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About the Society

(www.pasociety.com/history)

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A nonprofit, charitable organization with members around the world, The Pennsylvania Society is in its third century of existence and is the oldest organization of its kind in the country. New members are always welcome.

History of the Society

In 1899 James Barr Ferree, an historian and native Pennsylvanian living in New York City, invited 55 fellow Pennsylvanians also living in New York to join him for dinner at The Waldorf Astoria Hotel. While enjoying a meal together, they decided to form a group known initially as "The Pennsylvania Society of New York." Their goal was to establish a society "uniting all Pennsylvanians at home and away from home in bonds of friendship and devotion to their native or adopted state" and would meet for dinner every year, same time, same place.

In the years that followed, the Society has honored those who have given back to the Commonwealth including Andrew Mellon, Henry Ford, Mamie and Dwight D. Eisenhower, Louise and Andrew Carnegie, Guion Bluford, Elsie Hillman, Andrew Wyeth, Arnold Palmer, M. Night Shyamalan, and the beloved Fred Rogers, to name only a few.

In 1903, when the organization was incorporated, the name was shortened to "The Pennsylvania Society." As the years passed, that dinner at The Waldorf Astoria became the hallmark event of The Pennsylvania Society.

Each year, the Gold Medal recipient selects a Pennsylvania charity of his or her choice, which receives a donation from the Society. All told, millions of dollars have benefited these worthy organizations. And to honor scholarship, students compete annually for the Society's Benjamin Franklin Scholar Award, a writing competition open to Pennsylvania high school juniors.

In the more than 120 years that have passed since its first gathering, the Society has sponsored scores of historical and social functions, bringing together its members and friends to remind them of Pennsylvania's vital and long-standing leadership in the economic and industrial life of the nation. And today, as members of The Pennsylvania Society, we are dedicated to continuing and renewing that leadership, with friendship and with civility toward our fellow Pennsylvanians.

Our Commitment to Diversity & Equality

The Pennsylvania Society has for more than a century brought its members and friends together each year to celebrate Pennsylvania's leadership in the economic and industrial life of our nation. The recent national civil unrest reminds us that long-standing inequalities have often excluded people of color from achieving those economic opportunities. We all have a role to play in this and we will do more.

In order to be truly dedicated to maintaining a leadership role, it requires our organization to continue to look at our membership and our honorees, to be certain more Pennsylvanians of color feel welcome to participate in The Pennsylvania Society experience. This is something we have been improving in recent years and our members tell us they see a positive difference. We will work harder to be a Pennsylvania Society that feels welcoming to all Pennsylvanians.

Our State is home to the Hall where the Declaration of Independence was signed, and to the soil where the Battle of Gettysburg was fought. We understand and embrace the responsibility that comes with a name like ours: The Pennsylvania Society. This matters to us and we are committed to getting it right.



A Message from the Executive Director

This past year Pennsylvanians faced a global pandemic and economic uncertainty; our way of life was turned upside down in every imaginable way. From sheltering-in-place, wearing masks, and keeping our social distance, to Zoom-schooling our children and working from home or working with plexiglass barriers, masks, and gloves, or not working at all, everyone had to make quick adjustments to bear unfamiliar burdens. And too many families were left to grieve a loved one lost to this insidious virus. Beyond this, we experienced social upheaval and racial unrest that had most rethinking the way things are and the way they should be. Our spirit and resolve were tested.

For us at The Pennsylvania Society, we canceled our spring Annual Meeting before Governor Wolf announced the statewide shelter-in-place order. We quickly came to realize our December Annual Dinner could not be held in New York as we all waited for a COVID-19 vaccine. PA Society Weekend brings Pennsylvanians from all walks of life together in friendship and if ever there was a year when we needed a civil moment, 2020 was it. But in this year that was so difficult for so many, we saw frontline workers tirelessly serving their communities, families forming pods to assist in childcare, and strangers getting groceries for neighbors who couldn't take the risk of going to the store. This year revealed Pennsylvanian's dedication, fortitude, and commitment to each other.

