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"ROO's" BOOS - Notes from Kelly

The Holidays are fast approaching! Christmas trees will be up this time next month in many homes. The last two months have flown by, haven't they? John and I managed to survive another hectic Halloween season. We hosted several tour groups in Gettysburg and of course, our old standby Alfred's Victorian for the annual "haunted dinners". I will continue each month to offer the **Dinner with a Psychic** at the restaurant. If you would like to attend one of these dinners, you can contact Alfred's directly at 717-944-5373. Future dinners will be held at 6:30 PM on December 12 and Jan. 16.



Congratulations go out to **Craig and Melissa Telesha**. On Saturday, November 3 they were united in marriage at the lovely, historic and haunted Peter Allen House in Dauphin County. Craig, Melissa and Austin looked stunning in their wedding attire. I was the Reverend at this blessed event and all who attended had a good time. The two began dating after meeting at one of our Spirit Day in May events!

I have booked the Senior Center for the second Monday of each month for 2008 along with our annual **Spirit Day** which will be held on Saturday, May 3, 2008 beginning at 1:00 PM. Guest speakers (subject to change) will be Author Ed Okonowicz, (one of our favorites), along with a lead investiga-

tor from MUFON. I am still in the planning stages for the event, but once again, I am sure we will have a great time and good food!

Future dates have also been booked for activities for SSP at the center. Mark your calendars for the following dates: March 8th (*We are looking into a possible **Flick and Feast** event*) – **May 3** (Spirit Day), **Sept. 20**, (TBA) **Oct. 4**. (Halloween party) We will have more details on the ***Feast and Flick*** in December's newsletter.

December's meeting, held on **Monday the 10th**, will include our annual "***Giving back to the Senior Center***" as well as our ***White Elephant Sale*** to raise money for our rent.

You are asked to please bring items, clearly marked for resale that evening. (No clothing, please). Whatever is left over will be donated to the Seniors for their fund-raising efforts.

In the past "Giving Back to the Seniors" we have donated shovels, a DVD player, A CD player and other items to our hosts. Let's bring them some goodies/supplies for their daily use. I am sure they could use some salt for the sidewalks, books, paper supplies, cards, snacks, etc. Please bring something to eat or drink that night as well. We will celebrate the holidays at this meeting. So de-clutter your homes and jewelry boxes for our **White Elephant Sale and Holiday party** next month!

Here Lies Harrisburg was a major success this year. A big "Thanks" to those of you who volunteered to help John and me with this event and keep the candles lit. We may see a few new faces after all of the literature we gave out about SSP that weekend. Several times, while sitting in the vault, the energy changed and I certainly felt the presence of spirits. Laura also was feeling some unusual energies. The energy was almost static in nature. Of course, it rained cats and dogs Friday night, but what I felt was on Sat. -- a pleasant, dry evening.

At the PSP's annual **Fright Night** in mid October, John & I presented founder **Rick Fisher** with the 2007 "***Spirit Award***" in recognition of his support of SSP and the high standards he has brought to paranormal research and investigation over the years. After the event, several SSP members stopped off at the **Hans**



Graff Cemetery a short distance from the Railroad House in Marietta. We had some very strange encounters to say the least.



Legend has it there is a white dog that haunts the cemetery along with other un-worldly entities. Rick Fisher himself has witnessed what he suspects was the phantom dog. (At left he points out the spot, just outside the west wall)

The area was very quiet and secluded, except for the barking of dogs from houses close to the river, perhaps 1/4 mile to the west. Once we entered the cemetery, and throughout our respectful investigation, the dogs continued to bark. Once we exited the area and walked to our cars, all barking ceased. Strange!

At one point, we all held hands and I did a blessing/protection for all of us and tried to evoke some EVP responses. Craig had his recorder sitting on the stone wall. My tape recorder failed to work in the cemetery. Big surprise, eh? At one point during the blessing, I told the group that something cold just touched my left cheek. Right at that point, my small flashlight, which was attached to my coat, went off. This is a small light that you need to turn on with a click, like a pen. We were all holding hands.

