
February 2, 1pm	John & Abigail Adams: The First American Power Couple
March 2, 1pm	Storm of 1962 Photo Slideshow
April 6, 1pm	The Underground Railroad in Cape May County
May 4, 1pm	Dr. Jeffery Dorwart, author of <i>Cape May County, New Jersey: The Making of an American Resort Community</i>

## A TRIBUTE TO JEAN SYKES



Back: Sue Jacobson, Jean Losch  
Front: Mittie Quay, Jean Sykes

To know her was to love her. Jeanne Sykes was an easy going, caring person who saw the bright side of everything.

Jeanne was an instrumental part of bringing the Avalon Museum and Historical Society building to reality, and then giving much of her time through some 15 years, wherever she was needed. Jeanne was an officer, gift shop volunteer, co-chair of the Tri-Avalon Race and Photography Contest and assistant of the Olde House Tour. Nothing seemed to be a problem for Jeanne. We were fortunate to have Jeanne as a member, volunteer and friend. Jeanne passed away October of 2017.

## RECENT ACQUISITION FEATURE

This past summer Kimberly Schiela generously donated to us a package of 1970's photographs & certificates documenting her time on the **Avalon Gems Girls Basketball team**, as well as her role as a cheerleader for the Fire Lions football team.

They are a great addition to the actual uniforms donated by Carol MacFeat in 2017, on display right now in the History Center's "Growing Up in Avalon" exhibit.



*Donated by Kimberly (Pedroni) Schiela*



*From 2017.003. Cheerleaders outfit donated by Carol MacFeat*

Just how many of Avalon's junior sports teams have been called the **Avalon Gems**? So far we have found Avalon's football team (pre-"Fire Lions") & their cheerleaders, the girls basketball team, the boys basketball team & the boys baseball team. Reflecting Avalon's moniker "**Gem of the Jersey Coast**," it seems that ALL sports teams followed suit & adopted Gems as their name. We are still looking, there could be more!

**AVALON**  
NEW JERSEY  
"The Gem of the Jersey Coast"

Come in & see pictures, information & artifacts from the teams, maybe share your sporting stories & memorabilia with us – we'd love to add them to our collection.

## Thank you to those that have renewed their membership for 2018:

NANCY & ALAN ASKINAS  
 ROBERT & ELIZABETH BESTE  
 BARBARA BLUM  
 MARY ELLEN BOWEN  
 JOE & TERESA BRESLIN  
 STEPHANIE CARR  
 ROSE MARIE CHEW  
 MARTIN J. CONNOR Jr.  
 CHUCK & LYNN COVINGTON  
 NANCY & KEN DAVIS  
 DR ROBERT & PATRICIA DAVIS  
 JAMES & ANTOINETTE DEEVER  
 BARBARA DENAULT  
 RUSSELL & DOROTH  
 DIGIALLORENZO  
 TERI & MICHAEL OWLEY D'IGNAZIO  
 ABNER & MIM DOWDELL  
 LINDA ECHEVARRIA

PAT & JIM FLEISCHMANN  
 WILLIAM FLOUNDERS  
 ELYSE FOCHT  
 SUZANNE & MICHAEL FORD  
 NEIL & SUZIE GALLAGHER  
 STEVE & ELLEN GEISEL  
 GASPER GENUARDI  
 AL HARING  
 DICK HERB  
 LYNN HOLT  
 JEAN HUNTER  
 FRANCES JUCHNO  
 JACK KEENAN  
 KLAUS/GALLAGHER FAMILY  
 AUDREY KOLLER  
 JACK & LINDA LIGNELLI  
 MICHAEL & CAROL MATT  
 CARL & DONA MATTIA

LEONARD & HELENA MAZUR  
 TERRY & BETTY MCCABE  
 JAMES J. & JOSEPHINE MCCABE  
 ED & RENEE MCCOMAS  
 JAMES Jr. & SUSAN MCDERMOTT  
 JAMES MURRAY  
 KATHLEEN & MICHAEL NESTOR  
 PHEBE & MICHAEL NOVAKOVICH  
 EDGAR & PATRICIA PALMER  
 JOS PAQUETTE  
 REGINA & JACK POLSENBERG  
 DONNA ROGERS  
 BARBARA ROWAN  
 F.J. SAUERISEN  
 CARMEN & LOIS SCARPA  
 JOHN & JANA SCARPA  
 ERIC & KIMBERLY SCHIELS  
 LYNN D. SCHWARTZ

