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Next Meeting: January 18, 2021 **CANCELLED**

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## DECEMBER MEETING CANCELLED

### PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Hello all, Happy New Year. I hope 2021 is a better year than 2020.

I and with our Board's agreement have decided to not meet in January and February and look at how things stand with Covid to meet in March. I'm hopeful things will improve at some point and we can resume our monthly meetings.

By now some of you may have heard about Susan Glass's husband Joe passing away on January 3. Joe attended a number of our Club meetings. Our thoughts and prayers are with Susan during this difficult time.

Mark Arbogast

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## THE MONTH OF JANUARY

The name for January comes from the Roman god, Janus, who is always depicted with two heads. He uses one head to look back on the year before, and the other head to look forward into the New Year!

In Pasadena, California, there has been a Rose Parade held every year since 1890. It has since been broadcasted worldwide and is typically viewed in over 100 countries around the globe. **NOT THIS YEAR!**

January was a monumental year for Alaska! As of January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1959, Alaska officially became the 49<sup>th</sup> state of the United States. January has two zodiac signs – Capricorn, which is until January 19, and Aquarius, which is for the rest of the month.

One of the most influential events in U.S. happened in January – on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 1892, Ellis Island opened, allowing for the immigration of over 20 million people!



### **J. Newlin "Newt" Groff, 94**

**November 27, 2020**

J. Newlin "Newt" Groff, 94, of Manor Township, passed away on November 27, 2020 at Hospice & Community Care surrounded by family. He was born on the family farm in Manor Township and was the son of the late Amos M. and Ella (Gerlach) Groff.

Newt was preceded in death by his wife of 62 years, Ruth E. (Brenner) Groff in 2012.

Newt worked on his father's dairy farm until 1972. From 1972 to 1991 he worked in the Lancaster Township Maintenance Department.

He graduated from Manor High School in 1944. Newt was a lifelong member of Green Hill UMC in Conestoga. He was also a member of the Lancaster County Post Card Club, Lancaster Historical Society, Conestoga Historical Society, and the Central Manor Camp Meeting Association. Newt enjoyed gardening

vegetables, helping local farmers, and spending time with his family. He was well known for his garden vegetable stand on the corner of Charlestown and Donerville Roads that pulled a loyal following for over 40 years and his great sense of humor. He also enjoyed visiting sales and auctions collecting rare items, and received many blue ribbons at the Lampeter Fair.

He is survived by two daughters, R. Diane Lausman, of Lancaster, Karen L. Halstead, wife of Edward A., of Manheim, a son Jeffrey N. Groff, husband of Christine, of Cambridge Springs, PA, two grandchildren, Andrea M. Stauffer, wife of Joseph, of Manheim, Alison M. Halstead, fiancé of Corey Gill, of Manheim, two great grandsons, Weston and Brycen Stauffer. He is also survived by a sister, Pauline Gerhart, of St. Anne's Home. He was preceded in death by a brother Wilmer G. Groff.

All are invited to attend a Graveside Service on Wednesday, December 2, 2020 at 2PM at Millersville Mennonite Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Green Hill UMC 5801 River Rd. Conestoga, PA 17516.

While attending the graveside service the CDC guidelines will be followed.



31 years!!



## Hansel and Gretel

By Betty Beck

These beautifully-crafted postcards, with undivided backs, were produced by the German-American Novelty Art Company(1905-1912). These cards were printed in Leipzig, Germany and depict scenes from the classic fairy tale by the Brothers Grimm called “Hansel and Gretel.” The Brothers Grimm never started out to write children’s stories. Instead, they collected folklore to preserve their Germanic culture. During the Napoleonic Wars, the French invaded Germany, and they feared losing these stories that had never been written down, so they set out to document them.

The folklore that the Grimms collected were stories that sometimes had their roots in devastating events. The story of Hansel and Gretel grew from widespread misery during the Great Famine of 1315–1317. There were crop failures and mass starvation around the world. An estimated 30 million people died. Northern Europe saw some of the worst and most sustained periods of bad weather in the entire Middle Ages. There were severe winters and rainy and cold summers. This was compounded by the volcanic explosions in New Zealand that may have intensified the bad weather. The horrors of famine gave rise to stories of children being abandoned or worse. “Hansel and Gretel” is a cautionary tale from that era.

Many of these stories used the forest as a setting for danger, magic, and death. The Grimms collected and changed aspects of the folklore to make it more appealing. For example, originally the children’s mother was the one who wanted the children gone. This was changed to the stepmother. The part of the story about the duck helping the children cross the river may be the remnant from another story that was reintroduced by the Grimms in later editions.