Yes, 2020 was incredibly difficult, but as a Pennsylvanian I am reminded of Benjamin Franklin's words: "Out of adversity comes opportunity." An opportunity to be better and do better. Though it was disappointing not to gather with our members, the events of this year inspired us to create a new platform to shine a light on remarkable Pennsylvanians who stepped up when we needed them most. People like Dr. Florencia Greer Polite in Philadelphia, who chose to use her platform as a physician to show the Black community that, despite her own fears, the COVID-19 vaccine is safe. Or Chad and Carly Butters, the owners of Eight Oaks Farm Distillery in New Tripoli who shut down production so that they could make free hand sanitizer for their community. Or the more than 40 factory workers in Marcus Hook who volunteered to live inside their plant for 28 straight days, making the raw materials needed for PPE.

Consistent with our 121-year mission to honor achievement, reward excellence, promote goodwill, and celebrate service to the Commonwealth, we were able to share their stories and others' on our new Instagram page @thepasociety. The Society had never before ventured into social media. Honoring our #PACOVIDHEROES seemed the ideal time to start. If you're not already, I hope you'll follow us and join in the conversation.

The year 2020 also saw the violent deaths of Black Americans including Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, and George Floyd, which triggered nationwide protests including in cities large and small across Pennsylvania. That national civil unrest reminds us that long-standing inequalities have often excluded people of color from achieving the economic opportunities we celebrate as members of The Pennsylvania Society. From that adversity came an opportunity for the Society to publicly commit to becoming an organization that feels welcoming to all Pennsylvanians. Together, we have made improvements in recent years, but we can and must do more. I know this is a priority for our members and Society leadership and we will continue to work to this end.

We now are beginning plans for our 2021 Dinner this December, hopeful that with the progression of vaccines and a healthier population, we will again be able to come together as Pennsylvanians to celebrate. Yes, we've had our differences over these last 12 months. We are a large and diverse state. Urban and rural. Red and blue. Those differences will continue. But we can take comfort knowing our neighbors will still be our neighbors. And the lessons we have learned together will only make us stronger.

Sincerely,

Julien Scranton

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IN THE NEWS

The events of 2020 provided an opportunity for Society President Edward Sheehan to share his perspectives with fellow Pennsylvanians. These essays were published in the opinion pages of many Pennsylvania newspapers, from Erie to Lancaster and points in between.

The Philadelphia Inquirer

Gov. Wolf's heartbreaking closure of Pa. Capitol underscores the incivility of these times | Opinion

Gov. Tom Wolf's decision comes in the wake of the treasonous attack on our nation's Capitol in Washington and in anticipation of more possible violence tied Joe Biden's inauguration.

Jan 18, 2021

**by Edward J. Sheehan,
For The Inquirer**

When President Theodore Roosevelt dedicated Pennsylvania's Capitol building in October 1906, he said, "This is the handsomest building I ever saw." For 80 years after its construction in Harrisburg the Capitol stood as the tallest structure between Philadelphia and Pittsburgh. The seat of Pennsylvania's government still inspires all those who walk under its majestic dome modeled after Michelangelo's design for St. Peter's Basilica.

News that Governor Tom Wolf has ordered our State Capitol closed for several days should give all Pennsylvanians pause. The decision is

understandable, but also heartbreaking. It comes in the wake of the treasonous attack on our nation's Capitol in Washington and in anticipation of more possible violence tied to the inauguration of Pennsylvania's native son, Joe Biden.

As the leader of an organization called The Pennsylvania Society, founded seven years prior to Roosevelt's visit to Harrisburg that day, and which maintains a centuries-long commitment to civility, the news hit particularly hard — for me and for our thousands of members across the Commonwealth and around the world.

