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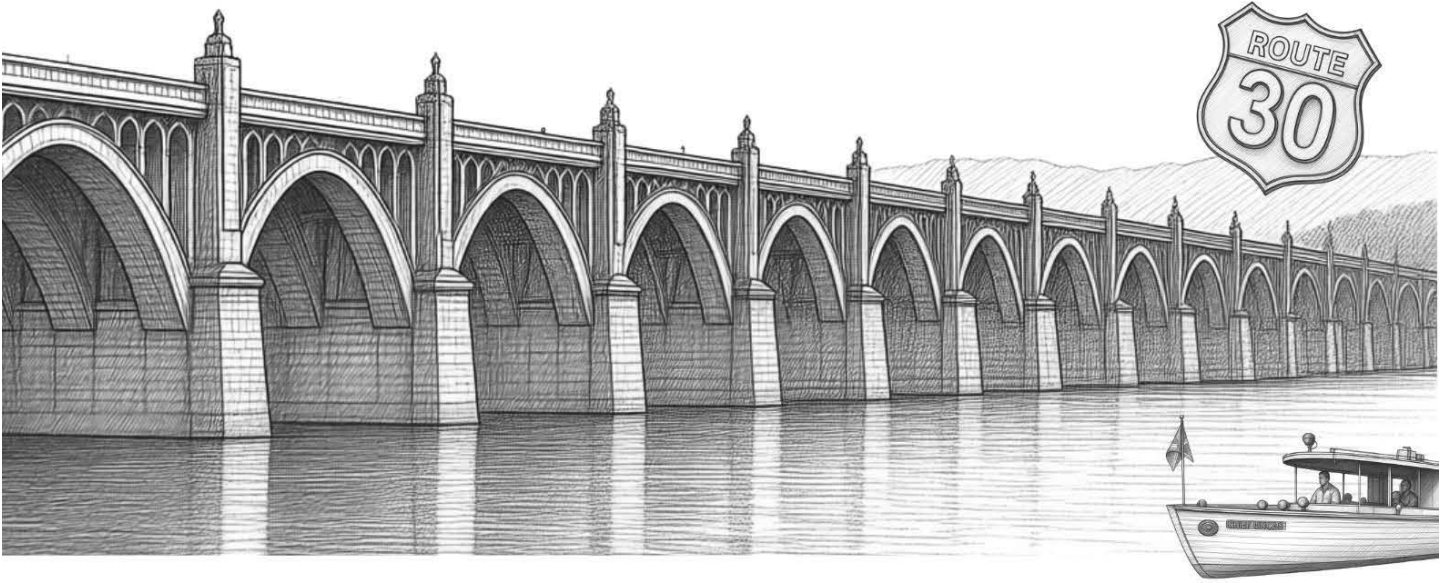
Lincoln Highway Conference

YORK, PENNSYLVANIA



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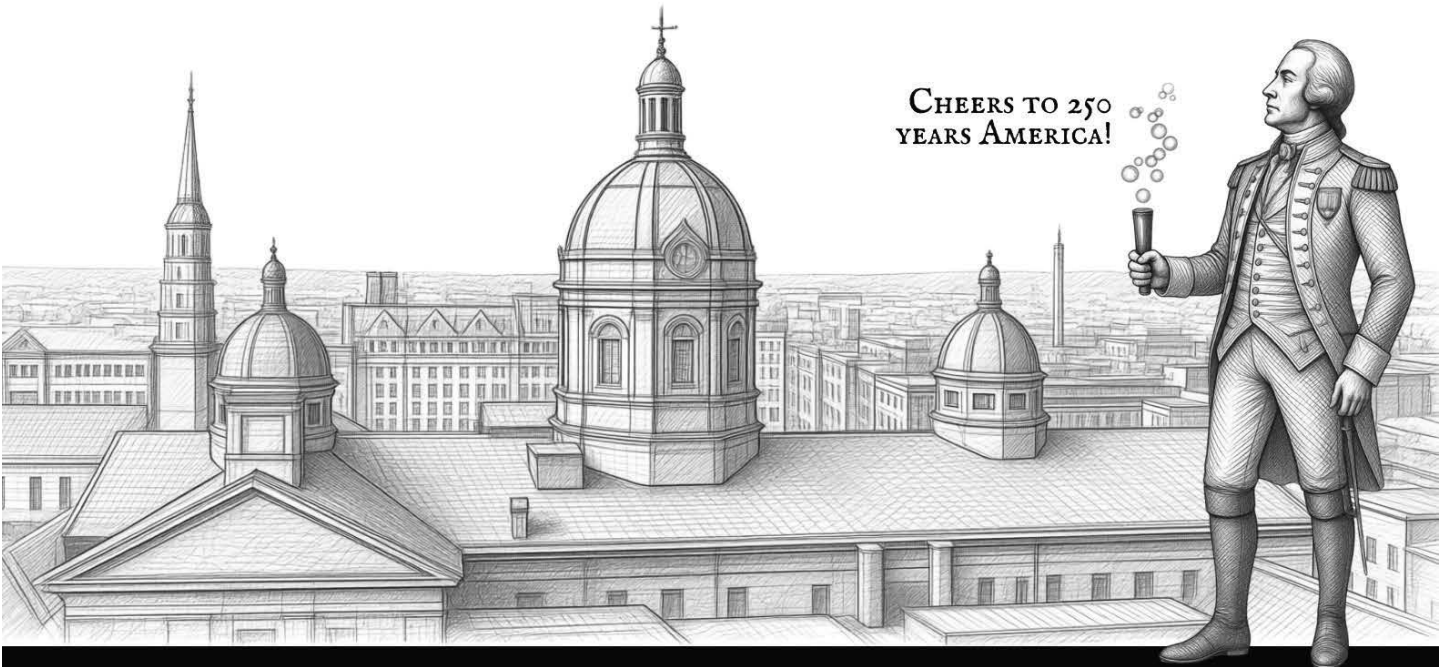


