



GHHS Gazette

Spring 2025

Springtime is here!!

It has certainly been a wild winter this past year! From warm days to snow, we have had it all! But there is light at the end of the tunnel! The flowers are peaking through, and life is renewing all around us. Just as nature is spring back to life, so are we at GHHS. We will be everywhere this spring, events such as Bug & Bud in Milford, I Love Lake Forest Day and more! All this activity will lead us into our big spring event, Kids Day at the Caboose. More on those events later in the newsletter.

We have wrapped up construction on the renovations the attic area. We now have a large, controlled environment archival storage space and research area. All our archival storage has been relocated and the hard work done by our intern last summer has given us a great start organizing this space. We again want to thank Longwood Foundation and Delaware 250th for the grant funding for this project.

Current projects include installation of dimmable LED lighting in the Annex to better protect our artifacts, minor repairs to the Railroad Block Tower, and funding permitting, repairs to the Harrington Motors neon sign. We are hopefully to receive another intern this summer to continue the process.



It will soon be time to renew your membership dues. Dues are \$20.00 and we will be sending out renewal emails and notices beginning July 1, 2025. We are always looking for new members, so bring a friend and have fun!

Wreaths Across America

WHAT AN EXCITING DECEMBER IT WAS!



Wreaths Across America

What a wonderful December we had with all our Wreaths Across America events. Kicking off the day on December 12, 2024, was a Veterans fair hosted by Bally's Casino and Royal Prime Events. We can never thank them enough for their generous donation of the facility and food for this event!

The afternoon saw a visit from the Escort to Arlington Wreaths Across America Convoy. Over a mile long convoy and hundreds of people descended on Dover Motor Speedway as we welcomed Wreaths Across America to Delaware. From the wonderful choir of Dover Air Force Base Middle School, the Honor Guard from DAFB, to the Silent Drill Team from Caesar Rodney High School, the event was very moving as we honored our veterans. A huge shout out to Mike Tatoian, President and General Manager of Dover Motor Speedway and his staff for all their hard work to make this event so special. From the moment we asked them to host the event, they dedicated hundreds of hours to planning, logistics, and funded the event. We can only say thank you for being such great community partners!

Then to wrap up our busy week, on Saturday, December 14, 2024, over 800 volunteers descended on 12 locations across Kent County, to place over 2800 wreaths on the graves of our veterans. And 2025 will be even bigger! We have already added a cemetery in Georgetown and are in discussions to assist another site as well. So, we need your help! Be sure to sponsor a wreath today! As you family, friends, coworkers, companies you do business with or work for, to support this wonderful cause. Use the QR Code below or visit our website, www.ghhsociety.org and click on the Wreaths Across America link. Wreaths cost just \$17.00 to sponsor. A small price for our freedom.



Black History Month Review

In February, we celebrated our third Black History Month event. This year's focus was on honoring those from Harrington's African American community that have had a positive impact on Harrington. The honorees were in two separate categories:

S.W.I.F.T. Elders Tribute

(Seasoned, Wise, Informed, Full of Love, Testament)

Margie Collick Conquest

Margaret Benson Harris

Teresa Taylor Bowers

Nettie Nichols Johnson

Rev. Frances Ralston Benson

Janet Smith Stewart

Gloria Johnson Jones

Bishop James L. Coleman, Sr.

Bishop Ralph Benson, Sr.

William "Pie" Parker

Ralph L Taylor

Elder Milton Benson

Black History Month Review

And our second group honored were:

Harrington Unsung Honorees

Leadership, Entrepreneurial, Groundbreaking Achievement

Dr. Vickie R. Hendricks Lindsey

Fred Johnson

Dr. Gwendolyn Scott-Jones, PsyD

Chester Scott, Jr.

George Teague, Jr.

The committee did a wonderful job of celebrating Harrington's African American history.



KIDS DAY AT THE CABOOSE!!

Back by popular demand, Kids Day at the Caboose, will be held on Saturday, June 14, 2025, beginning at 10am. This year's event will also feature a car show, sponsored by Southern Delaware Street Rod Association. Come out for a day of fun, games, and food! Learn about Harrington's Railroad history and check out the cars!



Kids Day at the Caboose – Saturday, June 14, 2025, 10 am till 2pm

Wreaths Across America Fundraising Golf Tournament – Johnathan’s Landing, June 27, 2025

46th Annual Harrington Heritage Day – Saturday, August 23, 2025

Santa at the Caboose, nights in December, to be announced.

Wreaths Across America, Wreath Day 2024 – Saturday, December 13, 2025, 12 pm



We Need Your Support More Than Ever!

The Greater Harrington Historical Society is looking for sponsors.

As you all know, the GHHS functions solely on grants, donations, and dues. GHHS is looking for individuals, families, and businesses, that want to help us continue our mission through a sponsorship program. We are a non-profit organization and, as such, all donations are tax free contributions.

To ensure we can continue to preserve and present our history, we are asking the community for help. While many of our major projects receive grant funding, operational costs continue to be a challenge.

Applications can be found on our website, www.ghhsociety.org or at the museum.