Yes, the Capitol complex has been restricted to visitors recently due to the pandemic, but the very idea that its doors will be ordered closed, shuttered even if only for several days, says so much about where we are today as a nation. It says so much about how we treat one another and the democratic institutions of government we hold dear.

With no affiliation to any particular political party, The Pennsylvania Society exists for the sole purpose

of celebrating service to the Commonwealth with an abiding respect for one another. It's a notion that dates back even further, to our founder William Penn, who sought to establish a land that would be governed by just laws and tolerant of all who live here.

Tolerance has certainly been in short supply of late. As has civility. Among Teddy Roosevelt's most famous quotes is, "Speak softly and carry a big stick — you will go far." But most don't know the next sentence from that quote: "If a man continually blusters, if he lacks civility, a big stick will not save him from trouble."

My hope is, as we usher in a new administration this week in Washington, we use this as a time to remember there is so much more that binds us together as Pennsylvanians and Americans than what separates us. You can see it on the very walls of our State Capitol. Architect Joseph Huston blended various Renaissance styles with motifs featuring Pennsylvania's achievements in labor, industry and history, making our remarkable Capitol uniquely American.

In the 115 years since, Pennsylvanians have come together at critical times to advance our society in their own meaningful ways. Among them are Jonas Salk, who helped to create the first polio vaccine, and Fred Rogers who created a neighborhood that made millions of children feel special. Talk about a man who understood the power of civility! It's one reason Pittsburgh's Mr. Rogers was the recipient of The Pennsylvania Society Gold Medal for Distinguished Achievement in 1990.

Our State Capitol is a blend of concrete, steel, tile, brick and glass. Like Pennsylvania itself its sum is greater than its parts. Some of our parts are broken right now. Let's embrace this moment, invite more civility back into our lives, and work to ensure this is the last time our beautiful Capitol is ever forced to close.

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The Patriot-News

The Pennsylvania Society salutes frontline workers amid COVID-19 | Opinion

Dec 04, 2020

By Edward J. Sheehan Jr.

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If ever there was a year when we needed a civil moment, this was it. In the aftermath of the polarizing presidential election, it would have been a welcome respite to come together with fellow Pennsylvanians to celebrate all that we have in common, and not be distracted by our differences. That is what has made 'PA Society' so special for so many. Sadly, 'coming together' is just not possible in the age of COVID-19.

So, for the first time in our history, The Pennsylvania Society has canceled its annual dinner in New York, which would have been held this Saturday. I will miss seeing all of my friends and colleagues from across the Commonwealth — and

beyond.

If you're wondering why this group of Pennsylvanians has been hitting the road to Manhattan all these years, you can thank James Barr Ferree, an historian and native Pennsylvanian living in New York City, who invited 55 fellow Pennsylvanians also living in New York to join him for dinner at The Waldorf Astoria Hotel in 1899. While enjoying a meal together, they decided to form a group known initially as "The Pennsylvania Society of New York." Their goal was to establish a society "uniting all Pennsylvanians at home and away from home in bonds of friendship and devotion to their native or adopted state" and would meet for dinner every year, same time, same place.

The following year, a young British journalist and member of Parliament dropped in and regaled the diners with stories about his adventures in the Boer War. The young man's name was Winston Churchill. Thus began a tradition of having a guest speaker of interest at the dinner.

In the years that followed, the Society has honored those who have given back to the Commonwealth including Andrew Mellon, Henry Ford, Mamie and Dwight D. Eisenhower, Louise and Andrew Carnegie, Guion Bluford, Elsie Hillman, Andrew

Wyeth, Arnold Palmer, M. Night Shyamalan, Vice President Joe Biden and the beloved Fred Rogers to name only a few.

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As the years passed, the dinner has become the hallmark event of The Pennsylvania Society year. Pennsylvania politicians and business leaders have used "PA Society Weekend" to host a number of events and forums, always with a civil tone and approach. With a COVID-19 vaccine on the horizon, we are hopeful we can restart the dinner next year.