When listening to the tapes of the night, several people caught a **distinct voice change**, which was very scary (*it was ME*). I sounded like a man! (*This was right after my light went out and then came back on*) At least 3 people caught this strange phenomenon that night. Also captured on 3 recorders was the sound of what may be a single bark -- far too clear to be the dogs in the distance, yet obviously unheard by anyone at the time! (*Between hearing the constant barking in the distance and knowing of Rick's encounter, anything sounding like a dog this close would have surely caused alarm, but it went unrecognized on the recordings!* - JDW)

In addition, Craig noted that his camcorder was **moved** while we were all holding hands. (*The stone wall it was sitting on is perfectly flat on top and 2 feet wide, as seen in the photo below - with us holding hands, what moved the camcorder?*)

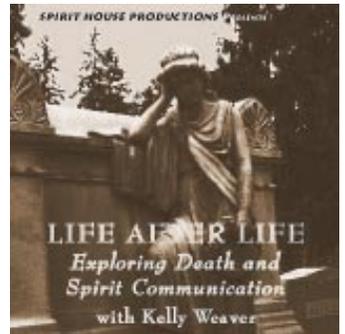
We do plan a return visit soon to see if we can spot the White Dog and talk to the spirits who haunt the *Hans Graff Cemetery*.



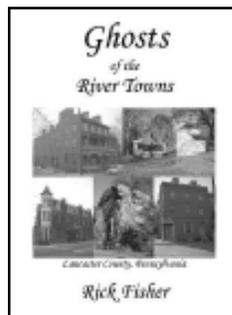
The beautiful, historic and, yes, **haunted Peter Allen House** (oldest house in Dauphin County, c. 1729) what an appropriate place for two ghosthunters to exchange vows! (IR pic by JDW)

NEW! DVDs & CDs from Spirit House Productions

The fascinating subject of After Death Communication, including interesting superstitions and historical facts about death, is the focus of, **"Life After Life"**, a new DVD from **Kelly Weaver / Spirit House Productions**. It includes a soothing meditation to help you connect with your loved ones on the other side. Life After Life (along with Kelly's "Meet Your Angels" & "Discover Your Past Lives" Meditation CDs) is available at Mark Nesbitt's Ghosts of Gettysburg HQ on Baltimore Street & through Kelly's website, www.kellysmagicalgarden.com. (*More DVDs coming 2008*)



Now Available: **GHOSTS of the RIVER TOWNS** by Rick Fisher



No one knows more ghost stories from Lancaster County's river towns of Columbia, Marietta & surrounding areas than PSP founder Rick Fisher, and his first book is full of fascinating accounts from this historic and haunted region of South Central PA. To order, send check or money order for \$6.00 (includes postage and handling) to Rick Fisher 109

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Musings of a Ghost Adventurer

By Melissa Griffith

Crisp mornings, hot stews & pies, bare trees, football and that old snuggly sweatshirt! Autumn is in full swing. But just because Halloween is over, doesn't mean you have to go cold turkey on haunted fun. Get out of the house and check out the area's haunted restaurants to prolong the "spooky" season.

Alfred's Victorian at 38 North Union Street in Middletown. 944-5373 Fine dining.

Haunted by the charming "Emma." Check out the "Event" section of the SSP or Kelly's Magical Garden website for upcoming "Haunted Dining" and "Dinner with a Psychic" events held at Alfred's—they sell out fast, so don't miss out!

www.spiritsocietyofpa.com or www.kellysmagicalgarden.com

Bube's Brewery at 102 North Market Street in Mt. Joy. 653-2056 Casual dining.

The brewery is haunted by many specters—including shady characters from its illicit speakeasy days. Needs extra-spooky? Dine in the underground catacombs! Don't forget to take the Ghost Tours at Bube's hosted by Aloise Bube's great-great-granddaughter, Jean Ellis (call first for schedule). Jean also has a book for sale at the facility entitled, "Spirits at the Brewery."

