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## "ROO's" BOOS - Notes from Kelly

*Come with me*

*All Hallow's night*

*We'll frighten everyone in sight*

*Such pranks, for once,*

*Are justified*

*And fun and frolic amplified.*

From an early 19<sup>th</sup> century Halloween card



### HAPPY HALLOWEEN! The Halloween season is finally here!

Yeah! Although I will be wishing for November by the time Oct. 31st rolls around, I really do enjoy this special time of year. John and I will be doing our usual Alfred's Victorian Haunted dining along with the dinner with a psychic this month. We are also hosting a few bus tours in Gettysburg for a local tour company. We plan to celebrate the season at **Rick Fisher's Fright Night** on the 13<sup>th</sup>. Remember SSP members are invited to attend. You must contact Rick with the number in your party and are asked to bring some munchies to the party. You can dress up or come as yourself to this fun-filled evening. Rick will be giving prizes for the Best Spooky story among other things.

We had a great time at the **Harrisburg Cemetery** on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of Sept. A good crowd turned up to investigate the area. We broke the people into smaller groups and we each had a half an hour to study different parts of the cemetery. When it was all said and done, everyone had the chance to explore the entire place, including the receiving vault.

I do not know about you, but I did manage to capture some EVP in front area of the park. We will be playing the voices that John and I captured. As of today, I have not completed listening to the entire tape, and I am hoping there will be more to share when I am finished.

John Bry was a gracious host as usual and the food everyone brought... wow! I bet some people gained a few pounds eating all of the goodies. Thank you very much to those of you who attended for being professional and helping with the snacks. We will do this event again in the near future.

### The Background of Trick or Treat

*"Hallowe'en is coming on and the geese are getting fat.*

*Will you please put a penny in the old lad's hat?*



*If you haven't got a penny, a ha' penny will do.*

*If you haven't got a ha' penny, a farthing will do.*

*If you haven't got a farthing, then a piece of bread will do.*

*If you haven't got a piece of bread, God bless you, and your old lad, too."*

House-begging on Halloween became the norm throughout the original Celtic territories. Some historical accounts say that only children practiced house-begging, but other references indicate that adults participated as well. It is from these house to house visits, involving laughter, song and friendship, that we now have the American practice of trick-or-treating, the Halloween parade and dressing up for both.

This practice varies from region to region, town to town and village to village. Adults and children who practiced rhyming went from house to house, usually then giving some sort of performance including a rhyme. In many areas of Ireland, the payment for such entertainment was in the form of money, where in Britain and Germany they would receive food (soul cakes, apples, or pastries and if you were good, a cup of fresh buttermilk). If you came to the door too soon, you were sent away and had to wait a week or two. The favored rhyme is the one printed above.

What it means is that if you did not have a crust of bread, you were certainly in worse shape than me and YOU needed all of the prayers you could get.

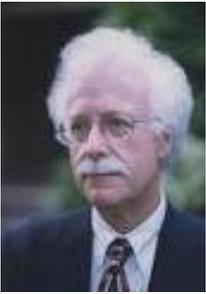
Mumming, which pre-dates the Halloween parade, appears to be a bit more complicated, including costuming and additional choreography. (Sounds like that is where the **Philadelphia Mummers** got their idea!) Somewhere along the way, Halloween rhymes and Christmas mumming managed to blend to the point where accounts cited by people, now in their 80's became confused as to which was when, and what came first.

In Scotland during the 16<sup>th</sup> century, young men would cook up amazing disguises with horrific masks, flitting from house to house and shop to shop, carrying turnip lanterns, singing their favorite rhymes and begging for apples, nuts, and copper coins. These packs of rowdy adolescents were called guisers, and this practice of guising lasted well into the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

In Medieval Europe and All Soul's Day, beggars sought alms as payment for prayers they promised to say for the dead loved ones of those who gave them money. By eating a soul cake, the beggar or other people would help to release someone from the torments of Hell. (Cont. Pg. 2)

# Coming Sat. October 20, 2007 S.E.A.R.C.H. Presents:

•Featured Speaker: Renown Alien Abduction Researcher **DR. DAVID M. JACOBS, Ph. D.**



David M. Jacobs, Ph.D. is Associate Professor of History at Temple University specializing in twentieth century American history and culture. Dr. Jacobs began researching the controversy over unidentified flying objects in America in the mid 1960's, and has amassed over 38 years of primary research data and analytical hypotheses on the subject.