This year our leadership team decided rather than selecting a Gold Medal honoree, we instead wanted to salute the extraordinary efforts of Pennsylvania's frontline workers from across the Commonwealth who continue to work tirelessly in difficult conditions to keep their fellow Pennsylvanians safe. Like factory workers in Delaware County who volunteered to live inside

their plant for 28 straight days, making materials needed for N95 masks. Or the Lehigh Valley distillery that used their alcohol-making skills to produce much-needed hand sanitizer for local non-profits. Using the hashtag #pacovidheroes, these stories live on our new Instagram page, and I invite all Pennsylvanians to learn more about these remarkable men and women and to share their own stories of everyday heroism.

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#PACOVIDHEROES

Consistent with our 121-year mission to honor achievement, reward excellence, promote goodwill, and celebrate service to the Commonwealth, The Pennsylvania Society launched in 2020 a new effort to publicly salute Pennsylvania's frontline COVID-19 workers, and invited fellow Pennsylvanians to share their stories on Instagram, using the hashtag #pacovidheroes.



thepasociety • Following ...

thepasociety When PPE like N95 masks were desperately needed at the start of the pandemic more than 40 factory workers at #Braskem America in Marcus Hook, Delaware County, stepped up to help. They volunteered to live inside their plant for 28 straight days — four solid weeks of working around the clock to get the job done. A tremendous sacrifice made both by these workers and their families when we needed them most! PA Society salutes these outstanding Pennsylvanians. Thank you! Share your stories. #PACovidHeroes

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The Braskem team at the Marcus Hook, Pennsylvania plant that participated in a 28-day live in to produce polypropylene, a material used in personal protective equipment. (photo courtesy of Braskem)



thepasociety • Following ...

thepasociety It's a momentous day in Pennsylvania as the first vaccine for COVID-19 was administered to front-line workers at UPMC in Pittsburgh.

Dr. Sylvia Owusu-Ansah, an emergency department physician, was among the first to receive the @pfizerinc vaccine. #pacovidheroes

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thepasociety Access to timely community news and information is particularly vital these days. So we thank the men and women who keep the presses running during the pandemic - like these workers at @lancasteronline. Thank you! #pacovidheroes

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You can also view our Instagram posts on our homepage at www.pasociety.com.



thepasociety • Following

thepasociety In the early days of the pandemic, it was clear getting hold of needed hand sanitizer would not be easy. So in stepped the men and women at @eighthoaksdistillers in New Tripoli, in Pennsylvania's Lehigh Valley. They used their alcohol-making skills and put them to work to come up with a recipe for hand sanitizer. In the end they donated over 60,000 bottles to hundreds of mission-critical organizations. We can't thank them enough! #PACovidHeroes

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eighthoaksdistillers Thanks so much for sharing our story, we're honored to help! Cheers! 8

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thepasociety • Following

thepasociety As we prepare to say goodbye to 2020 (thankfully!) we can't think of a better way to thank PA's frontline workers than by sharing this amazing mural by Pittsburgh artist Brian Gonnella. "Essential Workers Make the World Work" can be seen in the Bloomfield neighborhood of Pittsburgh. Check out Brian's page to learn more about his inspiration for this remarkable mural. #pacovidheroes @briangonnella@soring @visitpittsburgh

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thepasociety • Following

thepasociety Meet Blake Lynch. A community policing coordinator with the Harrisburg Bureau of Police, Blake volunteers countless hours to make sure hot meals are still available for those impacted by COVID closures. Blake helped to coordinate food box distributions to more than 1,000 families over the holidays in partnership with @centralpafb

"It's so amazing to see everyone coming out and putting others first," Blake told @pennlive

Thank you, Blake! #pacovidheroes

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Benj. Franklin
SCHOLAR AWARD

The Benjamin Franklin Scholar Award was created in honor of one of our nation's founding fathers. This writing competition is open to Pennsylvania public high school juniors. Students submit an original essay of not more than 750 words discussing the modern-day relevance of a selected quote by Benjamin Franklin.