The Railroad House at 280 West Front Street in Marietta. 426-4141. Fine dining.

You'll find no restaurant more quaint than the Railroad House! Haunted by unidentified spirits as well as "Anne" who flirts with the gentlemen. Make sure to contact Rick Fisher for one of his fascinating walking tours of "Ghosts of Marietta" or to purchase his book, "Ghosts of the River Towns." Go to www.paranormalpa.com for more information.

Pete's Café at 401 Market Street in New Cumberland. 774-7273 Casual dining.

Patrons and employees have experienced the playful ghosts at Pete's over the years. They seem to delight in bright, shiny objects—especially tapping ladies' dangling earrings. Rumored to be haunted by two children, possibly a brother & sister. Excellent food, too!

Accomac Inn in Wrightsville. 252-1521 Fine dining.

Said to be home to the ghosts of Johnny & the servant girl he murdered when she refused to marry him.

Gettysburg (ANYWHERE here is probably haunted!) Casual dining & finer dining.

November is the perfect time to visit the battlefield! Low tourist season, the weather is still nice and (most importantly for us spirit seekers) it gets dark early!

For lunch—you can't miss the pizza at Dino's located at 226 Steinwehr Avenue—very casual and hits the spot!

For dinner, the best kept secret in Gettysburg, **Dobbin's Springhouse Tavern** which is located in the basement of The Dobbin House Restaurant/House at 89 Steinwehr Avenue.

Superior food in the spookiest atmosphere (only candles & low electrical lighting) and the servers are in period dress. Don't forget to visit their "mini-museum" in the Dobbin's House—extremely interesting and you can view the crawl space that was once used to hide run away slaves on the Underground Railroad; plus, it's FREE! Also, the Dobbin's "General Store" is a treat with many neat souvenirs, candles, shirts, jewelry, etc. Dobbin's is a "don't miss" stop during your day at Gettysburg! Of course, visit Mark Nesbitt's shop at 271 Baltimore Street. Taking one of his Ghost Tours of Gettysburg is another must!

PS: Ever since getting engaged, I've been slacking on my duties as SSP's Activities Director. Now that I'm officially "Mrs. Telesha" and have a bit more time on my hands--I am planning some creative ideas for SSP outings. So be on the lookout soon for some fun events where we can have a great time and increase our bonds as the "SSP Family!" I truly hope you all enjoy these events as much as I enjoy organizing them!



During the month leading up to Halloween, I was actually able to have some unusual experiences, as well as talk about them during what seemed like endless presentations!

The first of these was at the Hans Graff cemetery in Lancaster Co., and is also described in Kelly's column. The combination of her recorder batteries "failing" (it worked fine at home the next AM) and flashlight turning off (which I inspected afterwards and concluded would be impossible while her hands were holding others' in the circle) certainly suggest something strange. Factor in what really seems to be the bark of a dog virtually alongside us (yet causing no response) captured on 3 different devices and the evident movement of Craigs camcorder on a solid wall, and I can see why Rick Fisher has found this place so fascinating over the years! (I also recorded an evident affirmative response to my question asking if anyone had talked to a man named Rick Fisher here) Finally, the way Kelly's voice changed dramatically "Did it really?" when responding to comments about her light going out was very unusual. Like the dog "bark", 3 recorders captured this. Obviously, we cannot say for certain if she was "channeling" someone there, but it sure was bizarre! (These will be played at tonight's meeting)

Harrisburg Cemetery Receiving Vault After a dreary rainy Friday (thanks again to Craig, Melissa, Jack, Laura & Dominique for setting things up while we rushed back from our Gettysburg appearance) and only the most hardy people braving the weather for the tour, we were rewarded with splendid weather -- and evidently some unseen visitors on Saturday.