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Welcome
to York, Pennsylvania
as we celebrate our nation's
250th Birthday

The 2026 Lincoln Highway Association national conference is called Road to Independence because we are following a transportation route that existed centuries before it was known as the Lincoln Highway. From native people walking along the Monocacy Path to Colonial era pioneers traveling in Conestoga wagons along the Great Wagon Road, from Freedom Seekers on the Underground Railroad to Civil War battles, and from private toll roads to become part of the nation's first coast to coast highway. The Lincoln Highway has more than 250 years of transportation history that we'll explore together throughout the week.

The PA Chapter LHA is honored to host this annual conference. We have partnered with many organizations along America's Main Street, and we can't wait to explore the towns of south-central Pennsylvania together. If you need assistance, please contact

a volunteer committee member, LHA board member or conference coordinator, Tom Davidson, at 223-254-8182. Relax and enjoy our time together.

We dedicate this conference to York's first volunteer LHA Consul, Eugene Weiser. He was a Good Roads leader that all communities needed to build the Lincoln Highway. He rallied the community in 1914 to stop President Wilson from rerouting the Lincoln Highway through Washington DC. He pressed state officials to take over the private toll roads to create a government road network that featured the Lincoln Highway across Pennsylvania. He worked



Eugene Weiser
York's first volunteer LHA Consul

with business leaders to build the majestic 1930 Columbia Wrightsville Veterans Memorial Bridge. He truly led York County forward from the 19th century dirt road era to the 20th century improved, toll-free highways that we travel today.

Proclamation

CELEBRATING AMERICA'S 250th ANNIVERSARY *on the* HISTORIC LINCOLN HIGHWAY

WHEREAS, *The Lincoln Highway, constructed in 1913, was the first coast-to-coast automobile route in the United States, setting the stage for innovation in our country; and*

WHEREAS, *as we reflect on the 250-year history of our nation, the Lincoln Highway is a reminder of the enduring American spirit of determination and ingenuity; and*

WHEREAS, *the Lincoln Highway has been a cornerstone of Pennsylvania's transportation network since it was constructed, connecting York to Lancaster and Philadelphia to the east, as well as Gettysburg, Chambersburg and Pittsburgh to the west; and*

WHEREAS, *the Lincoln Highway became part of the expanded United States numbered highway system in 1926, when much of its Pennsylvania route was designated as U.S. Route 30, making this the 100th anniversary of Route 30's official designation; and*

WHEREAS, *the Lincoln Highway Heritage Corridor includes 200 miles of marked routes across southcentral Pennsylvania, including Routes 30 and Route 462 in York County, with several historic landmarks that reflect its enduring legacy; and*

WHEREAS, *the newly installed America250PA Semiquincentennial Bell at Camp Security in Springettsbury Township further commemorates the soldiers and prisoners of war who once traveled this route, highlighting the county's continued commitment to preserving its history; and*

WHEREAS, *the historic roads of the Lincoln Highway have been essential routes in our nation's history from the days of the indigenous American people to the early colonists and through the 250 years of American history; and*

WHEREAS, *the Lincoln Highway continues to be celebrated by the Lincoln Highway Association, which marks America's 250th birthday with a conference here in York County being held June 22nd through June 24th, 2026, with a theme of "Road to Independence."*

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE COMMISSIONERS OF YORK COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA *hereby celebrate the important role of the Lincoln Highway in helping to build a more connected and modern York County and nation, and we welcome the Lincoln Highway Association to our county as they celebrate the 2026 Road to Independence conference.*

GIVEN, *this day in York, in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, on the 22nd day of June in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty-Six.*

IN WITNESS WHERE OF, *we have hereunto subscribed our names*



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Monday • June 22, 2026

Road to Independence • Lincoln Highway Association

Parking • Hotel Check-in • Conference Registration • Resource Rooms and Host Committee

PARKING – Please come FIRST to the rear entrance of the Yorktowne Hotel to unload any luggage, register, obtain your PARKING PASS (available if staying for 3 or more days). From Market Street turn right into alley before hotel mural then rear entrance on the left. More information at <https://lincoln250pa.org/itinerary-for-mon-june-22/>

You may park across the street in the garage by carefully going across Market Street at the alley you entered or by going left from the rear parking area via South Duke Street and then making far left in front of the parking garage to the entrance. Please use parking access pass at “target circle” on gate for entrance and exit. You will need to park on upper levels in spaces not reserved. Take garage elevator to street level.

CHECK-IN – The Yorktowne Hotel may not have your room available until after 4 PM. You may check at the front desk upon arrival. You should leave your luggage at the front desk until you are able to register for your room. The Yorktowne Hotel local phone number is 717-848-1111 for any questions about your reservation or room. Take Elevators A and B on the right from the lobby to your room floors. Use room key to operate elevators.

REGISTRATION - Come to the hotel lobby for conference registration between noon and 4:30 PM. Here you will be given your conference book, parking pass, and name tags which serve as your ticket for the events that you have registered for during the week. After the Opening Reception a registration table will be available for late arrivals in the hotel ballroom area one floor up from the lobby. Take steps or Elevator C (far left) to go to the ballroom registration table open until 10:30 PM.

