

2017 MEMBERSHIP MEETING DETAILS



(credit: all images from the Tavern's website)

Following are the details for the 2017 Annual Meeting. Our Mine Hosts, Richard Peterson and Jack Idenden, have secured an excellent location and program at the Stage House Tavern in Scotch Plains, New Jersey. Considerable effort has gone into organizing this fine event, and we hope you will plan to attend. Thank you for your continued support of our excellent Society.

The Stage House Inn is located on what was the New York-Pennsylvania Swift Sure Stage Line in the 1700s. Opened in 1737 by John Sutton, the tavern served the community as a meeting place for local government and became a central location during the Revolutionary War for local patriot conscription. Here, the innkeeper raised a troop of Jersey Blues to do battle with the British. Operated by more than two dozen innkeepers during the 18th and 19th Centuries, the Stage House Tavern has continued to serve customers and the Scotch Plains community for 280 years. It was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1982.



On **Saturday, June 10, 2017**, members and their guests will gather at the Stage House Tavern, where we will meet in the original portion of the building beginning at **11:30 a.m.** A cash bar will be available. On retiring to the dining room, we will enjoy our traditional libations (spiked and tame) and then partake of a special buffet repast prepared exclusively for our Society. Our function will include a presentation by local historian Fred Swan, and we will adjourn at approximately 2:00 p.m. – in time for those who wish to enjoy other activities and sites in the area to do so. Attendees may also wish to check the internet for other local activities in the general area. The Tavern is present on the internet at stagehousetavern.com/scotchplains, where details about the Tavern's activities may be found.

Some accommodations in the area include:

Best Western Westfield Inn 435 North Avenue, West Westfield, NJ 844-824-1640	Grand Summit Hotel 570 Springfield Avenue Summit, NJ 855-516-1090
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Holiday Inn Express
36 Valley Road
Clark, NJ
732-574-0100



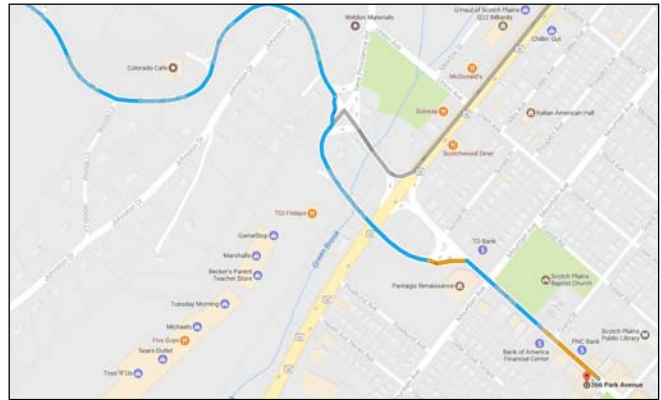
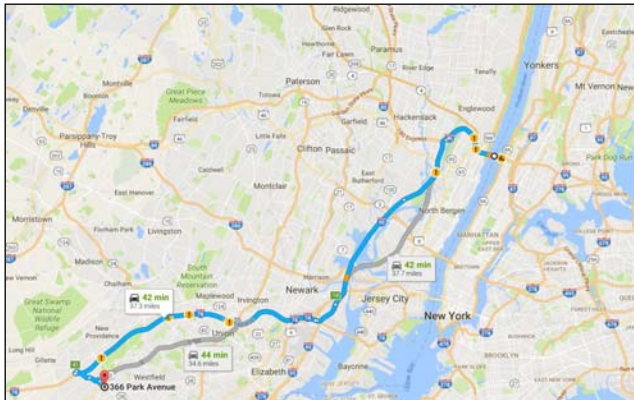
Nearby attractions include New York City (25 miles away), Morristown National Historic Park, Thomas Edison National Historical Park, the New Jersey Shore, Sandy Hook Lighthouse, and numerous others. Each of these places has a website, and additional information on local activities can be found online at www.visitnj.org.

Our buffet will include a variety of offerings including a Pastry Station comprised of bagels, smoked salmon, assorted mini pastries and a seasonal fruit plate; Penne Vodka with roasted peppers and peas; Chicken Marsala with wild mushrooms; Roasted Pork Loin with mushroom gravy; Basa (cod) Francese with a white wine lemon-butter sauce; whipped potatoes; garden salad; and coffee, hot tea, softdrinks and juice. The cost for this excellent repast is \$33 per person, all found. To make your reservation, please complete the reservation form found on the last page of this document and return it according to the instructions stated.

The Stage House Tavern is located at 366 Park Avenue (corner of Park Avenue and Front Street), Scotch Plains, NJ 07076, phone: 908-322-4224; stagehousetavern.com/scotchplains. Following are maps and directions to the Tavern. If you plan to fly into the area, the nearest airport is Newark (Liberty International Airport), where car rentals are obtainable.

