

## 2014 Events Calendar

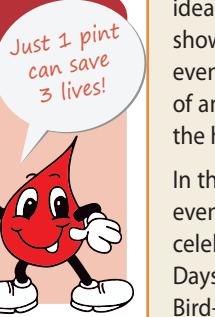
For more info on any Fire Co. event, call 717-392-0112

- Sat. Feb. 22 Chicken Pot Pie Dinner 10:30 a.m.
- Sat. May 24 Chicken BBQ 11 a.m.
- Thurs. Jun 26 Preview, Food & Auction 4-8 p.m.
- Fri. June 27 Lancaster County Carriage & Antique Auction 8 a.m. [www.birdinhandauktion.com](http://www.birdinhandauktion.com)
- Sat. Aug. 30 Chicken BBQ 11 a.m.
- Sep. 5, 6, 7 Run, Ride, Soar 5K Race, BIH Half Marathon, Bike & Balloon Race, Hot Air Balloon Launch [www.bihhalf.com](http://www.bihhalf.com)

## Got Blood?

Blood Drives @ BIHFC  
April 9 • July 16 • October 8

(Wednesdays) 2:00-7:00pm  
(No appointment necessary. Just show up!)



## Hosting a Meeting or Party? Stay Close to Home & Rent Here!



**Capacity:** Seats 100 theater style or at tables

**Handicapped-accessibility:** Entire facility, including parking spaces and restrooms, no steps

**Kitchenette:** Counter space, refrigerator with freezer, coffee station, sink & outlets for crockpots, ideal staging area for caterers

**Technology:** Sound system, video projector & screen, Internet access

**Parking:** 25 level spaces close to the building & horse tie rails

**Types of Rentals:** One-time event or weekly/monthly rental

**Cost:** Meeting room is \$175 for 8 hours. Kitchen is rented on a case-by-case basis (requires food safety certified person on site for entire event)

**Contact:** Stephen or Johnny Stoltzfus  
717-468-0883

## SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT: Fire Company & National Penn Create Community Spirit

National Penn Bank has a longstanding reputation for honesty, integrity, and performance in Bird-in-Hand and surrounding areas. Because they like to be involved with the communities they serve, they have become a Presenting Sponsor for the Bird-in-Hand Fire Company's Lancaster County Carriage & Antique Auction.

They are a tremendous financial supporter of this very important fundraiser, one of the major events of the year for the Fire Company.

The relationship between the Bank and Fire Company evolved over the course of a decade. In 2000, bank officials creatively dreamed up the idea of hosting an annual pig roast as a way of showing appreciation to their patrons. The first event was held under a big tent in the middle of an alfalfa field on the Smucker Homestead in the heart of Bird-in-Hand.

The Fire Company's fundraising sale and National Penn's pig roast are a good fit because the two events benefit both institutions. Tom Jordan, National Penn Lancaster Region President, says "We are delighted to continue our 10+ year partnership with the Hand-in-Hand Fire Company. They are a true asset to our community and we are honored to work with them again this year. As our number of customers have grown over the years, the Fire Company has stepped up to help us put on a first class customer event."

Hand-in-Hand Fire Company members appreciate the goodwill of their friends at the bank and with National Penn's significant financial support, they can provide better fire and safety protection in their community.



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## Children's Corner

# How thick should ice be for skating?

To check ice thickness, use a cordless drill with a 3/4" or 1" auger bit in it and drill holes through ice and measure thickness with a tape measure. Check multiple locations.

WHAT TO TAKE WITH YOU:  
Have at least a long ladder, a throwable life ring, and a long coiled rope or better yet - rope throw bags in case someone falls through the ice!

8" - 12"  
Car or small pickup

Safe Stan  
Stan is a cartoon character wearing a hard hat and safety vest, standing next to a snowmobile or ATV.

5" Snowmobile or ATV

4" Skating in pairs (NEVER ALONE) or in small groups, ice hockey or other activity with people spread out across the ice

2" or less STAY OFF

TIM SAYS: Snow on ice insulates it from the cold air and allows the liquid water beneath the ice to melt the ice and make it thinner from the bottom which can't be seen!