RESOURCE ROOM – Monday, Wednesday and Thursday between 1 PM and 5 PM will be open in the Pullo Room adjacent to the Ballroom up one level from lobby. The Lincoln Highway Trading Post is only available on Monday afternoon so please pick up your conference shirt order immediately after registration. The pop-up book shop will be open for three days and operated by the Lincoln Highway Experience. The LHA state chapter resource tables will be on the Ballroom Mezzanine level which is up two levels from the lobby. Take stairs or Elevator C (far left) to access ballroom levels.



Optional Activities • Monday Afternoon • June 22, 2026

Lunch will be on your own. Downtown York has a variety of restaurants near Continental Square east and west along Market Street and north and south along George Street. The hotel also has a restaurant in the lobby. Check the Downtown York information in your conference packet for options.

After you check-in to your hotel room you may want to simply relax and unpack as you get ready to enjoy our conference together along the Lincoln Highway. And take a walk along Market Street or the Royal Square district near the hotel. Downtown York is a beautiful walkable city.

Presentations will be at the York College Gunter-Smith Center for Community Engagement. Go out to the front of the hotel and cross Market Street. Entrance is along South Duke Street. If door isn't open press intercom to gain entry. Presentations will be in the Community Room.

Noon until 4 PM – Road to Independence Art Exhibition open for the conference. The exhibit is free and open daily during the conference from 9 AM until 4 PM. More information in conference packet or at <https://lincoln250pa.org/art-books-and-presentations/>

2 PM – Explore York in Augmented Reality. Experience historic and cultural sites along the Lincoln Highway through Vision Solutions AR. Check out the flyer in the conference packet and download the app to your phone to enjoy the AR locations created especially for the conference.

3 PM – PBS documentary screening of *A Ride Along the Lincoln Highway* with Q&A after with Brian Butko and Mindy Crawford who participated in the filming of the 2008 documentary.

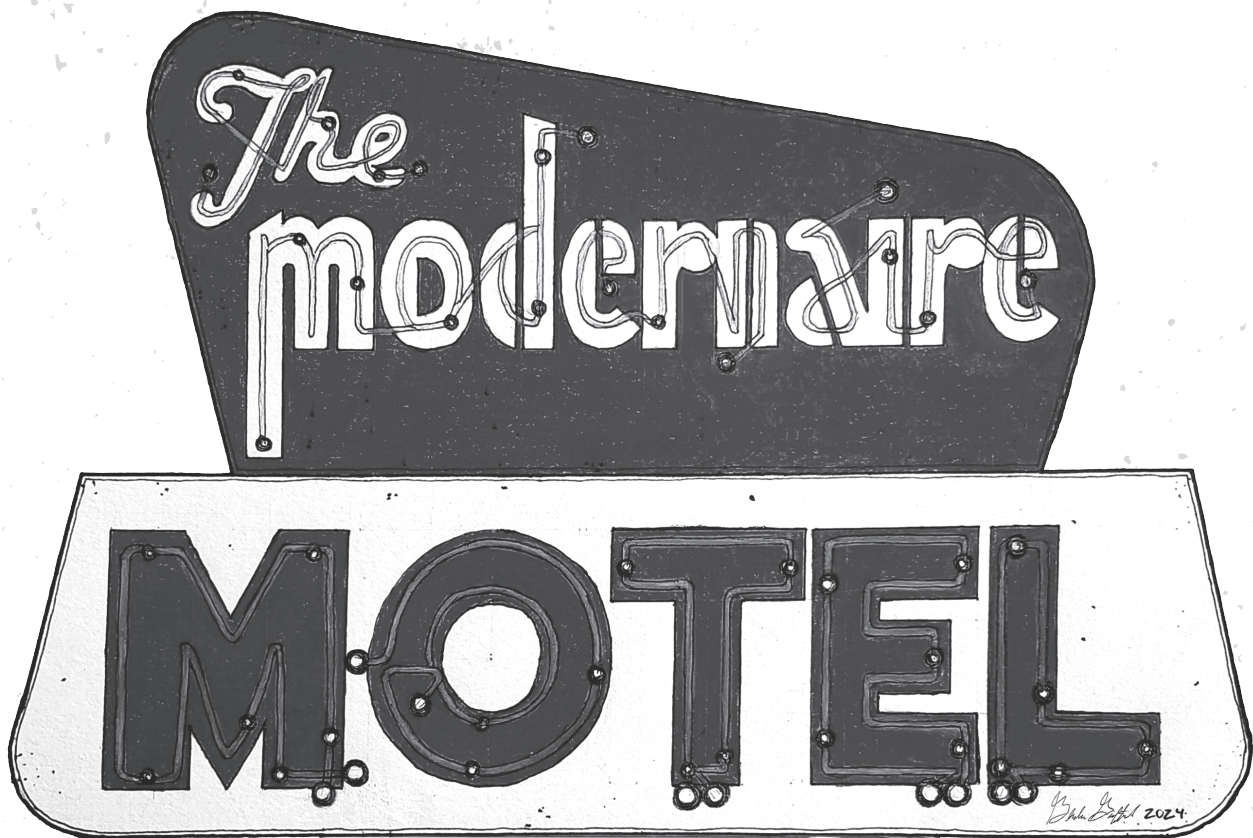
Opening Reception at the Valencia Ballroom at 142 North George Street, York PA. Doors open at 6:30 PM for check-in Reception begins at 7 PM until 9 PM

We highly recommend that you walk to the Valencia Ballroom from The Yorktowne Hotel. From the Market Street hotel entrance go left one block and then right one block along North George Street. The Valencia Ballroom is located just past East Philadelphia Street at 142 North George Street on the left. You'll see the ballroom marquee and a 1957 Chevy parked in front to greet you. Those with limited mobility may drop off guests then park around the corner at the East Philadelphia Street parking garage using your parking access pass.