Since 1973 Dr. Jacobs has continued to devote most of his professional and personal energies to researching the UFO phenomenon in general, and the abduction phenomenon in particular. Having conducted nearly 900 hypnotic regressions with over 140 abductees, Dr. Jacobs is one of the foremost UFO abduction researchers worldwide. As a result of his extensive primary research, he has developed the first scientific typology of the abduction experience.

•Guest Speaker: Noted Paranormal Investigator **RICK FISHER, Founder PSP**



Since founding the *PA Ghost Hunters Society* in 1997 (Now the *Paranormal Society of PA*) Rick's reputation as a dedicated and innovative paranormal investigator has continued to grow. For decades, Rick has been assembling a vast collection of artifacts pertaining to the paranormal which will be the foundation for the upcoming non-profit *National Museum of Mysteries and Research Center* for which he serves as Executive Director and Curator.

Rick's presentation will focus on the Carbondale, PA incident in November, 1974. Some claim it was merely a railroad lantern thrown into a silt pond, but others say - like Roswell and Kecksburg - a UFO crashed and was retrieved by military forces. Rick's extensive research - which includes many witness interviews - is compelling and brings this sometimes forgotten event to life!

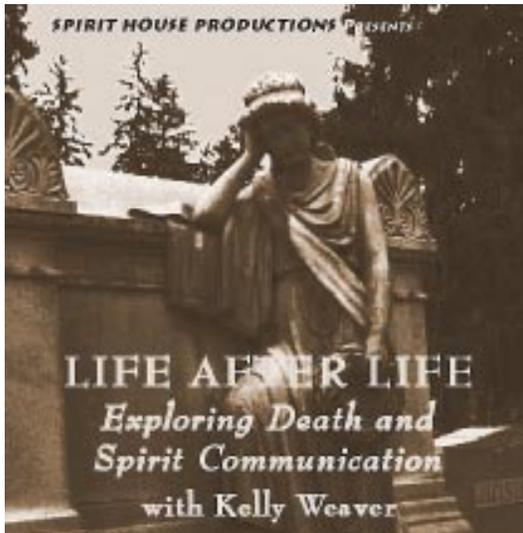
•Location: Colonial Park East Shore Library, Rms A & B 4501 Ethel Street, Harrisburg PA (Behind Colonial Park Mall)

•Time: 10:30am-4:45pm (Lunch break 12-1) •Donation: \$12 per person

•If you have questions or need directions, please e-mail S.E.A.R.C.H. President Steve Groff [SGROFF@paonline.com](mailto:SGROFF@paonline.com) or call (717)566-2835

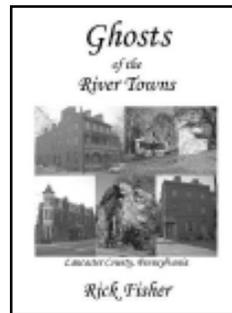
## NEW! DVDs & CDs from Spirit House Productions

The fascinating subject of After Death Communication, including interesting superstitions along with historical facts about death, is the focus of, "Life After Life", a new DVD from Kelly Weaver / Spirit House



**Productions.** It ends with a soothing meditation to help you connect with your loved ones on the other side. *Life After Life* (along with Kelly's new *Meet Your Angels and Discover Your Past Lives Meditation CDs*) is available this summer at Mark Nesbitt's Ghosts of Gettysburg Headquarters on Baltimore Street and through [www.kellysmagicalgarden.com](http://www.kellysmagicalgarden.com). (Look for future DVD releases in 2008)

## Now Available: GHOSTS of the RIVER TOWNS by Rick Fisher

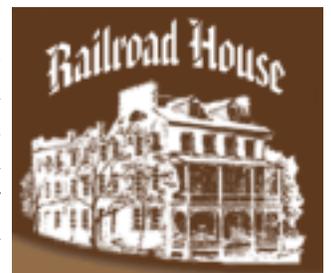


No one knows more ghost stories from Lancaster County's river towns of Columbia, Marietta & surrounding areas than PSP founder Rick Fisher, and his first book is full of fascinating accounts from this historic and haunted region of South Central PA. To order, send check or money order for \$6.00 (includes postage and handling) to Rick Fisher 109

South Second St. Apt. 2 Columbia, PA 17512 Rick's e-mail is [rfisher@paranormalpa.com](mailto:rfisher@paranormalpa.com)

Also highly recommended are Rick's "GHOSTS of MARIETTA" Walking Tours. Take a relaxing stroll filled with fascinating tales of the many hauntings in this historic and beautiful town. Perfect for Halloween!