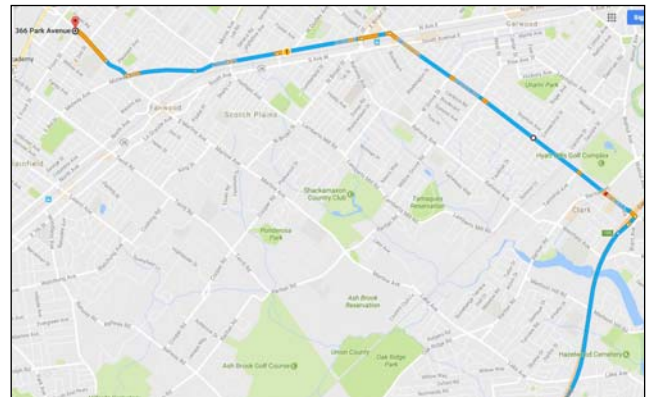
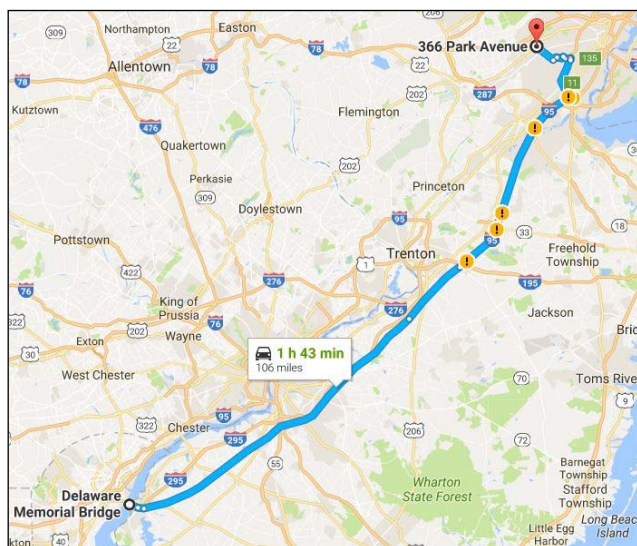
DIRECTIONS (traveling from New England): Follow I-95 to George Washington Bridge (Ft. Lee, NJ). From the Bridge (approximately 45 minutes, and this route has tolls): Continue on I-95 Express South, and follow signs for I-95/US 46 (the New Jersey Turnpike) to I-78 West. Take Exit 41 (Berkeley Heights/Scotch Plains). Turn RIGHT onto Drift Road (travel 2/10 of a mile). Turn RIGHT onto Plainfield Avenue (travel 9/10 of a mile) (Plainfield Avenue changes to Bonnie Burn Road). Continue on Bonnie Burn Road (travel 8/10 of a mile). Turn RIGHT onto New Providence Road (County Road 655) (travel 3/10 of a mile). Turn RIGHT onto Park Avenue (travel 2/10 of a mile, crossing over Mountain Avenue). The Tavern is at the next corner on the RIGHT – Park Avenue and Front Street.

PARKING is located at the back of the Tavern.