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★ Opening Reception at the historic Valencia Ballroom in York PA ★

Thank you to Explore York PA for sponsoring tonight's entertainment

6:30 PM until 7 PM

Check-in with name tags

Cash bar available throughout the evening

Opening music with the award winning Unforgettable Big Band

Welcome from Explore York PA

Tonight's Emcee is our newest Miss Pennsylvania

Greetings from York County President Commissioner Julie Wheeler

LHA Pennsylvania State Director Tom Davidson

Light Food Fare and Beverages provided by Rockfish Hospitality Group

Guest soloist, Cece Otto with Unforgettable Big Band

Bernie Queneau Coast-to-Coast Travel Award

Dance and enjoy the evening together until 9 PM



Goodling Teacher Scholarship

Golf Fundraiser

Friday, July 24, 2026

The Bridges Gold Club

Abbottstown, PA

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Name Badge Lanyard

You must wear your conference lanyard to all meals and events during Road to Independence LHA Conference, as it serves as your ticket for the week's programs and meals.



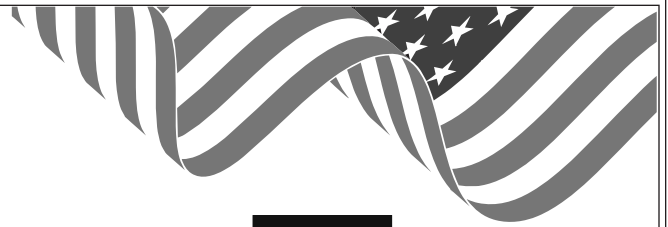
The back includes a QR code that links directly to the conference book, so you won't need to carry a paper copy all day. The zippered pouch is also useful for carrying spending money and other essentials. It includes everything you need except water, so please remember to stay hydrated.

We've also created the following MAP KEY for your name badge so that you can keep track of your event selections during each bus tour and meal choices. If you can't remember what you signed up for reference this daily map key to jog

your memory. Meal tickets will be handed out at the start of each meal, so you receive your menu choice previously selected. No substitutions may be made due to catering requirements. Enjoy each moment along the Lincoln Highway Road to Independence.

Conference Badge Map Key

MR – Monday Opening Reception
PP – Parking Pass
TC – Tuesday Chambersburg Bus
TL (B,H,T, O) – Tuesday Chambersburg Lunch
TG – Tuesday Gettysburg Bus
TGD (M, C) – Tuesday Gettysburg Dinner
TL – Tuesday Lancaster Bus
TLC (N, T, W) – Tuesday Columbia Stop
TLL (C, H, O) – Tuesday Columbia Lunch
TD (M, S, W) – Tuesday Lancaster Stop
WLHA – Wednesday AM Presentations
WG (A-L) – Wednesday PM Tour Group
WSB – Wednesday Special Boat Ride
WSS – Wednesday Special Speakeasy
ThT – Thursday Train Ride
ThT (B, C, T, O) Train Ride Lunch
ThG – Thursday Gettysburg Bus
ThW – Thursday Wrightsville Bus
ThW (B,CH, CR, NS, O) – Thursday Wrightsville Lunch
ThR – Thursday Special Reception
ThAB (FS, HC, SP, O) Awards Banquet Dinner
FPB – Friday Philly Charter Bus Tour
FS – Friday Presentation Sessions
IKE – Friday After Ike Film
S – Saturday Poker Run



THE LINCOLN HIGHWAY was the first transcontinental road for automobiles in the United States, dedicated in 1913. It winds its way over 3,000 miles between New York City and San Francisco.

The Lincoln Highway Association sponsors the annual LHA conference in a different state every year along the Lincoln Highway. This year for our 250th anniversary as a nation, the LHA partnered with the PA Chapter LHA to host the conference in York, PA.

The LHA is a national non-profit organization that is led by a volunteer board of directors with representation from each state along the Lincoln Highway.

The LHA provides a variety of resources for members:

- Quarterly Forum, the official publication of the organization
- Up to date LHA on-line map to travel the 1913 route and later alignments
- Coast to Coast Travel Award for individuals that have driven the entire route
- Host periodic driving tours along the Lincoln Highway
- Opportunity to volunteer to participate in LHA State chapter and national events



For more information go to
<https://www.lincolnhighwayassoc.org/>




Tuesday • June 23, 2026
Full Day Bus Tours Along the Lincoln Highway

- 7 AM until 7:45 AM Breakfast Buffet in Yorktowne Hotel Wellspan Ballroom
- 8:00 AM Dismissed from ballroom directly to buses
- ALL DAY Guided bus tours to Gettysburg, Chambersburg and Lancaster

Buses provided by Bailey Coach of Spring Grove, PA.