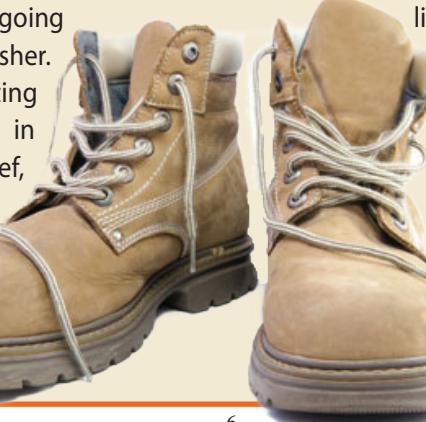
Reference: Minnesota DNR

(not white ice or rough ice from rain and wind)



Tom Jordan & Donna Dessen present National Penn Bank's generous donation of \$7,250.00 to Chief Lonnie Kauffman, President Tim Hoerner, and Jake King (not pictured).

## Children's Corner



## Fisher Family Fills Large Boots

The Fire Company marked two unusual milestones at the Thanksgiving Banquet on November 20, 2013 by giving Dan Fisher Sr. his **50-year award** and his son Daniel J. a **25-year award**. They

come from a family who enjoys serving. Dan Sr. says, "Looking back, I did it to help the community. That was what we were taught to do."

As a child Dan Sr. took turns with his brothers going to fire meetings with his father Levi "Dutch" Fisher. In 1963 at the age of 17 he joined the firefighting ranks and since has filled most positions in the Fire Company, everything except Chief, President, and treasurer.

Two highlights have been serving on the Facilities Committee for the 2008 building addition and as

general contractor along with Metzler Builders for the fundraising house. Presently Dan Sr. is a trustee.

Daniel J. followed his father's footsteps and as a child walked to the fire hall with his dad for meetings. When he was 14 he became a Junior Fireman and two years later was on the House and

Grounds Committee. Over the years he has advanced to lieutenant, captain, co-chair of the present Tanker Committee, and is currently on the Board.

We come together, show care and concern for those in need, and work for the common good. The Fisher family is already working at filling their boots. Daniel J.'s children go along to fire meetings and gladly help with the dinners and the Half Marathon. Daniel J. comments, "We love the spirit of this community where we learn to share responsibilities and people do their part."



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## BIHFC Mission Statement

Approved by Board of Directors 10/27/09

We are compassionate volunteers trained to serve our community by preventing and resolving emergencies within our capabilities. We draw on the character and convictions of all who are willing to serve, using the resources provided by our community while always promoting an atmosphere that encourages our citizens to help their neighbors.

## BIHFC Vision Statement

Approved by General Membership 9/2010

To continue our mission into the future, we will instill our core values of trust, stability, and integrity into the organization. We will also:

1. Invite people to participate in all aspects of the organization and provide a structure for them to use their individual talents, skills, and abilities to the betterment of our organization and the community.
2. Maintain an environment that invites people to express their ideas.
3. Promote an open forum to ensure innovation and new ideas, and to understand technology and adopt it when justified.
4. Identify and prepare for changes well ahead of when they will occur.
5. Operate the company using responsible financial management that provides resources for responders today and into the future.

## 2014 Officers

Chief	.....Lonnie Kauffman
Deputy Chief	.....Steve Petersheim
Assistant Chief	.....Lyndon Beiler
Fire Police Captain	.....Norm Decker
President	.....Tim Hoerner
Vice President	.....Paul Fisher
Recording Secretary	.....Lavelle Beiler
Treasurer	.....Ivan Stoltzfus
Financial Secretary	.....Sam King
Board Members at Large	.....Dan J. Fisher, .....Reuben Stoltzfus, Don Boyer
Chaplain	.....Stanley Shrock

## HAND-IN-HAND FIRE COMPANY

313 Enterprise Drive  
Bird-in-Hand, PA 17505  
717-392-0112

New Tanker Truck (continued from front page)

## Stretching the Life of the Tanker

The life of our 1990 tanker has been extended by four years past its replacement year of 2010. With constant checks and meticulous maintenance, the tanker has been well maintained and has given great service. Perhaps the tanker can even find a second life in another rural community where the demands are not as great. We consider this good stewardship.