2020 Quote

“LOVE YOUR ENEMIES, FOR
THEY TELL YOU YOUR FAULTS”.

(Franklin, Benjamin. “Poor Richard Improved.” 1756. www.franklinpapers.org.)

*Congratulations to the 2020
Benjamin Franklin Scholar
Award Winners*

1st Place Winner:

Ashna Patel | North Allegheny Senior High School
Wexford, Allegheny County

2nd Place Winner:

Anna-Lynn Fryer | Tyrone Area High School
Tyrone, Blair County

3rd Place Winner:

Yasseen Sabil | North Allegheny Senior High School
Wexford, Allegheny County

LATEST ON MEMBERSHIP

We have upgraded our member portal and moved our membership book to a digital format. The following instructions will help you access our searchable member directory and connect with fellow members.

- › Go to www.pasociety.com
- › Select the **Member Login** tab at the top right of the page
- › Type the **email** associated with your Society membership

Note: If you have not created a password or have forgotten your password, click **Forgot Password** and a password will be emailed to you

Once in the member portal you can also:



Print your membership card



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Make a **donation**



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If you have any questions or need assistance, please call us at **215-233-2650**.

We welcome the new members joining the Society in 2020!

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The Pennsylvania Society provides members fellowship with Pennsylvanians who share a deep affection for Pennsylvania, pride in giving back to the Commonwealth, and a commitment to civil engagement. The Pennsylvania Society celebrates the diversity of the Commonwealth and of its members. Early members of the Society included Andrew Carnegie, Charles Schwab, and Andrew W. Mellon. Today, members of the Society come from many professions and walks of life and live throughout Pennsylvania, the United States, and the world.