- Gettysburg Battlefield tour guide • Scott Mingus, Sr., Civil War historian
- Gettysburg ambassador • Lindsay Naughton Greene, Lincoln Highway Experience
- Chambersburg tour guide • Mindy Gulden Crawford, Preservation Pennsylvania
- Chambersburg ambassador • Megan Mephram Stanfill, LHA Wyoming State Director
- Lancaster County tour guide • Benton Webber, Lancaster local historian
- York tour guide • Tom Davidson, LHA Pennsylvania State Director
- York / Lancaster Ambassador • Rev. Mark Mohnkern





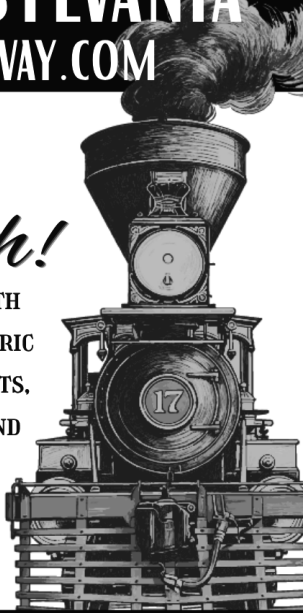
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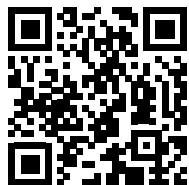
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York, Pennsylvania

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Lincoln Highway Guided Bus Tour • BUS 1 • TUESDAY

YORK TO GETTYSBURG, PA.

via Lincoln Highway (PA 462 and US 30 and US 15)

34 miles

BUS ITINERARY

- 0800 Depart Yorktowne Hotel
South Duke Street, York
- 0945 Arrive Visitor Center
Gettysburg National Military Park
- 1000 Depart for Battlefield Tour
- 1200 Arrive at the Barn Resort for Buffet Lunch
75 Cunningham Road, Gettysburg
- 1300 Depart for Corvair Car Show
Wyndham Gettysburg Hotel
- 1400 Depart for Visitor Center
Gettysburg National Military Park
- 1630 Depart for Atland House for dinner
Abbottstown
- 1800 Depart for Yorktowne Hotel

LINCOLN HIGHWAY LANDMARKS

- 1928 Lincoln Highway concrete marker at
Reliance Fire Company, West York
- Lincoln Highway Garage mural at
Fadley Auto Masters, West York
- US 30 Dragstrip at York Airport
- Lincoln Highway Cattle Equipment Company at
Lake Road with original LH alignment
- Road of Remembrance Memorial Monument
near Abbottstown
- New Oxford Circle with 1928 marker
- 1928 marker just east of US 30 and
US 15 interchange east of Gettysburg
- Gettysburg Battlefield National Military Park
monuments

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Lincoln Highway Guided Bus Tour • Bus 2 • Tuesday

YORK TO CHAMBERSBURG, PA.

via Lincoln Highway (PA 462 and US 30)

52 miles

BUS ITINERARY

- 0800 Depart Yorktowne Hotel
South Duke Street, York
- 0945 Arrive World War II American Experience
Gettysburg
- 1100 Depart for Caledonia State Park
- 1145 Picnic lunch at pavilion and
visit Thaddeus Stevens Blacksmith Shop
- 1300 Depart for Chambersburg
- 1400 Tour 11/30 Visitor Center
on Chambersburg Square
- 1445 Walking tours downtown Chambersburg
- 1600 Depart for Mister Ed's Elephant Museum
- 1730 Dinner at Cashtown Inn
- 1845 Depart for Yorktowne Hotel

LINCOLN HIGHWAY LANDMARKS

- 1928 Lincoln Highway concrete marker at Reliance Fire
Company, West York
- Lincoln Highway Garage mural at Fadley Auto Masters,
West York
- Lincoln Highway Cattle Equipment Company at Lake
Road with original LH alignment
- New Oxford Circle with 1928 marker
- Gettysburg Square past Wills House
- Mister Ed's Elephant Museum
- Thaddeus Stevens Blacksmith Shop
- 1928 Lincoln Highway markers in Chambersburg
- Memorial Fountain on the Square
- Original Lincoln Highway alignment in Cashtown and
McKnightstown



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YORK TO LANCASTER, PA.

via Lincoln Highway (PA 462 and US 30)

28 miles

BUS ITINERARY

- 0800 Depart Yorktowne Hotel
South Duke Street, York
- 0915 Arrive Haines Shoe House tour
- 1030 Arrive in Columbia for small group tours
- 1200 Picnic lunch at Columbia Crossing
River Trails Center
- 1330 Depart for Lancaster
- 1400 Small group tours in Downtown Lancaster
- 1530 Depart for eastern Lancaster County
- 1630 Dinner at Miller's Smorgasbord
- 1800 Brief stop at Dutch Haven
- 1830 Depart for Yorktowne Hotel

LINCOLN HIGHWAY LANDMARKS

- Lincoln Highway Garage at Turkey Hill
- York Auto Club in East York
- Modernaire Motel site
- Haines Shoe House
- Wrights Ferry Bridge over Susquehanna River on US 30
- Columbia 1928 Lincoln Highway marker
- State historical marker in Columbia
- 1930 Columbia Wrightsville Veterans Memorial Bridge
- Lancaster Central Market
- Stevens Smith Center for Democracy and Freedom
- Dutch Wonderland Amusement Park
- Dutch Haven Roadside Attraction

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Corporate	\$150



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Wednesday, June 23, 2026
LHA Annual Meeting and York City Day

The Lincoln Highway was America’s Main Street as automobiles took off on the Great American Road Trip. People needed lodging, food and fuel to power their journey along the way. Services were typically found in cities and towns along the Lincoln Highway.

