

Our 2024 Reunion Speaker – Walt Johnson

Hi KKC Extended Family,

A belated Happy New Year to all of you!

I am excited to formally announce our speaker for the 2024 reunion on 9 June 2024 will be Walt Johnson. He will talk about the founding of Skippack and the Kolb's influence during its founding and following years. His topic:

*“Dielman Kolb and the Kolb Leadership in the Early Years of Bebbler’s Township
And the Mennonite Congregation at the Skippack Meeting House”*

Walt grew-up in Creamery, Skippack Township, graduating from the Collegeville-Trappe High School. He then received a B.S. degree from Ursinus College and later attended Ohio State University where he earned a Master’s Degree in Mathematics. He taught for 25 years at the Indian Valley Junior High School and then 13 years at the Souderton Area High School. He also was an associate professor at Ursinus College in the Education Department for 5 years. Walt is a 5th generation teacher in Skippack Township, following grandfathers Henry G. Johnson, Henry H., Henry M., and his father Ralph W. Johnson as continuous teachers beginning in 1826! His son teaches at Indian Valley Middle School, making the streak the 6th generations!!!!

After retiring from being a math teacher, he became interested in the local history of the area. He is currently involved in the Skippack Historical Society, serving as a historian. He is also director and chairman of “Washington’s Encampment”, a living history event held in the village of Skippack held each September. He also gives tours of the historic IndenHofen House and Barn Museums, and enjoys presenting programs of our local history to scout groups, senior citizen communities and civic groups.

Walt is also a descendent of Jacob Kolb!

Additionally, for those of you living near Skippack:

The Skippack Historical Society (<https://www.skippack.org/shs.htm>) is planning a program on the Seven one-room schoolhouses in Skippack Township on Thursday, April 25th at 7:30 p.m. The program will be held at the school house next to Lower Skippack Mennonite Church. The first house was Christopher Dock's school in 1718 at the Lower Skippack Mennonite church location. The program will include a variety of stories and events involving one-room schools and their teachers.

Stay warm!

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