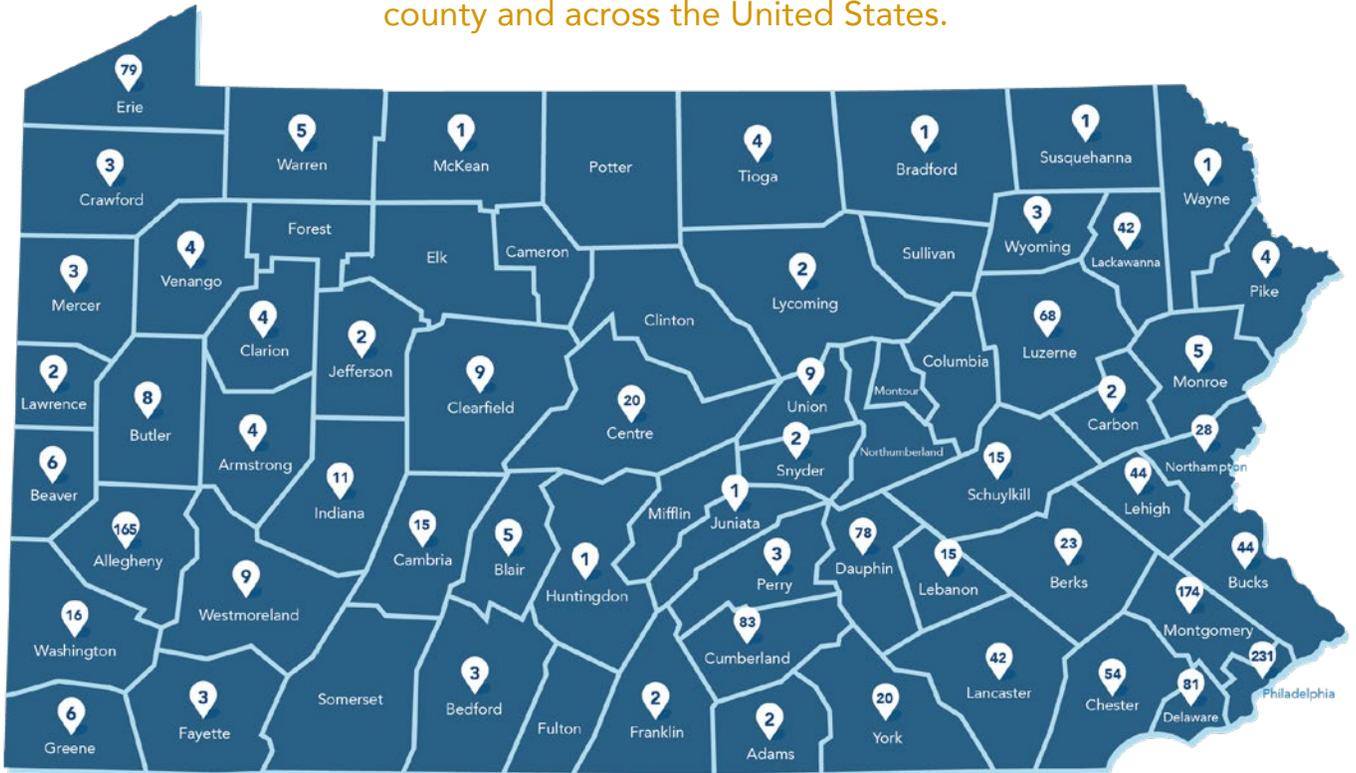
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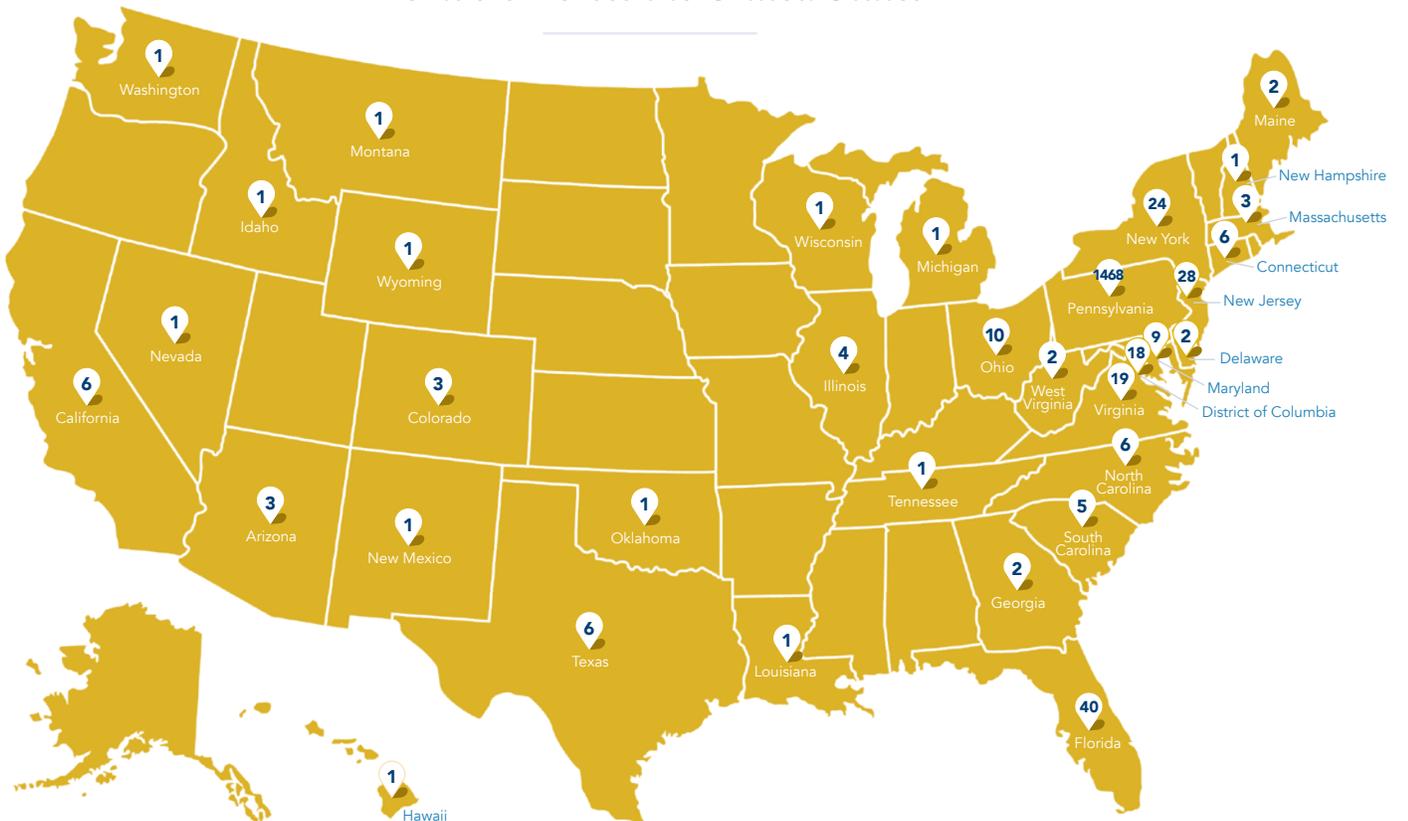
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2020 Members