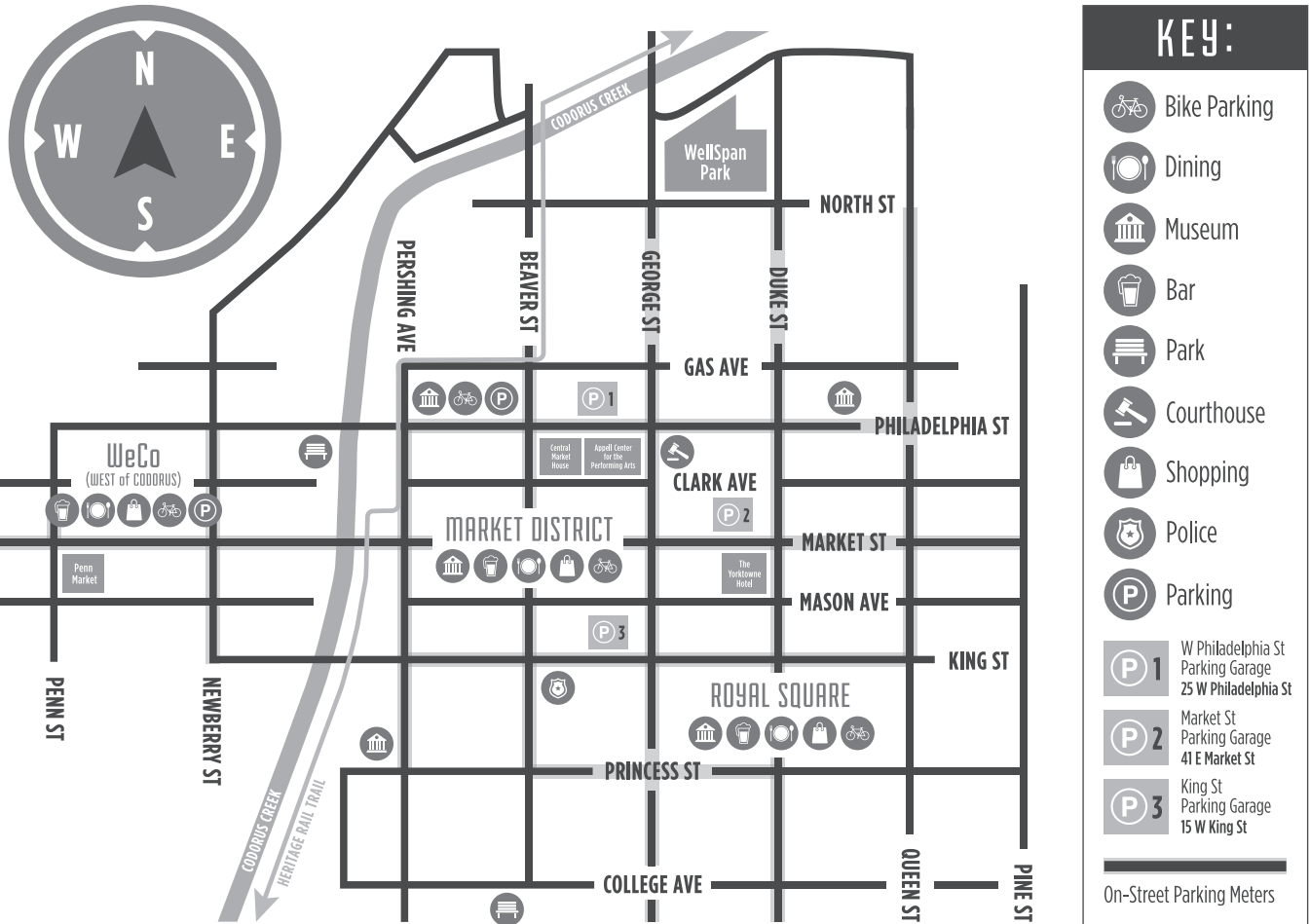
- 0700 to 0800 Buffet breakfast in the Wellspan Ballroom, The Yorktowne Hotel
- 0800 to 0945 Lincoln Highway Association Annual Meeting
- 0945 to 1000 Break
- 1000 to 1045 Brian Butko, Presentation on 1928 Boy Scout Safety Trip
- 1045 to 1130 Rick Sebak, Presentation on Travels Along the Lincoln Highway
- 1130 to 1145 Q&A and Break
- 1145 to 1200 William C. Goodridge, Prominent York Business leader and Abolitionist
as portrayed by Kelly D. Summerford
- 1200 to 1245 Buffet Luncheon
- 1300 to 1315 LHA Group Photo on steps next door at York County Building
Wear your LHA conference shirt or your favorite red, white and blue
- 1315 to 1600 Small Group guided and walking tours around York City
See Downtown York map on proceeding page and the following page
for more details, small group assignments and shuttles

Don’t forget to stop by the Pullo Room and Mezzanine level this afternoon for books, resources and more!



We thank York College of Pennsylvania for their tremendous support throughout the Road to Independence LHA National Conference. From working with students in their Business Tourism class, hosting the art exhibition and presentations, to joining us on the Philly bus tour the conference could not have been as successful without your partnership.

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From vintage shopping to locally made products, art, flowers, thrift, furniture, and everything in between.



DINING

Sip, savor, and delight in a culinary scene offering a tantalizing array of experiences for every taste.



ATTRACTIONS

Tours, galleries, museums, parks, sports, entertainment venues, and more await visitors of all ages!



PUBLIC ART

Experience creativity on display from street architecture and sculpture gardens, to Royal Square's Mural Park.



EVENTS

There is always something to see and do in Downtown York, from First Fridays, parades, and other activities.



STAY

From a boutique hotel to cozy bed and breakfasts, find the perfect place to rest and rejuvenate during your visit.



SERVICES

Discover the array of services offered from beauty salons, Sunday services, fitness, public restrooms, and more.



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Small Group Walking And Guided Tours

YORK CITY DAY

Wednesday Afternoon • June 23, 2026

Participants have been assigned to specific small groups of up to 15 people each to tour downtown York. See below for group itineraries. The space and time limitations will not provide an opportunity for everyone to do all the scheduled events. Your group assignment is listed on your name badge, i.e. WA, WB, etc. Enjoy the opportunity to explore the city where the Continental Congress fled in 1777. Visit places that you miss before or take a self-guided tour before you head home.

