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ATTENTION !!!!!

IF YOU HAVE NOT RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP, PLEASE DO SO.
MEMBERSHIP/RENEWAL APPLICATIONS ARE ENCLOSED.

AN ORIENTATION WILL BE HELD FOR THOSE INTERESTED IN SERVING
AS DOCENTS AT 10 A.M. SATURDAY, JULY 22 AND 2 P.M. SUNDAY,
JULY 23. A TOUR WILL BE GIVEN AND A DOCENT HANDBOOK WILL BE
PROVIDED.

THE JAIL WILL BE OPEN FOR TOURS ON THE 4TH SATURDAY AND
SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH THROUGH OCTOBER, 2000. TOURS RUN ON
THE HOUR AND HALF HOUR FROM 10 A.M. THROUGH 3:30 P.M.

July 10, 2000

Dear PMA Members and Other Friends:

The Opening Party on June 15 was a great success. Although it had been cloudy and rainy all week, the weather decided to cooperate at the last possible moment, with the sun coming out about an hour before our guests started arriving. Approximately 150 attended. Freeholder Bill Haines cut the ribbon and said a few very kind words. Dave Kimball gave tours. The food was great and the company was even better.

We had quite a bit of publicity in connection with the opening, including very nice articles in the Burlington County Times and the Philadelphia Inquirer. Much to our delight, the Jail was also featured in the New York Times (Sunday, July 2) in a half-page article with three photographs.

We want to take this opportunity to thank all of you who have newly joined the PMA or who have renewed memberships. We currently have 74 members. One of our new members is **John Coverly**, whose grandfather was the night warden in the 1930s. John has some great stories to tell us about the Jail. If you know anyone who would be interested in joining, please have him or her leave their name and address on our answering machine so that we can send them a membership application.

We also want to take this opportunity to thank Willingboro attorney **Don Elsas**, who has donated a very nice photocopier for the PMA office.

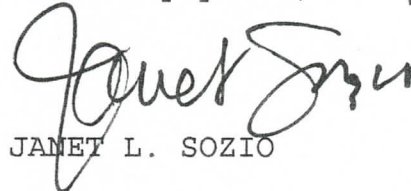
We will be open for tours through October as indicated above. These hours coincide with the Historic Rancocas Valley Association's tourism efforts. We cannot be open any more hours because we don't have enough docents. At this point we have only six docents: **Dave Kimball, Carole Melman, Paul Hemler, Dan Barto, Kay Kline, Marybeth Baron** and myself. If you know of anyone who might be interested in serving as a docent, please invite him or her to attend either of the above noted orientation sessions. Anyone who can't make either of the sessions should leave his or her name and address on our answering machine so that we can contact them to set up an alternate time for an orientation session.

The Parks Department is in the process of acquiring exhibits and designing a brochure for the Jail. We also hope to have a travelling exhibit and some tee shirts to sell by the end of the summer. We will keep you advised.

Some of you have asked us if we will be able to have our traditional fall event. At this point, it appears unlikely, because we simply do not have enough volunteers to handle such a large event. We do plan, however, to have a small event for our members in the fall and will send you notice of same at the end of the summer.

Again, thank you for your support.

Cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Janet Sozio", with a stylized flourish at the end.

JANET L. SOZIO