Shown below is the number of members in each county and across the United States.



Members Across the United States





RICHARD L. BUNN

Mr. Bunn joined the Society after being promoted into his first executive position, as Vice President and General Manager of the Gas Divisions of UGI Corporation. He thought the Society would give him the opportunity to meet, greet, and mingle with the Business, Political, Religious, and Civic leaders in Pennsylvania from whom he could learn and establish rapport. The premise on which he joined the Society certainly turned out to be correct.

Along with the other Business and Civic organizations to which he belonged he learned a lot, made friends and contacts that helped him become a more effective

UGI employee and more complete contributor to the community. Mr. Bunn was employed by UGI for over 40 years and retired as President and CEO. He remained active in the gas and electric distribution business after his retirement as a consultant to the industry.

Mr. Bunn has always appreciated the awards program because they focused on the diversity of Pennsylvanians and their accomplishments. While not a formal part of the Dinner program, he also appreciated the opportunity to spend a day or so in NYC at Christmastime and noted that it made the Society Dinner all the more enjoyable.



EUGENE L. DIORIO

Mr. DiOrío was sponsored by Stewart Cort and joined the Society because of his interest in Pennsylvania history and preservation. His historical preservation efforts include involvement in the formation of the Coatesville Historical Commission, restoration efforts on Hibernia Mansion while serving on the Chester County Parks & Recreation Department, serving on the board of Preservation Pennsylvania, and authoring *Chester County: A Traveler's Album* and *Remarkable Past, Promising Future*. In 1984, Mr. DiOrío co-founded the Graystone Society, which has grown into the National Iron & Steel Heritage Museum. The preservation of Coatesville's, and our nation's,

steelmaking past is, in large part, due to his efforts.

Mr. DiOrío also contributed over 40,000 black-and-white negatives and color slides to the Longwood Gardens Library and Archives. The collection covers his local, regional, and European travels, with a focus on historic architecture, estates, and gardens. In 2019, he was awarded the Henry A. Jordan Award for his historic preservation work for more than 30 years.

Mr. DiOrío attended a number of Annual Dinners at the Waldorf and enjoyed every one of them. He also fondly remembers Annual Meetings & Luncheons in Hershey and Philadelphia.



