

# New Philadelphia Association News

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Phil Bradshaw, (far right) NPA President, presents the 1836 Club Sponsor packages to inaugural NPA members Linda Bradshaw, Helen Wright, Harry Wright and Carol McCartney.

## 1836 Club Awards

Philip E Bradshaw, New Philadelphia Association President, recently awarded 1836 Club memberships to inaugural NPA members Harry Wright, Helen Wright, Carol McCartney and Linda Bradshaw. Joe Conover, founding member and former Vice President of NPA, will receive his 1836 Club packet at a later date. The New Philadelphia Association 1836 Club is an inner circle of supporters who are dedicated to the preservation and protection of the legacy of Frank McWorter and the town he founded. To become an 1836 Club sponsor, a donation of \$1,000 is directly applied to purchase and preserve the historic town site as an inspiration for present and future generations with themes important to all Americans: the struggle for freedom, opportunity and love for family. For \$1,836, supporters can sponsor two lots. A sponsor package is awarded to all 1836 members including: A Sponsorship Certificate; an 1872 plat map of New Philadelphia indicating the location of the lot sponsored, a brief history of the lot sponsored, and a copy of *New Philadelphia: An Archaeology of Race in the Heartland* by Dr. Paul Shackel who directed the New Philadelphia archaeology project in collaboration with Dr. Terrance martin, Dr. Christopher Fennel and Dr. Anna Agbie-Davies. Dr. Shackel's publication chronicles the archaeology project with background and historical information and archaeological findings. Dr. Shackel also discusses the community and descendants' perspective about New Philadelphia.

Other 1836 Club Sponsors include: Charlotte King, Bruce and Kaye Giffen, a memorial to Natalie Armistead, Joe Conover (2); New Philadelphia Archaeology Project Participants; Wayne Riley, Drs. Shackel and Little, David Iftner, Kaye Iftner, Kati Fay, Pat Syrcle, and Terry & Claire Martin.

## New Directors Named to New Philadelphia Association Board

We want to welcome two new directors to the New Philadelphia Association Board and share a little information about them.

**Rodger Hannel** of Kinderhook, IL, brings administrative experience to the NPA Board with his history as Superintendent of Western Community Unit School District; Superintendent of Payson Community Unit School District; and Superintendent of West Pike Community Unit School District. He also served as Principal at Pittsfield South and East Grade Schools; Principal at East Pike Grade School and Principal at Pearl Grade School in addition to previously teaching at grade school, junior high and high school levels. Hannel holds an Education Specialist degree from Western Illinois University; a Masters in Education from Western Illinois University; a B.A. degree in English with Language Arts Teacher Certification from Oklahoma Christian College; an Associate of Arts degree from York College, NE and is a graduate of Meredosia-Chambersburg High School, Meredosia, IL.



In addition to the New Philadelphia Association, Hannel serves as President of the Western Education Foundation and was elected to the Pike County Board in 2014. He also served as Coordinator of Adams County United Way Retired Educators; President of the Illinois Association of School Administrators from 2000—2011 and has served in numerous other organizations including Kiwanis, Payson Education Foundation, Phi Delta Kappa, and Illinois Principals Association,

**Douglas King** of Springfield, IL, grew up in St. Louis, MO and attended St. Louis public schools. He attained a BS in Organizational Management from St. Louis University. He spent 12 years in direct sales and marketing where he honed his skills in time management, communications and presentation and learned to develop budgets for action. He worked 22 years in state government as an IT and property manager for IL Lottery and IL Dept. of Revenue. As Lottery's telecom manager, he was responsible for the day to day management of the gaming system's data communications network. As IDOR's assistance division property manager (with continued responsibility for the Lottery data communications network), he served primarily as capitol development projects manager. He retired in 2009 and has lived in Springfield for 31 years.

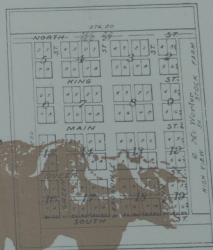


King currently is a member of the Frontiers International Springfield Club, Springfield Coalition on Dismantling Racism Leadership Team, St. John's Hospital Community Advisory Board, Springfield Dominican Anti-Racism Team, Il State Museum Society, Abraham Lincoln Association, Abraham Lincoln Council Board, BSA. He is also President of Springfield IL African American History Foundation & Museum, Chair of United Way of Central IL, Treasurer of Sangamon Co. Community Foundation, Trustee of Tracy Family Foundation and Chair of Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce Diversity Development Council and volunteers at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum.

## SITE OF NEW PHILADELPHIA September 16, 1836 - 1885

The town consisted of 144 lots laid out by a black man FREE FRANK MCWORTER. In 1819 he bought his freedom from slavery, and eventually freedom for 16 family members for \$14,000. He was the first settler (1829) in Hadley Township. Free Frank was born in 1777 in South Carolina and died September 12, 1854. He is buried in the New Philadelphia cemetery 1/2 mile southeast of this sign.

PHILADELPHIA  
HADLEY TWP.



## You Have Options to Support New Philadelphia

There are several ways you can support the efforts of the New Philadelphia Association. Funds received from memberships on any level go toward buying the property where the town site was located.

### Regular Member

Dues for a regular membership are \$50.00 per year and are **DUE JANUARY 1**. Please make sure to get your dues paid! Be a supporter. Send your email address for information on a regular basis.

### Friend of Frank

\$250.00 – Friend of Frank in honor of Frank McWorter, founder of New Philadelphia

### Friend of Lucy

\$500.00 – Friend of Lucy, Frank's wife and his first purchase in his family freedom mission.

### 1836 Club

\$1000.00 – Sponsorship of one lot in the town of New Philadelphia.

\$1,836.00 – 1836 Club is named for the founding year of New Philadelphia. This amount gives sponsorship of two lots

Lot sponsors receive a packet put together by Director Charlotte King with a welcome letter with tax deduction information, 1872 map showing the location of lots, a history of lot ownership, a certificate of sponsorship, a book by Dr. Shackel, archaeologist at New Philadelphia for several years, entitled, *New Philadelphia: An Archaeology of Race in the Heartland*.

***All donations/dues can be sent to : First National Bank of Barry, c/o Rick Shover, 694 Bainbridge St., Barry, IL 62312***