



# Journal

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## *The Mission of the non-profit Lincoln Highway Heritage Corridor:*

*is to identify, conserve, promote and interpret the cultural, historical, natural, recreational, and economic resources along the Lincoln Highway in PA's Westmoreland, Somerset, Bedford, Fulton, Franklin and Adams Counties.*

## *The Mission Statement of the nonprofit Lincoln Highway Experience:*

*utilizing its collection, educational programs and outreach, the Lincoln Hwy. Experience encourages the exploration of the historic Lincoln Highway at regional, state and national levels as it seeks to connect each visitor's experience to the diverse history, culture and geography found in and along the Lincoln Highway.*



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## Everything looks the same, but is it really?

The Coronavirus ... did *any* of us see that coming? It seemed to change everything overnight. Some of our favorite shops and sites were considered non-essential. Family get-togethers would have to wait. Communication would be limited to telephones and Facetime! A few new acronyms and phrases have become household words:

PPE (Personal Protective Equipment); PPP (the Paycheck Protection Program) a loan/grant administered through the Small Business Administration to provide wages to staff affected by a closure; social distancing; face masks; high touch surfaces; and, sanitizing wipes! Lots of luck trying to find disposable gloves!

Our Lincoln Highway Experience museum has been closed now for well over two months. That translates to no visitors; no bus tours—we had to cancel 15 group tours that were pre-booked months ago! In short, that's no income.

This certainly wasn't the way we planned to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of our Lincoln Highway Heritage Corridor. But, we've been tested before. Our resiliency, passion, partners, and creativity will get us through this bump in the road.

Today, delivering a quality visitor experience means so much more than having a cheerful Greeter, viewing interesting exhibits, writing out a Lincoln Highway postcard, or enjoying pie and coffee in a restored 1938 diner.

Once we get the green light from the Governor's Office to re-open, we will continue providing a safe environment for our staff, our volunteers, and our visitors. This safety protocol will begin *before* even entering the museum. All guidelines (consistent with the Center for Disease Control and Prevention as well as the PA Dept. of Health) will be posted on our website and on our front door.



*Our Museum is ready for your visit—even Emily Post!*





## Those who can, *Do*. Those who can do more, *Volunteer*.

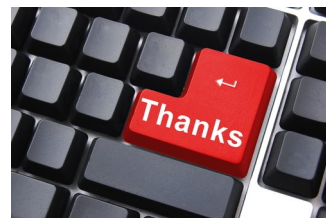
National Volunteer Month came and went; and, while we couldn't enjoy a special dinner together, we do want to send out a grateful shout-out to:

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*"Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot,  
nothing is going to get better. It's not."* ~ Dr. Seuss

Email [olga@LHHC.org](mailto:olga@LHHC.org) or, call 724-879-4241 if you have some time to make a difference.

As Friends of the Lincoln Highway Heritage Corridor, you know we don't 'live large'. At this time, and especially with everyone's world turned upside down, we especially want to thank the following Donors over the last 3 months:



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## NO BEACH VACATION might mean No Family Miniature Golf Outing

Did you hear the cheers from Pennsylvania Golfers on May 1, 2020? PA Governor Tom Wolf added new guidance for PA golf courses to open for play (with certain restrictions).

Did you hear the jeers from the miniature golf fans who will need to wait a little longer to whack the little white ball through the blades of the windmill; or, get the golf ball across the water-filled moat and on through the massive castle door? Too many obstacles, of one sort or another. Did you know:

- ♦ miniature golf had its beginnings in 1916 in Pinehurst, NC; it became known as Garden Golf?
- ♦ in 1926, the first outdoor miniature golf course was built on the roof of a New York City skyscraper?
- ♦ during the 1930s, there were approximately 50,000 courses throughout the USA?

Sadly, most of them have closed with more interest in hand-held devices and wall-size televisions in a teen's bedroom. But, many have a fond memory of a first date at a mini-golf course; or a family game followed by a stop at the DQ on the way home.

With fewer courses in hometowns, some will have to travel to the beach to satisfy their fix to get around a quirky hazard or trick shot. For some mini-golf action, head south to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina where you'll have your pick from over 50 miniature golf courses! If the course is as daunting as the course names, you've met your match: Mount Atlanticus Mini-Golf; Captain Hook's Adventure Golf; take your pick—Cancun Lagoon or Jungle Lagoon; Jurassic Adventure, etc. This Grand Strand region takes pride in its claim as the Miniature Golf Capital of the World. Game on!

For a fun read on Miniature Golf, check out John Margolies hardback book (complete with a fuzzy green turf bookjacket), **Miniature Golf**, 1987 by Cross River Press. For an interesting read on the History of Miniature Golf, check online at [www.miniaturegolf.net/history](http://www.miniaturegolf.net/history) from the US Pro Mini-Golf Association.



Can you find the robin's blue egg?

*This vintage gas pump is in the museum yard. Its nooks and crannies provide a great network for flowering vines all summer long. This spring, a robin had another idea—a safe nest for her baby bird.*



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Fort Loudon is one of a long string of PA forts constructed during the 1756 French and Indian War. A couple of years ago, the reconstructed "Fort was on the verge of collapse; and the grounds were in desperate need

of maintenance" said Andrew Newman, president of the Fort Loudon Historical Society. Due to the work of "*the Wednesday Warriors*", these volunteers are on track to bring local history alive. The volunteers have logged more than 4,000 volunteer hours.

Plan to attend **Fort Loudon's Market Fair and Governor's Firelock Match**, sponsored by *Muzzleloader Magazine*, on June 27-28. The juried event will include an 18th century market fair with artisans. The Fort is located just off the Lincoln Highway in Franklin County at 1720 N. Brooklyn Road, Fort Loudon, PA 17224. To volunteer, donate or participate in events: [president@fortloudonpa.com](mailto:president@fortloudonpa.com)

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