Details at [www.paranormalpa.com](http://www.paranormalpa.com) Rick's tours meet at the lovely and haunted Railroad House in Marietta, also the location of "Fright Night" - for a memorable meal or weekend getaway, please visit [www.therailroadhouse.com](http://www.therailroadhouse.com)



Remember to have goodies for the little ghosts and goblins that ring your bell on Trick-Or-Treat night!

*Druids would not know this night  
And witches would wonder in gaze  
To see the festive costumed souls  
That dash about the night in play  
Where ancient magick ruled the land  
Children's laughter fills the soul  
Yet in this way the night is honored*

*Much like the ancients long ago. - David O. Norris*

### Frank's Box

As most of you know, I teach a Mediumship class and three members of SSP studying with me. Laura Shank, Mark Whalen and Billy Moore. We decided to use Frank's box in our September class to see what we could find about this mysterious box. Billy was not at this meeting, but Mark, Laura and I were ready to give it the old college try.

It was recommended to me by Rosemary Ellen Guiley to NOT use the box in my house that there were strange vibes that surround it. I wanted to honor her wishes since she was letting me use it. We sat in a circle, with a small fire burning off to the side, candles surrounding us and sage burning for protection. We began the session like a séance/spirit circle with prayers of protection. We all asked our Spirit Guides and Angels to protect us and to help us make a contact with the spirit world.

The hard part of this whole process is that the box has a radio inside that switches from station to station creating 'white noise.' I started asking my guides for help and asked if there was anyone around us from the spirit world that needed our help. The three of us took turns asking questions each with a tape recorder in hand. I have listened to a small portion of the tape and it is hard to tell what is coming from the box and what is coming from Spirit. (at the cemetery, it was easier to tell the spirits from the box's noise, maybe the secret was not being right in front of the device). I'm still up in the air as to whether this box is the newest thing since sliced bread or if it is your imagination. I am sure I did get some EVP's at the cemetery, but I am not too sure about our Mediumship session. Mark was kind enough to send me his thoughts on using the box that evening.

*Using Frank's Box was certainly an interesting experience. As always, we protected ourselves with sage, prayers, and affirmations. Of course, I called on St. Michael to surround and protect us with a band of angels. As we grounded ourselves and meditated the energy, felt different, somewhat spiky. I tried not to focus on the radio transmissions and to use the sounds as white noise. At times, it seemed like there were flickering shadows on the edge of my peripheral vision, darting in and out. As I went deeper, at one point I felt as though someone came up between Laura and me and put their hands on each of our shoulders. In my mind's eye a woman with long honey, blond hair in a blue dress crossed over in front of me and went towards Laura. I have not listened to my tape yet but I am hoping to hear some response to our questions.*

**Cat Apparition** This photo shows a spectral black cat materializing just in time for Halloween! Of course, in reality its the effect of a long shutter in this pic taken by John Weaver using an IR filter at the Harrisburg Cemetery caretakers cottage. Although John Bry's feline buddy is quite real, there is evidence of paranormal activity in the house and cemetery! Thanks to John for being such a gracious host - Please help him and his vision by supporting and spreading the word on *Here Lies Harrisburg*, coming Oct. 26 & 27. (Details in this issue)





## PARA-TECH

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*Opinions & Observations by JDW*

**Harrisburg Cemetery Investigation** Many of those who participated were doing this for the first time and I thank you very much for approaching it in a serious nature. Everyone kept conversations low & minimal, and other than seeing flashlights in the distance, one would never know 4 separate teams were moving amongst the designated areas. I certainly can't say the same for the way many people - often part of paranormal groups themselves - approach investigating the Gettysburg Battlefield or other haunted sites. Although 3 hours is limiting to truly covering a cemetery of this size, I think we established the presence of certain active areas to key future research.