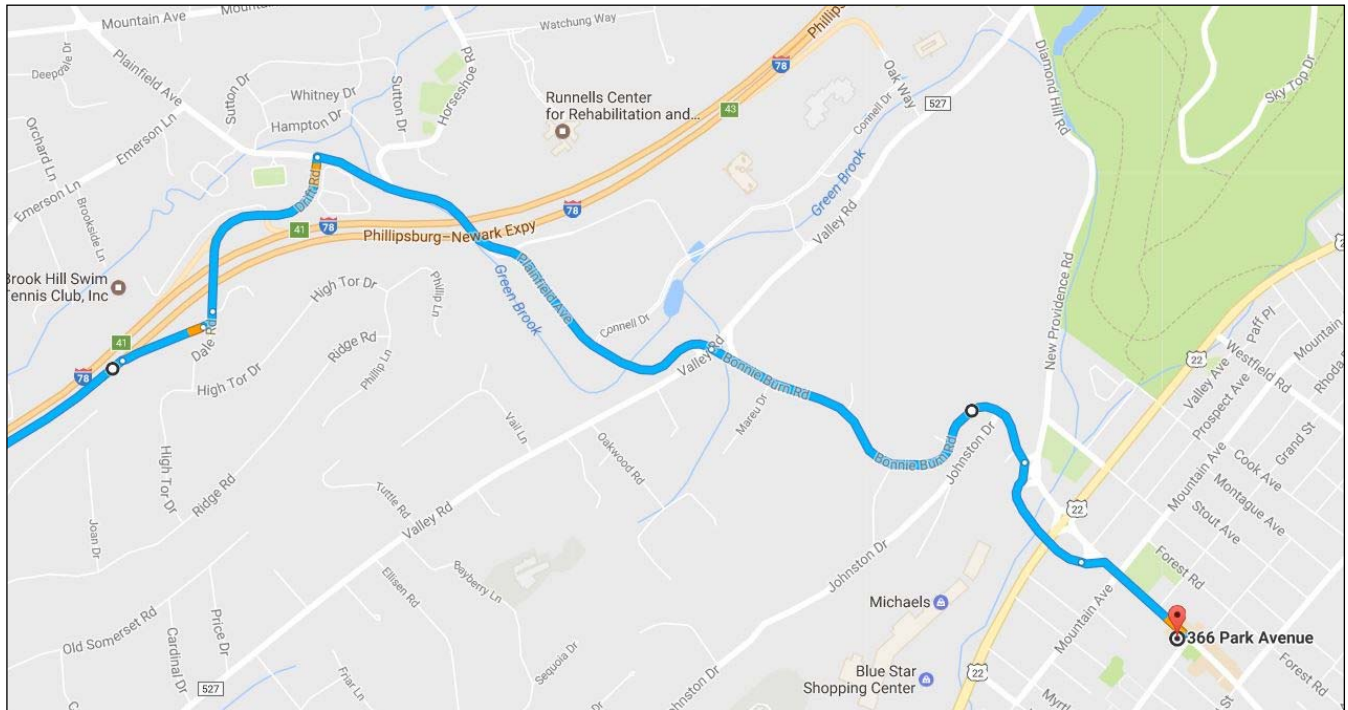
DIRECTIONS (traveling from the South): Take the Delaware Memorial Bridge to I-95 (New Jersey Turnpike). From the Bridge (approximately 1 hour and 50 minutes, and this route has tolls): Take Exit 11 and keep right, following signs for the Garden State Parkway. Take Exit 135 (Westfield). Turn LEFT toward Clark/Westfield and continue on the Parkway to Central Avenue (travel 5.7 miles). Turn LEFT onto North Avenue (travel 3/10 of a mile). Turn RIGHT onto Midway Avenue (travel 6/10 of a mile). Turn RIGHT onto North Martine Avenue (Martine Avenue becomes Park Avenue, and travel 4/10 of a mile). Turn LEFT onto Front Street. The Tavern is located at that corner – Park Avenue and Front Street.

Parking is located at the back of the Tavern.



DIRECTIONS (Traveling from the West): Follow I-78 to Exit 41 (Berkeley Heights/US 22/Scotch Plains). Travel to the end of the road. Turn **LEFT** onto Dale Road (Dale Road becomes Drift Road almost immediately). Proceed forward on Drift Road (travel 3/10 of a mile). Turn **RIGHT** onto Plainfield Avenue (which becomes Bonnie Burn Road) (travel a total of 1.7 miles). At stop light turn **RIGHT** onto Park Avenue (County Road 655) (travel 3/10 of a mile). Turn **RIGHT** to continue on Park Avenue and cross over Mountain Avenue. Turn **RIGHT** onto Front Street at the next corner. The Tavern is located on the right – Park Avenue and Front Street.

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2018 MEMBERSHIP MEETING

We are pleased to announce we are ready to begin preliminary arrangements for our Annual Meeting in **2018**. Our initially hoped-for site does not qualify as a meeting venue, unfortunately, so we must begin afresh. Volunteer if you can!

We would like our function to occur in Maryland or Delaware. If you are interested in serving as a Mine Host/Hostess, please contact the Keeper of the Tavern Records at AlexNBannerman@aol.com or by phone at 304-340-0200 to discuss your suggestions. Appropriate details will be reported in the next *Flagon & Trencher News* (March 2018). Preliminarily, the meeting is slated for either Saturday, June 9, 2018 or Saturday, June 16, 2018. We will also make every effort to upload details to our website as they are developed.

2019 MEMBERSHIP MEETING

If you would like to volunteer to be the Mine Host/Hostess for the **2019** Membership Meeting, please contact the Keeper of the Tavern Records. Venue suggestions are always welcome for future meetings, and we are particularly interested in taking the **2019** Meeting to one of the Southern states. If you are unable to serve alone as Mine Host/Hostess, sharing responsibilities is also an option. Please remember this is a one-time job, and the duties of the office are relatively easy to undertake. If you are interested in assisting, please contact Alex Bannerman by e-mail at AlexNBannerman@aol.com or by phone at 304/340-0200.

Reservation Form – 2017 Annual Meeting

Please reserve _____ places for me at the 2017 Annual Meeting of Flagon & Trencher.

Enclosed is my check, payable to “**Flagon & Trencher**” in the amount of \$_____
((\$33 per person – please calculate carefully))

Please note: Reservations must be received by May 31, 2017.
Cancellations *will not be honored* after May 23, 2017.

Mail your reservation form and your check to: Mr. Richard Peterson, 209 Midwood Place, Westfield, NJ 07090

If you have questions, e-mail Richard at PetersonRJP@gmail.com

Name _____

Guest(s) _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ E-mail _____