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Here we see Hansel and Gretel walking through the woods, trying to find their way home after they were abandoned by their father. Having no food to feed his children, the father gives in to their stepmother. Finding the witch's gingerbread house, Hansel and Gretel are imprisoned, but Gretel tricks the witch, kills her, and escapes with her treasure.

Between 1812 and 1857, the brothers published over 200 stories in seven different editions of what has since become known in English as *Grimm's Fairy Tales*.



## Joseph W. Glass



Joseph W. Glass, 90, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, January 3, 2021, at home in Millersville with his wife, Susan.

He was the son of the late Perkins W. and Mary P. (Hayden) Glass. He was born March 4, 1930, in Chambersburg, where he became an Eagle Scout and graduated from Chambersburg High School. He graduated from Millersville State Teachers College in 1953 and earned both a Master of Science degree (1959) and a Ph.D. (1971) from Penn State.

Joe was a proud veteran of the U.S. Army, serving from 1953–1955. He was stationed at Sandia Base in Albuquerque, NM, and at the Nevada Test Site at Mercury, NV. He had top-secret clearance to serve as a member of the headquarters company of the Military Effects Group of the Atomic Energy Commission's Operation Teapot—the 1955 atomic tests.

He began his teaching career at Hempfield High School in its inaugural year, 1955, and in 1961 joined the Department of Geography at Millersville State College (later Millersville University), where he taught cultural geography until retiring in 1990. Joe served as a faculty representative to Millersville University's alumni council and a variety of alumni committees. He was one of six alumni to receive the 1998 Outstanding Service Awards presented by the Millersville Alumni Association. Joe was active in APSCURF, the Association of Pennsylvania State College and University Retired Faculty, serving as treasurer until his passing.

An admirer of earlier Pennsylvanians, he developed an interest in their largest tool: their barn. The Pennsylvania Barn is unique, with its forebay in front. His studies of this type of barn led to his doctoral dissertation and to his book, *The Pennsylvania Culture Region: A View from the Barn*. Acclaimed as a pioneer in research on the Pennsylvania Barn, he served as a board member of the Historic Barn and Farm Foundation of Pennsylvania. Joe enjoyed delivering talks about forebay barns to various local groups. He also led field trips and wrote articles about the Lancaster County Amish for local, state, national, and international geographical societies.

Joe served a term on the Millersville Borough Council and was recognized for outstanding service in 1996. He served on the board for Millersville Area Meals on Wheels and delivered meals for many years. The Millersville Lions Club named Joe its Citizen of the Year in 2002. Joe was also a member of Millersville Community UMC Church. Joe was a devoted fan of the Philadelphia Phillies, Philadelphia Eagles, and all Penn State and Millersville University sports teams. He was also a Penn State Master Gardener and never missed a chance to stop at the Penn State Creamery.

Joe took an interest in everyone he met and rarely found a person he couldn't talk to and learn from. Throughout his life, Joe strived to maintain connections with people—in person and through cards, postcards, letters, and phone calls. He maintained lifelong friendships with many former students and continued to stay in touch with high school friends. Joe had been inspired by his parents, many relatives, numerous friends and acquaintances, and people he read about to be kind and helpful to others, as he would like them to be kind to him. Throughout his life, he tried to help others as he could.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, John, and brother-in-law William Day. He is survived by his wife of 32 years, Susan Fulton Glass; daughter Kathryn Ann Craddock (Dale), Cuyahoga Falls, OH; son Thomas Edward (Kanokon), Bangkok, Thailand; daughter Susan Louise Loiseau (Mark), Lancaster, PA; grandchildren Devon Craddock Thew (Dylan), Erin Craddock, Colleen Craddock Doak (Ben), Amy Mattox (David Scott), Marie Loiseau, Danielle Loiseau, and Anatta Glass; great-grandchildren Fiona and Felix Doak and Graham Mattox; sisters-in-law Mary Ann Glass and Sandra F. Day; brother-in-law Richard Terry (Ann); nephews Kurt Glass and Michael Day; and niece Kelly Gray. He is also survived by Catherine (Kitty) Glass, mother of their children.

With health and safety in mind, a celebration of Joe's life will be planned for friends and family later this year. Memorial contributions can be made to the Joseph W. Glass Geography Scholarship Fund (checks can be made out to "Millersville University Foundation" and mailed to Office of Development, P.O. Box 1002, Millersville, PA 17551; please indicate "Joe Glass Geography Scholarship" on the memo). Contributions can also be made in Joe's name to Millersville Area Meals on Wheels (checks can be mailed to Millersville Area Meals on Wheels, 121 N. George St., Millersville PA 17551) or to the Lancaster Farmland Trust (donate online at [lancasterfarmlandtrust.org](http://lancasterfarmlandtrust.org)).