Downtown York has stepped up to provide volunteer ambassadors to go around with each group. They are not your tour guides but will help each group find their way and the shuttle buses provided throughout the afternoon by Bailey Coach. All shuttle buses will begin and end their loop at The Yorktowne Hotel along South Duke Street. See the Downtown York map to discover everything that the Market District, Royal Square and WeCo (West York) neighborhoods have to offer.

SESSION 1	TIME	ACTIVITY / TOUR	LOCATION / SHUTTLE STOP
ALL	1:00 PM	LHA Group Photo	Front Steps York County Ad Cntr
Group A	1:15 PM	Royal Square Walking Tour	Yorktowne Hotel, Rear Entrance
Group B	1:15 PM	Market Street Walking Tour	Yorktowne Hotel, Market Street
Group C	1:30 PM	Colonial Complex Guided Tour	21 N. Pershing at YCHC
Group D	1:30 PM	Colonial Complex Guided Tour	21 N. Pershing at YCHC
Group E	1:30 PM	Goodridge Freedom Center, 123 E. Philadelphia	S. Duke and E. Philadelphia
Group F	1:30 PM	Friends Meeting House, 135 W. Philadelphia	21 N. Pershing at YCHC
Group G	1:30 PM	Brynes Health Education Center, 515 South George	South George Street
Group H	1:45 PM	Crispus Attucks History Center, 45 E. Boundary	East Boundary
Group I	1:15 PM	Self-Guided Tours	Pop-Up / ^o Resources Yorktowne Hotel
Group J	1:15 PM	Self-Guided Tours	YCHC Museum or Agricultural & Industrial Museum
Group K	1:15 PM	Self-Guided Tours	Art Exhibiti,Community Engage/ Market View Arts, 37 W. Philadelphi
Group L	1:15 PM	Self-Guided Vision Solutions Augmented Reality	Royal Square; Cent Mrkt; WECO districts. See Downtown York map for info
SESSION 2	TIME	ACTIVITY / TOUR	LOCATION / SHUTTLE STOP
Group I	2:30 PM	Royal Square Walking Tour	Yorktowne Hotel, Rear Entrance
Group J	2:30 PM	Market Street Walking Tour	Yorktowne Hotel, Market Street
Group K	3:00 PM	Colonial Complex Guided Tour	21 N. Pershing at YCHC
Group L	3:00 PM	Colonial Complex Guided Tour	21 N. Pershing at YCHC
Group G	3:00 PM	Goodridge Freedom Center, 123 E. Philadelphia	S. Duke and E. Philadelphia
Group H	3:00 PM	Friends Meeting House, 135 W. Philadelphia	21 N. Pershing at YCHC
Group C	3:00 PM	Brynes Health Education Center, 515 South George	South George Streett
Group D	3:15 PM	Crispus Attucks History Center, 45 E. Boundary	East Boundary
Group A	2:30 PM	Self-Guided Tours	Pop-Up & Resources
Group B	2:30 PM	Self-Guided Tours	York County History Center Museum or Agricultural & Industrial Museum
Group E	2:30 PM	Self-Guided Tours	Art Exhibitions at Center for Community Engagement or Market View Arts, 37 W. Philadelphia
Group F	2:30 PM	Self-Guided Tours – Vision Solutions Augmented Reality / Shopping downtown in Royal Square / Central Market / WECO districts. See Downtown York map for more information.	

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Special thanks to the Lincoln Highway Heritage Corridor for operations.

Open Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from about 1:00 to 5:00 PM each day.

Book autograph sessions featuring the following featured authors

Monday – Ambassador Michael Owen, After Ike

Wednesday – Rissa Miller, Mindy Gulden Crawford, Jim McClure, Scott Mingus, Sr.

Thursday – Cece Otto, Jennifer Sopko, Brian Butko

Friday – James Dodson, Dr. Brian Black, Cece Otto

Note: Available after presentations on Friday morning to autograph books

Wednesday Evening Special Activities

Dinner on your own if no other plans

See Wednesday schedule via QR code for York City restaurant options

<https://lincoln250pa.org/itinerary-for-wednesday-june-24-2026/>



- 5:00 PM Wine Tasting and Boat Ride on the Susquehanna River
If registered meet in the lobby to take a shuttle bus to the event
- 6:00 PM King George Speakeasy Prohibition Party
Join us in lobby if you have reservation to walk together to event
(Still a few spots available at \$100 per person)
- 8:00 PM Lifetime Member Private Gathering
Private Dining Room, Davidson Lobby, Yorktowne Hotel
Reception for LHA Lifetime Members

Other options:

If open, visit the Graham Rooftop Lounge at The Yorktowne Hotel

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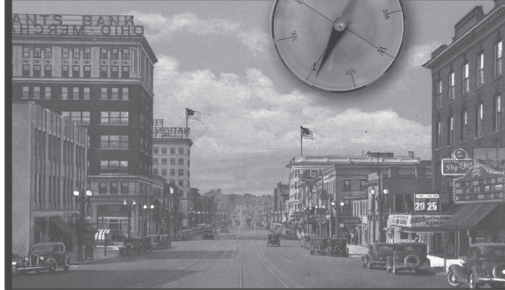


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JULY 28: Lecture, "Ohio's Thoroughfares"

JULY 31: Story & Art Time, "Travel"

AUGUST 13–15: Highway Buy-Way Yard Sale

AUGUST 25: Lecture, "First Ladies on the Lincoln Highway"

OCTOBER 11: *After Ike* Screening & Q&A

DETAILS: MASSILLONMUSEUM.ORG/DRIVING-FORCES



Compass, c. 1890, metal

Postcard (detail), Lincoln Way, Looking West, Massillon, OH

Conrad Hotel key, c. 1980, metal

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Lincoln Highway Guided Bus Tour – Bus 1 & 2 - Thursday

YORK TO NEW FREEDOM, PA.

via the Susquehanna Trail

19 Miles

The Susquehanna Trail was the second most important road after the Lincoln Highway. It was established as a regional named trail from New York to Maryland and York officials beat out Gettysburg to be on the route. The two-lane road was preserved due to parallel route of the interstate I-83 constructed immediately to the east.