CHARLES SCHIFFER  
 WILLIAM & ROSE SMITH  
 JOHN & SUSAN STICKLEY  
 STURDY SAVINGS BANK  
 BUD & CLAIRE THALMAN  
 JAMES THATCHER  
 DANIEL B. & PAMELA D. THOMPSON  
 WILLIAM H. Jr & DOROTHY TOZOUR  
 MARY VERSAGE  
 CARLO & JOANNE VIOLA  
 JOSEPH & LISA WHITE  
 KEN & PAT WILLIAMS  
 LYNNE M. WILSON  
 MURRAY & VICKI WOLF  
 JOSEPH & ANN MARIE ZALADONIS  
 LOUIS & DORIS ZUCCA

## And, as always, to our lifetime members:

THOMAS W. BARRON  
 PAUL COHEN  
 SUSAN COOPER  
 DAVID COSKEY  
 BETSY HOLSTEN CROWLEY  
 MARJORIE DELANEY  
 RUSSELL & DOROTHY DI  
 GIALLORENZO  
 LINDA ECHEVARRIA  
 KAREN & FRED EDELSTEIN

PAT ELLIS/OLDHAM  
 BARBARA & BILL GRAHAM  
 WILLIAM & FRANCES GRAHAM  
 LINDA & ROGER HALL  
 MAUREEN HICKS  
 DR NANCY HUDANICH  
 JOAN HUNTER  
 LUCILLE JACOBSON  
 DAVID KNOCHE  
 MARY JANE KOEN

ELSIE KUHN  
 SALLY MCCAFFREY  
 MARY MILLAR  
 JOSEPH PAQUETTE  
 DAVIS PEARSON  
 ROBERT PENROSE JR  
 ROBERT & ANN PENROSE SR  
 GARY & CYNTHIA PORTER  
 VERONICA POWERS  
 MARGARET QUINN

MICHAEL & JANE RICE  
 DON & NANCY RICHARDS  
 SUSETTE ROTH  
 IRVIN & ANITA SCHORSCH  
 BETTY SHOEMAKER  
 JEANNE SYKES  
 JOE TIPPING  
 WILLIAM & DOROTHY TOZOUR  
 FRANK WECKERLY  
 ROSE WELLS

## Thank you to those that donated collections items/artifacts so far this year!

ANDREW BAUMBACH  
 COLLEEN CAMERON  
 LORRAINE CAROLFI  
 ROSE MARIE CHEW  
 ROBERT COBB  
 LAUREN COCHRAN  
 CRAIG CUNNINGHAM  
 JACK & MIMI DONLEVIE  
 JACQUIE EWING  
 DAVID FELLEBAUM III  
 SUZIE GALLAGHER

DAVID GAROFALO  
 RON GRIFFIN  
 AL HARING  
 BETSY HENRY  
 MARIE HOOD  
 SUE KEEN  
 ROBERT A. LEE  
 WILLIAM MAHER, JR.  
 DEBORAH MARTINELLI  
 CARL MATTIA  
 KELLY MCCORRISTIN

SUSAN MCLAUGHLIN  
 JANICE MILLS  
 PASTOR DAVE MONTANYE  
 ED & BARBARA NATALE  
 ROBERT PENROSE, JR.  
 MICHELLE PETRUCCI  
 DON & BECKY PETERSON  
 MIKE QUINN  
 WILDA RICHARDSON  
 KEVIN SCARPA  
 KIMBERLY SCHIELA

LYNN SCHWARTZ  
 SUZANNE SENNHENN  
 WEETZIE SOENS  
 DAVID SONNER  
 JOSH SOUDRES  
 SUSAN MURPHY STREMPACK  
 BRUCE TELL  
 RUTH THRAEN  
 JAN VAN DYKE  
 ROSE WELLS  
 MARTHA WRIGHT

### *Congratulations to the following additions to the Avalon Register of Historic Places:*

3018 First Avenue, built 1903 • 149 26th Street, built 1907  
 64 West 8th Street, built 1890 • 1618 Avalon Avenue, built 1900

Is your house more than 50 years old, and retains its original character? It may be eligible for listing on the Avalon Register of Historic Places. Stop by, call, or visit the History Center's website for a copy of the application form.

### Thank You to Go Fish Mini Golf for sponsoring the annual tournament on July 12!



*All are welcome and invited to attend!*

**Saturday, December 1**  
**4pm to 7pm**  
**at the Avalon History Center**

Enjoy food, refreshment, good company and good cheer.  
And check out this year's Christmas ball, featuring Jack's Place!



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