

# The Dill's Tavern Chronicle

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Purpose: To promote and encourage the study, collection, and preservation of the historical heritage of the Northern York County area.

## The 1<sup>st</sup>. Annual Tavern Raffle Dinner, A great success!



Charles and Lucille Vogelsong hosted this event and along with others gave wonderful reviews for it's place in the success of the Tavern's future.

*Dill's Tavern. May it exist for the future to enjoy as I have this evening. Charles*



Larry Klase- Tavern keeper

Amid the crackling fires and sparkling candle light the raffle ticket holders were taken back to the 1700 & 1800's with a lovely historic meal prepared and served by folks wearing period costumes.

12 diners were seated in the taproom and 14 in the parlor. The tables were covered with white linens and set with redware, flow blue and white china. The more rustic pieces were in the taproom to give the guests the experience of true colonial dining.

As in days gone by, those sitting near the fireplaces were toasty warm while those farther back in the rooms experienced cool draughts.

In the kitchen, food steamed and bubbled in iron kettles hung above the flames. Dutch ovens and pans were set on frogs over the glowing coals for boiling, baking, or warming. Linda was often red-faced as she leaned into the hot fireplace to stir the food.

The menu consisted of: Pumpkin Soup and sippets, Beef a la mode, Potato Pie, Salad Greens with Raspberry dressing, Red Beets in vinegar, Wheat biscuits, Gingerbread with lemon sauce & Whipped Cream, and Apple Cider. During each course Linda would visit each room to share the history of the food preparation and the customs of the Eighteenth century.



Linda Zeigler - Cook



← Parlor Set-up

Tavern  
Fireplace →





Foreground: Don & Kathy Spang, behind them is Norm Hess and his wife Joan, across the table, beside Norm is Mervin & Carla Ice.

## Patron comments were positive!

*"It gave us a new appreciation for the way things used to be."*

*"The atmosphere and food were terrific."*

*"For over two hours I felt I had stepped back in time over 200 years."*

*"It was so neat to be served by people in period dress."*

*"Good dinner, good menus, delicious food, well served, good learning experience."*

*"Lots of wonderful food and a great history lesson."*

*"This is a great way to get the community involved in what is happening here at the Tavern"*

Pictured in the photo at the right is Ruth Shumaker, Mr. & Mrs. Smedley, and in the foreground, Mrs. Ron Botterbush..



### *Behind the Scenes:*

Months of preparation took place for this event. Linda anticipated the restoration of the kitchen fireplace. In the days before the dinner, the tavern was cleaned, extra tables and chairs were acquired and firewood was chopped. Linda brought her plates, glassware and cooking pots since our cupboards are slightly bare of these necessities. As in colonial times, food for company took days of preparation. On Saturday, a final sweeping and dusting of the rooms was completed and the tables were set and ready for guests. The fires were laid. On Sunday, Linda started the cooking fire at 10:30 am. Dough was set to rise, a pot of soup was over the fire, beef was browned and layered in kettles and pies and gingerbread were warmed. By 3:00 pm. the serving crew was lighting the candles and fires, and by 4:00 pm. the guests arrived. By 9:30 every dish and utensil had been washed, the candles and fires were out and the players headed home to their welcomed beds.

### ☞ Attending Winners & Spouses ☞

Ronald Botterbush  
(President of Dover Historical Society)  
Norm Hess  
Katherine Spang  
Eric Shumaker

Bob Terry  
Jeff Murphy  
Dick Bonini  
Paul Gingrich  
Mervin Ice

George Jackson  
(Received tickets from Jack Winieski)  
Roy Fuss  
Shawna Smedley



As in days of yore, the servants ate the left-overs.

### Tremendous Thanks Go:

To all who purchased tickets to support this very successful fundraiser.

To Linda Zeigler and her husband for bringing a "Taste of History" to Dillsburg.

And to the Crew – Sam MczKinney, Kevin Ricker, Gayle Kolivnas, Larry & Joanne Klase and to Peggy Williams.



*The Tavern Committee*

