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**Jan 8, 2025**

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# ROTARY CLUB OF PLAINFIELD

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## Battle of Princeton Jan 3, 1777



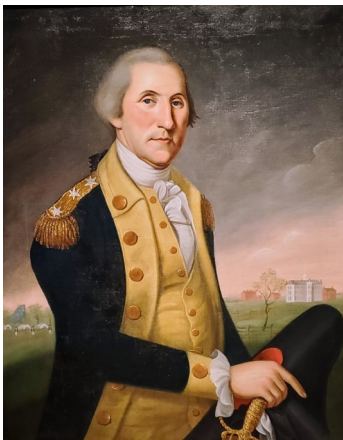
George Washington leads his troops in battle at Princeton, NJ

248 years ago, General George Washington and units of his Continental Army began 1777 on an auspicious note. Following on the Continental's December 26, 1776 victory at the Battle of Trenton, for which George Washington and his army "Crossed the Delaware" (see p. 2), the Americans

attacked British troops at Princeton, NJ in 21 degree weather, and won another victory over the greatest army in the world.

At one point in the battle, General Washington was a mere 30 yards from the British line - well within musket range. "Parade with us, my brave fellows" Washington called out to his troops. "There is but a handful of the enemy, and we will have them directly."

Wrote one young Continental officer, the sight of Washington set an example of courage such as he had never seen. "I shall never forget what I felt ... when I saw him brave all the dangers of the field and his important life hanging as it were by a single hair with a thousand deaths flying around him. Believe me, I thought not of myself."



Portrait: George Washington at Princeton, by Charles Willson Peale - Washington's victory at Princeton was very popular. Artist Peale painted several versions commemorating the victory. This one hangs in the Indianapolis Museum of Art.

Washington's bold gambles and effective leadership led to victories at Trenton and Princeton, in the dead of winter. These victories completely reversed the fortunes and morale of the Continental Army and the American's prospects for independence. They also made a hero of Washington, establishing the public's confidence in him both as a brilliant tactician and as a fearless leader in the field.

## Charlie's \$2 Worth

### ON THE BATTLE OF PRINCETON...

*"My brave fellows, you have done all I asked you to do, and more than can be reasonably expected; but your country is at stake, your wives, your houses and all that you hold dear. You have worn yourselves out with fatigues and hardships, but we know not how to spare you. If you will consent to stay one month longer, you will render that service to the cause of liberty, and to your country, which you can probably never do under any other circumstance."*  
- Washington, encouraging his men to re-enlist, Dec 31, 1776

*"We've got the old fox safe now (i.e., we've got Washington were we want him), We'll go over and bag him in the morning."* - Lord Cornwallis

*"The sun shone upon them and their arms glistened very bright, it seemed to strike an awe upon us. Then both sides fired at once, and the smoke from the discharge of the two lines, mingling as it rose, went up in one beautiful cloud."*  
- Sergeant Joseph White of Massachusetts

*When first Britannia sent her hostile crew  
To these far shores, to ravage and subdue,  
We thought them gods, and almost seemed to say  
No ball could pierce them, and no dagger slay -  
Heavens! what a blunder-half our fears were vain;  
These hostile gods at length have quit the plain ...*  
- American Poet Philip Freneau

*"It may be doubted whether so small a number of men were ever employed in so short a space of time with greater and more lasting effects upon the history of the world."*  
- English historian George Otto Trevelyan

## Upcoming Speakers/Events

- Jan 8 - Board meeting - all Club members welcome
- Jan 15 - Andrew Klinger
- Jan 22 - Royce Carter - Kyle Prewitt, Plainfield Police Chief
- Jan 29 - Danielle Bell - Jane Morrison, Executive Director, Leadership Hendricks County
- Feb 5 - Dennis Reagle
- Feb 12 - Board meeting - all Club members welcome
- Feb 19 - Ryan Rash
- Feb 26 - Brad DuBois
- Mar 5 - Sherry Sighting
- Mar 12 - Board meeting - all Club members welcome
- Mar 19 - Donnie Emerson

## Washington Crossing the Delaware



Morale was low for many in the Continental Army in December 1776, George Washington's troops having been driven out of New York, retreating back to the area north of Philadelphia. That morale was boosted on December 19 by the publication of *The American Crisis* by Thomas Paine. It included these

famous and inspiring words:

*"These are the times that try men's souls; the summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of his country; but he that stands it now, deserves the love and thanks of man and woman. Tyranny, like hell, is not easily conquered; yet we have this consolation with us, that the harder the conflict, the more glorious the triumph."*

Washington had been considering some sort of bold move since arriving in Pennsylvania. With the improved spirits of his troops and the arrival of reinforcements, a plan was settled upon to cross the Delaware River just north of Trenton on Christmas night, then march south to attack 1,400 Hessian troops stationed in the vicinity. 2,400 Patriots made the crossing and attacked the morning of December 26. This was a decisive victory for the Continentals as only three were killed and six wounded, with the Hessians sustaining 22 killed and 98 wounded. The Patriots also captured 1,000 of the enemy, along with muskets, powder, and artillery. Alexander Hamilton, future President James Monroe, and future Chief Justice John Marshall were present at what has become known as the Battle of Trenton.

**GOD BLESS ALL THOSE WHO GO IN HARM'S WAY,  
ESPECIALLY DURING THE HOLIDAYS...**



## UPCOMING SPEAKER ASSIGNMENTS

Please carefully examine the schedule below and let Max Hank know who you have obtained as a speaker for your date.

Nov 6	Joe Bennett	Jun 18	Daniel Pies
Nov 20	John Baer	Jun 25	John-Paul Biehn
Dec 4	Jan Baer	Jul 2	Rocky Turner
Dec 18	John-Paul Biehn	Jul 16	Jan Baer
Jan 15	Andrew Klinger	Jul 23	Andrew Klinger
Jan 22	Royce Carter	Jul 30	Royce Carter
Jan 29	Danielle Bell	Aug 6	Danielle Bell
Feb 5	Dennis Reagle	Aug 20	Dennis Reagle
Feb 19	Ryan Rash	Aug 27	Ryan Rash
Feb 26	Brad DuBois	Sep 3	Brad DuBois
Mar 5	Sherry Sighting	Sep 17	Sherry Sighting
Mar 19	Donnie Emerson	Sep 24	Donnie Emerson
Mar 26	Diane Burks	Oct 1	Diane Burks
Apr 2	Max Hank	Oct 15	Max Hank
Apr 16	Scott Olinger	Oct 22	Scott Olinger
Apr 23	Daniel Kinnamon	Oct 29	Daniel Kinnamon
Apr 30	Susan Ament	Nov 5	Brian Culp
May 7	Reann Poray	Nov 19	Reann Poray
May 21	Joe Bennett	Dec 3	Joe Bennett
May 28	John Graham	Dec 17	John Graham
Jun 4	John Baer	Jan 7	John Baer

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY! JANUARY

**Ryan Rash - Jan 4**

**Mark Shayotovich - Jan 16**

**Andrew Klinger - Jan 18**

**John-Paul Biehn - Jan 29**

## Little Free Library Maintenance Schedule

Dec 18-24 - Royce Carter

Dec 25-31 - Joe Bennett

Jan 1-7 - Brian Culp

Jan 8-14 - Max Hank

Jan 15-21 - Susan Ament

Jan 22-28 - Royce Carter

Jan 29-Feb 4 - Max Hank

Feb 5-18 - Brian Culp

Feb 19-25 - Reann Poray

Please check supply, refill as needed.

Report any damage to Joe Bennett.

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SPEED BUMP



## Committees and Chairs

**Bulletin:** Max Hank

**Finance:** Joe Bennett

**Foundation:** John Baer

**Fundraising :**

**Golf Outing:** John Baer, Brad Dubois

**Crew Car Wash:** Sherry Sighting

**Membership:** Brian Culp

**Orientation:** John Baer & Diane Burks

**Programs:** Brian Culp

**PR & Website:** John Baer

**Quaker Day Parade & Picnic:** TBD

**Service Committees:** Royce Carter

**Literacy/LFL:** Joe Bennett

**Teacher of the Year:** Max Hank

**Youth:** Diane Burks

**Interact and RYLA:** Susan Ament

**Scholarships:** Max Hank

**Straight-A Salute:** Sherry Sighting

**The Imagination & Idea Labs:** Diane Burks

## 4-Way Test

**OF THE THINGS WE THINK, SAY AND DO**

**1. IS IT THE TRUTH?**

**2. IS IT FAIR TO ALL CONCERNED?**

**3. WILL IT BUILD GOODWILL AND BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?**

**4. WILL IT BE BENEFICIAL TO ALL CONCERNED?**

**(5. IS IT FUN?)**