### MAJOR SAFETY FEATURE: Roll Stability Control

Rollovers are the most critical potential event for commercial vehicles, especially tankers which typically have high centers of gravity.

If a driver were to overdrive the unit while negotiating a curve, this feature will sense the potential for a rollover event, take control from the driver, thereby eliminating the potential of a rollover.

-Chief Engineer Lance Watt

## Working for the Community

## Fighting Fires – No Charge!

Our focus is to partner with our community and use the resources you give us to protect your homes and businesses. We are keenly aware that we are working for you and not the other way around. Always we listen and observe so that we learn what kind of protection you want and to what extent you will support it. Then we fit our program to match your desires and needs.

## A Note From the Chief...



Written by Chief Lonnie Kauffman

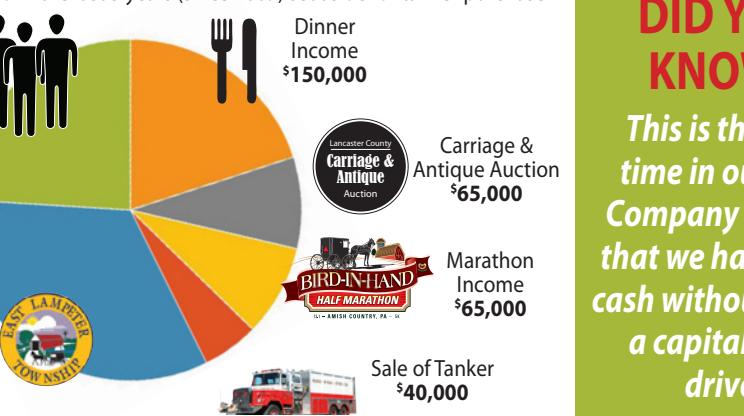
Bird-in-Hand Fire Company's first-due response area is centered along Route 340, extending from the Eastbrook Road area on the west to North Harvest Road in Leacock Township on the east. This area is called **first due**, which simply means that Bird-in-Hand fire trucks are the first to be dispatched. Neighboring companies often assist us; Ronks, Witmer, and Lafayette on the west, and Ronks, Intercourse, and Gordonville on the east. These assisting fire companies are called **mutual aid** and are dispatched to support Bird-in-Hand volunteers whenever there is a major emergency.

There is a common thread in this description of Bird-in-Hand Fire Company's response area. It is the principle of **helping**. Neighboring fire companies help us and Bird-in-Hand helps them in the same way. The reason all this mutual aid happens is...to help our neighbors.

## Community Contributions Add Up to Generous Totals

### 5-Year Savings Plan

Funds acquired in the last 5 years (since 2009) set aside for tanker purchase



### DID YOU KNOW?

This is the first time in our Fire Company history that we have paid cash without doing a capital fund drive.

### 2013 Expenses .....\$225,817

Equipment - New, Repair, Maint, Fuel	.....35,037
Utilities & Grounds, Insurance	.....30,327
Office, Administrative, Postage, Printing	.....10,669
Building Improvements & Repairs	.....3,694
Fire Prevention	.....3,450
Refreshments/Banquets/Merchandise	.....6,629
New Tanker Fund	.....136,011

### 2013 Income .....\$225,817

East Lampeter Twp.	.....56,000
Grant Income	.....11,823
Carriage & Antique Auction	.....17,069
Fundraising Dinners	.....37,597
Marathon	.....38,153
Fire Dues Contributions & Donations	.....47,131
Meeting Room Rentals & Sign Lease	.....15,830
Interest & Miscellaneous Income	.....2,214



Thanks to the community's generous support, 2013 was a terrific success financially for the Fire Company! Because of your generous donations and the success of our fundraising events we had a record-breaking year. After paying all of our operating expenses, we were able to set aside an additional \$136,000 towards the purchase of our new Tanker.

