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A NEWSLETTER AT LAST!

An Open Letter From Laura Crockett
Vice-President of Development

Dear Fellow Members, and Princeton Battlefield Enthusiasts;

You may well ask, "What took us so long to get out a newsletter?" The answer is the usual one, lots of projects, not enough time, people or money to get it all done. However, as our membership grows, so does our volunteer base.

Speaking of volunteers, what about you? You obviously believe in the Cause of preserving and enhancing Princeton Battlefield State Park. Would you like to take that belief one step further? We have a multitude of interesting projects for you to get your hands on. We have three events coming up (two in the spring and the Fall Festival in October) plus the big 230th Anniversary of the Battle of Princeton is less than a year away. Along with these events are a variety of jobs that need doing. That brings me to the question; what do you like to do? What have you dreamed of doing? Many times, being a volunteer gives you your opportunity to try something new, something that you have always dreamed of doing yet never had the chance to do it. We give you those possibilities. So dream a little, then give me a call about coming out to put your

2005 IN REVIEW

What a year it was, 2005. It will go down as the year we tripled our membership. It will be remembered because it was the year that David Hackett Fischer came to Princeton to help us in our Cause. Kudos goes to Robert Rosetta for organizing that event, along with Susan Roth of the Princeton Library. Laura Crockett's speaking at Princeton High School, and the Mercer County Teenage Republicans followed the Fischer Event. Then came Communiversity, where we met, and recruited local Princetonian Tom Pyle who now sits on our Board.

Later in the spring we were a presence at Washington's Crossing State Park and the Spirit of the Jerseys. Then the

ideas into our beautiful National Historic Landmark, Princeton Battlefield State Park.

What needs doing? Events need a special cadre of volunteers to do specific jobs like marketing, helping out the re-enactors, monitoring an area, giving battlefield tours and watching over the Clark House as hundreds wander through it. Some of these jobs take brains, some just take a body being there and lending a hand. What ever your preference, what ever your level of commitment can be, we can accommodate it.

Though the thought of fund raising does leave most people a little shaky, there are ways in which to accomplish it that are painless and easy. One way is through the company your work for. Does it have a matching funds program? If you give to Princeton Battlefield Society, which is a 501 (c) 3 organization, you may be able to get a matching amount from the company you work for.

As you can see, the opportunities in which to express your care and love for the Cause are limitless. All you have to do is call me: 609. 858.2821. Or, introduce yourself to me or Anne Mavis at one of our events.

Warmest regards,

Laura



summer saw us, and our traveling exhibit, at Monmouth during the re-enactment there. After that, it was time to sit down, plan and go into action on our Fall Festival. Our great volunteers, Anne Mavis, Tammie Ruddy and Leslie Pell Linnehan made it all possible. And what a gorgeous day it was on October 30th, the day of our Fall Festival. There were 18th century toys by Joe Remus, the Old Barracks Fife and Drum Corp and Board member, Prof. Clifford Theis, giving a lecture, with slides, on colonial money. We had fun, we made money and 400 hundred kids saw the Clark House. In November, Laura once again spoke before a young audience at Princeton Day School.

Wow!

Now here comes 2006. Hang on, because we are on a roll!

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Meeting with the Institute for Advanced Study

It happened. On a drizzly morning in September, 2005, Jerry Hurwitz and Laura Crockett, Trustees, met with Dr. Peter Goddard, the Director of the Institute for Advanced study. Also taking part in the meeting was Rachel Gray, Associate Director of IAS. The meeting, set up by fellow Trustee, Tom Pyle, was the friendly exchange it was meant to be. The four participants chatted about the history of Princeton, the battle and of the 10 Crucial Days.



About PBS

Princeton Battlefield Society is a 501 (c) 3 organization dedicated to the preservation and enhancement of Princeton Battlefield State Park. We are the officially recognized Friends of the Battlefield. PBS is a national organization with members in many states. We work to preserve both the land and the buildings. Our long-range goals include

The members of IAS have been invited to the battlefield. PBS has also offered to give the faculty of IAS special tours of the battlefield and of the 10 Crucial Days sites.

The plan is now to have a second meeting with Dr. Goddard in which we will discuss their plans for the plot we wish to see preserved and they wish to build on.

Does your club, organization, school or company need a speaker? PBS presentations are lively, informative and entertaining. Call Laura Crockett for further information and to set up a date for your group. 609.858.2821

rebuilding the old barn for use as a visitor's center and a complete restoration of the Clark House as it was during the Revolutionary War.

We invite you to become a member if you are not one already.

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