Having Jack Thomas and his knowledge of the cemetery's history in my team was a great asset. Working with Laura was in many ways like working with Kelly - as an intuitive she is grounded, focused and a good barometer of activity. A good example of this are the EVPs I recorded when she sensed the presence of a little boy named Andrew who said "Call me Andy". Kelly also had great success in recording voices that night. One in particular stands out: When working with the "Franks Box" device in the receiving vault, she recorded a response to "How did you die" that unmistakably sounds like "GANGRENE!" Now, all familiar with it agree that the frequency sampling of Frank's box raises issues regarding the co-incidental nature of the "voices. However, to me the chance this device just randomly picked up someone talking about a nearly archaic disease is much less than the chance that the spirit of someone in one of the many 200+ year old graves here did die of it!

**Kelly Reading EVP** Wow! During a reading for 2 female clients Kelly hesitated, searching for a word to use when an incredibly clear MALE voice says it for her: "Always!" Her client reviewed the tape on the way home and called her immediately. It is to me undeniably a male voice and shows "someone" else is participating - you'll hear it tonight! (This is not the first time a voice has been captured during one of Kelly's readings but it's by far the most clear!)

**AUTUMN IS ARRIVING**

**Enjoy it !**

Check out state parks and go for a picnic and/or hike.

(Little Buffalo, Pine Grove Furnace or Boiling Springs Children's Lake)

Rake leaves and jump in them! (You know you want to!)

Visiting old historic graveyards is a great autumn activity.

Make a nice, hot homemade stew or soup.

Take a day trip through heavily wooded areas to enjoy the leaves turning colors.

Rent a boat or a canoe and go out on a lake.

Take a book or your laptop and hot chocolate out onto the porch.

Gather your loved ones and go outside for a picnic.

Going out and taking photos at parks, old graveyards and historical sites.

Bake Cookies.

Roast marshmallows, hot dogs and apples on sticks.

Visit a farmer's market and enjoy the autumn harvest.

Bundle up, lay in the back yard and star gaze.

Visit an apple orchard and pick your own apples. Then make an apple pie--from scratch!

Go on a hayride.

Collect colorful leaves, acorns and other nature items & make a centerpiece.

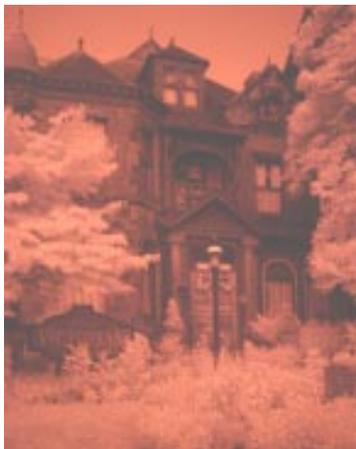
Decorate for Halloween! (It's never too early!)

Make a scarecrow.

Carve pumpkins into scary or cute jack-o-lanterns.

Thanks to Melissa Griffith for her thoughts on Autumn's Arrival - she is busy with wedding plans and her regular column will return soon!

*Dinner with  
a Psychic-  
Medium  
(Kelly Weaver)  
at Historic,  
Haunted,  
ALFRED'S  
VICTORIAN  
Middletown, PA*



*Enjoy a sumptuous meal in the region's most romantic restaurant, hearing tales and evidence of "Emma" the famous ghost of the Victorian. Price: \$29.95 all inclusive; \$10 for 10 Min. Readings w/Kelly are available.*

**Last 2007 date: Oct 10 (More coming '08)**

**•Also: "Haunted Dining" coming Oct 24**

*Call Alfred's for reservations 717 944 5373*

From the "Haunted Places Index" at [www.theshadowlands.net](http://www.theshadowlands.net) (A recent posting? Anyone know anything about this? - JDW) In the lower level of **Camp Hill High School** there is a small metal door that is about 3 feet off the ground. Although all of the school has been redone this part was left alone. The door is usually locked, although some have been able to get inside. The floor is still just dirt and there are mounds the span the small space. A small children's cemetery used to be where the school is now. It is said that when the school was built they did not was to disturb the bodies. People have reported seeing small girls running down the hall way, reports of foot steps down the halls and the sounds of small girl's voices can be heard.

*Double, double toil and trouble;  
Fire burn and cauldron bubble...  
Eye of newt, and toe of frog,  
Wool of bat, and tongue of dog,  
Adder's fork, and blind-worm's sting,  
Lizard's leg, and howlet's wing,  
For a charm of powerful trouble,  
Like a hell-broth boil and bubble.  
- William Shakespeare, "Macbeth"*



**HAPPY HALLOWEEN  
FROM THE S.S.P.!**