In 2014 we continue to depend on your faithful donations and your attendance at our fundraising events. Your support is critical to our mission of protecting and serving our community while being good stewards of our local resources. Thank you for helping to make Bird-in-Hand a safe and wonderful place to live.

## Volunteer

### OPPORTUNITIES @ Hand-in-Hand Fire Company

#### Delivery Driver for Dinners



Time Commitment: 2.5 hrs.

Equipment: van/minivan, valid drivers license  
Details: Time slots are 10:30am-Noon and 3:30-5pm. Insulated food carriers are provided and delivery is within a 4-mile radius.

Contact: Paul Fisher 717-380-1109

#### Which Piece of the Puzzle are You?

Your puzzle piece completes the picture of many volunteers working together.

#### Decorator for Dining Room

Time Commitment: 30 min. - 1 hr.

Equipment: Seasonal decorations & table accents  
Details: Use your artistic gifts to benefit our Fire Company by decorating the buffet tables for our fundraising dinners. Lovely garnishes, flowers, and greenery along with our delicious food will make an enjoyable dining experience.

A decorator is requested for our pot pie dinner on February 22.  
Contact: Reuben Stoltzfus 717-656-0129

## Merger Strengthens Fire Company



In a positive development, the Ladies Auxiliary has joined hands with the Hand-in-Hand firefighters to work together as one organization. They have merged their Auxiliary into the Fire Company and are refocusing their energy and resources. The combined efforts of this larger group will help the Fire Company stay strong and the future of fire protection in our Bird-in-Hand community looks bright.

For 48 years the ladies, along with the assistance of the firefighters, have served delicious ham dinners twice a year. After an extended evaluation, no ham dinners are scheduled in 2014. Fundraising dinners that continue are the chicken barbecues and pot pie dinner as well as food served at the Carriage Auction and Half Marathon weekend.

We ladies now attend the monthly fire meetings and help with the fundraisers as much as we can. We are glad to work with the Fire Company, especially in the areas of food service at the Half Marathon, Carriage Auction, and dinners. -Ethel Miller

## A Life-Giving Story

For the past two years Doug Glick and Daniel J. Fisher have been working together on the Tanker Committee. Even though their families live less than a mile apart, the Fire Company had been their main connection...until December 31, 2013. That day Daniel J. donated a kidney to Doug and Diane's 13-year-old daughter, Denise, as the families sat together at Hershey Medical Center.

The journey for Denise began in October 2012 with the discovery that her kidneys had lost 30 percent function. Four months later that had increased to 70 percent loss and by May 2013 the Glick family began the search for a kidney donor.



Denise Glick, age 13, shows off her crazy side!

Daniel J.'s father and another friend who were kidney donors were his inspiration and with his wife Marilyn's support, he privately began the rigorous testing at Hershey. At the end of November he surprised Doug and Diane with the news that he was a match for Denise and was willing to be a donor.

We live in a very special community full of many heartwarming stories. Daniel tells his story so that this heritage of caring will be passed on to our children and Denise sees it as an opportunity to raise awareness of the need for kidney and organ donors. Doug says, "The Fire Company members have been very supportive. They are a real blessing to us."

### Dinner Help - ages 12 - 102 !

Time Commitment: 4-6 hours per event

Details: Mix up & bake cakes at the fire hall kitchen, let cool, then come back to spread the icing. Gather a few friends and make a morning of it. Or, do it alone and enjoy the peace and quiet!

If interested in volunteering at a dinner, please call the Fire Hall 717-392-0112 & leave a message with your contact info. Someone will call you back!

### Bake Cakes @ Fire Hall

Time Commitment: 4-6 hours

Details: Mix up & bake cakes at the fire hall kitchen, let cool, then come back to spread the icing. Gather a few friends and make a morning of it. Or, do it alone and enjoy the peace and quiet!

Contact: Judy Kauffman 717-768-3210