ROGER W. RICHARDS

Roger Richards attended his first Annual Dinner in the 1960s as a high school student from Franklin, Pennsylvania. He became a member of the Society in 1971 and has attended every Annual Dinner since. He ultimately joined the Council of the Society in 2003 and became Council President in 2016. President Richards navigated the Society through the retirement of Executive Director Carol Fitzgerald, the recruitment and hiring of the current Executive Director Julien Scranton, a full staff turnover, and the relocation of Society headquarters from Philadelphia to Pittsburgh. For the first time in the Society's history the Waldorf Astoria, home of the Annual Dinner, closed for renovations and

President Richards managed member disappointment and the complicated logistics of finding the Dinner a new home. President Richards' term had an eye toward the future: he prioritized diversity, next-generation members, financial stability, and improved technology to simplify and enhance members' interaction with the Society. He is an anchor for the Society in Erie and founded the premiere reception in advance of the Dinner each year with Councilor Emeritus and Erie leader Tom Hagen. Roger Richards was elected Councilor Emeritus in 2020. He continues to contribute his insight and attends every event with three generations of his family.



JOHN D. ZIMMERMAN

When Mr. Zimmerman was President of the Chamber of Commerce in York, one of the County Commissioners suggested he join the Society. He has enjoyed his membership and especially traveling to New York with a group from York County for many Annual Dinners. He fondly remembers Gold Medalists, George M. Leader, and a good friend of his son's, Gerry Lenfest. He also attended the Annual Meeting & Luncheon honoring Louis J. Appell Jr. as the Distinguished Citizen of the Commonwealth.

In addition to being President of the Chamber of Commerce in York, Mr. Zimmerman was also President of the

York County Historical Society and a Partner in the Wolf Organization for over 40 years. His philanthropic interests have centered on history. He and his late wife Kathryn were involved with preserving the Gates House and Golden Plough Tavern at Market Street and Pershing Avenue. The Zimmermans also restored the Dritt House at Long Level, along the Susquehanna River. The 1700s building became the headquarters for the Susquehanna Gateway Heritage Center. The beautifully restored building now carries the name of the John and Kathryn Zimmerman Center for Heritage.

Congratulations to our 50+ and long-standing members celebrating anniversaries in 2021!

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Former Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Ridge, himself a giant of Pennsylvania politics, gave the best tribute to Richard Thornburgh, who died Dec. 31 at 88.

Mr. Ridge said what we all know -- that Mr. Thornburgh was a great civil servant "... but an even better man."

This can be said of precious few. Few who are "great" at what they do are also great at being human beings. For greatness takes single-minded devotion, and that usually takes a toll on human relationships.

There are few great musicians, or painters, or writers, or actors who are also great persons -- people who are kind, who listen, and who are just as devoted to family and friends as they are to their careers. It's possible. And on rare occasions, it happens. But it is a rather extraordinary occurrence.

Dick Thornburgh was something of an artist at governance and the law. (He left the governorship with a 72% approval rating.)

But he was an even better man.

He was the gentle giant of the last 50 or 60 years in this state's politics -- a crime busting U.S. attorney and the governor who kept us safe and calm during a nuclear accident.

But he also strode the national stage, serving five presidents in the Department of Justice, culminating in his service as U.S. attorney general. He restored competence and confidence to Justice, showing that this not only can be done in short order, but that it can be done by a politician.

And maybe therein lies the key to how Mr. Thornburgh kept his own humanity, in fact deepened it through the years, while accomplishing so much.

He wasn't primarily a politician. He was a public servant, indeed, a servant-leader.

He knew tragedy in his life, and maybe that is part of what gave him perspective and a measure of humility. But he was not in politics primarily for the power. He was in politics to serve.

Certainly, he enjoyed the exercise of power when it accomplished positive ends. But those ends had to serve the common good; had to make things just a little better.

What a life. What a man.

But let us not set his life on a shelf and declare it saintly, and therefore unattainable to all but a special few. Good work and basic human decency, even in tandem, is available to us all, if this is the path we choose and we are willing to work as hard as Dick Thornburgh to attain both.

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