Around 8pm Sat night someone asked me something about EM fields and I realized I had brought my Trifield and Gauss meters

and forgot to put them out on display. I took the Tri-field Meter from my bag, explained a few things, then sat it down on the open “coffin cabinet” on the south wall behind the long table we had to the left side. (Seen to the left in photo below)

The meter then spiked at approx. 5.5 and stayed there steady for perhaps 10 sec. I told the person this could possibly suggest paranormal activity; it shortly subsided to



normal and I kept doing my presentation. A few moments later I looked at it again and it was reading over 4, but subsided quickly. I then moved it all around, looking for a source - closest would have been my laptop which was on the table but placing it right next to it has little effect. After this group left I checked several other places around the vault and really got nothing abnormal (as I did Friday with the KII Meter which Craig had brought along for his equipment display).

Since it had been on since arriving just before 7, I decided to check the battery level on my computer and was surprised to see it was down to 39%. I had only gone thru the entire PowerPoint presentation once, and when no one was in the vault I had the display closed. (As a comparison, Friday night I had it on from arriving around 8 until we left soon after 10. The display was running for more time total on Friday than it had been Sat to this point, yet had only depleted to 76% Friday when we got home and I plugged it in to recharge for Sat). Since it was only about 8pm I went into the house to charge the battery and after leaving it there only perhaps 10 min it had gone from 39% to 88% - that seems a short time to build it back up to that level.

While I was charging the laptop battery the first time I again checked the area of the “coffin shelf” and after the meter had been stationary for about 2 min, I noted another spike this one was around 4. Somewhere during this time, Kelly mentioned sensing something very strong in there... that it felt like “static electricity” (she later told me Laura also mentioned that it was different than on Friday). I again took some random readings in other parts but the only place I was getting anything abnormal was on the coffin shelf and toward the back of the long table to Kelly’s right.

I ran thru the Power Point presentation a couple more times and my battery was back down to 37%, so I did another charge which brought it up to 91 or 92%. With people in and out constantly and voices all around (big crowd with the nice weather) it

was pretty much worthless attempting any EVP (despite the success Kelly had around the vault during our recent investigation).

Perhaps the “static elect” sensation could have something to do with the drier air that had moved in, but I don’t think so. My laptop battery clearly drained more quickly Saturday, and the difference in EM readings is definitely a key - as Craig and I saw at a recent investigation - the KII clearly seems more sensitive than the TriField or other meters. I can speculate that our presence two nights in a row (and perhaps the greater number of people in the cemetery) may have stirred something up. Also, even though I did not feel any “static” as one does with super dry air (there was still considerable moisture around) the fact conditions Sat were so much different than Fri may be a factor. Further investigation of this fascinating cemetery and the delightfully macabre “Vault” is definitely warranted! (Exterior of the vault on the second night of “Here Lies Harrisburg” is seen below)



Alfred’s Victorian - Although this was not something we experienced, during one of our October presentations here we learned of a new “trick” evidently attributed to “Emma”. Late on a Saturday the week before, 2 ladies were closing up (one of the waitresses and a manager). They were the only people in the restaurant and when the manager went upstairs to check some things, she heard a noise and saw one of the sliding doors to the “Flamette” room slowly closing on its own! Feeling just a bit uncomfortable, she rushed downstairs and suggested to her co-worker that they had done enough and it was time to leave!

The “Flamette” is one of the more active rooms here, according to Kelly and the staff. It was here during one of our “Haunted Dining” events years ago that an unexplained and intense cold spot enveloped several patrons. It is also the room where a possible apparition manifested in a mirror when Kelly was being filmed for a Ch 27 story. I’ve used these doors several times and they can be easily moved, but do require at least a bit of effort. After this incident, I was unable to get them to move by walking or jumping - nothing short of actual touch will cause either to move. Likewise, neither does traffic rumbling by on Union St. Thanks for keeping things interesting, Emma! - JDW