Local historian and tour guide, Stephen H. Smith, provides an interesting history of the Susquehanna Trail at <https://yorkblog.com/yorkspast/history-of-susquehanna-trail/>

BUS ITINERARY

- 0800 Depart Yorktowne Hotel
South Duke Street, York
- 0900 Northern Central Railway Station
- 0930 Depart for Hanover Junction
- 1030 Tour Hanover Junction Train Station Museum
- 1130 Return train ride to New Freedom
- 1230 Picnic Lunch at
Brown's Orchard and Farm Market
- 1400 Return to York
- 1430 Arrive at Yorktowne Hotel

Scott Mingus, Sr., is a noted Civil War historian and author who will tell us how the Susquehanna Trail history intersects with the Underground Railroad, the Civil War and President Lincoln's trips on the Northern Central Railroad.

Due to the popularity of this bus trip and train excursion ride we had to extend the trip to two buses and train cars. We ask that passengers remain on the same bus and train car during the entire tour so that you may hear from both tour guides. They will switch vehicles half way through the tour so that you may hear the entire story of the Susquehanna Trail.

SUSQUEHANNA TRAIL TOWNS AND LANDMARKS

Continental Square in York City is the intersection of the Lincoln Highway and Susquehanna Trail

Brynes Health Education Center holds historic auto dealer showroom

York Imperial Apple State Historical Marker at Apple Hill

World War I Memorial Trees

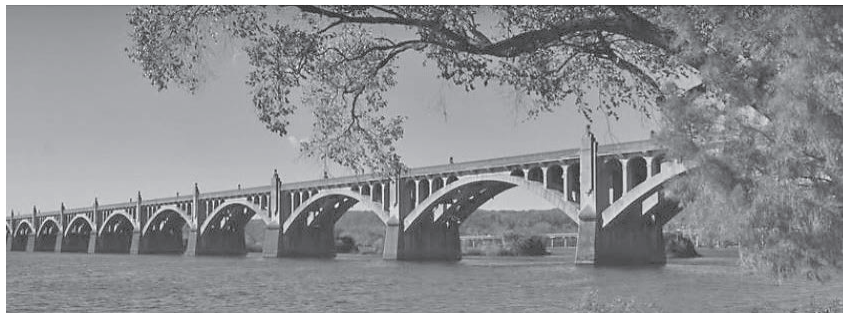
Perrydell Dairy Homemade Ice Cream

Brown's Orchard and Farm Market

Amish Markets at Shrewsbury

Mason Dixon Line – Border with Maryland

The Lincoln Highway Association PA Chapter Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/lhapachapter> will be the official social media outlet throughout the Road to Independence Conference. Each morning, separate posts for each event on the schedule will be posted for you to share in the comments. Add photos and stories about your adventures during the day. Have fun with your friends and share together on Facebook. Tag your friends and add "@Lincoln Highway National Association Conference" on your other social media channels so that everyone here and at home can enjoy your travels. Don't forget to follow and like this Facebook page!



Hint: Use the "Search" feature on this Facebook page to research towns, roadside attractions and history along the Lincoln Highway across Pennsylvania.

Dive deeper into York County Lincoln Highway history at www.lincolnhighwaypa.com

Photo by John Reitzel

Lincoln Highway Guided Bus Tour - Bus 3 - Thursday

YORK TO GETTYSBURG, PA.

via Lincoln Highway (PA 462 and US 30)

34 miles

BUS ITINERARY

- 0800 Depart Yorktowne Hotel
South Duke Street, York
- 0930 Arrive in Downtown Gettysburg
- 0945 Walking Tours with Licensed
Gettysburg Town Guides
- 1130 Depart for 1776 Dobbin House
- 1145 Buffet Lunch at Dobbin House
- 1330 Free time to explore Downtown Gettysburg
- 1430 Depart for York PA
- 1530 Arrive at Yorktowne Hotel

LINCOLN HIGHWAY LANDMARKS

- 1928 Lincoln Highway concrete marker at Reliance Fire
Company, West York
- Lincoln Highway Garage mural at Fadley Auto Masters,
West York
- US 30 Dragstrip at York Airport
- Lincoln Highway Cattle Equipment Company at Lake
Road with original LH alignment
- Abbottstown Circle and Atland House
- New Oxford Circle with 1928 marker
- 1928 marker just east of US 30 and US 15 interchange
east of Gettysburg
- David Wills House on Gettysburg Square



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Lincoln Highway Guided Bus Tour - Bus 4- Thursday

YORK TO WRIGHTSVILLE, PA.

via Lincoln Highway (PA 462)

14 miles

BUS ITINERARY

- 0800 Depart Yorktowne Hotel
South Duke Street, York
- 0915 Arrive Haines Shoe House tour
- 1045 Arrive at Mifflin House for Susquehanna
National Heritage Area Guided Tour
- 1230 Lunch at John Wright Restaurant
- 1345 Visit 1928 Lincoln Highway Concrete Marker
- 1400 Visit Flichbaugh's Orchard and Farm Market
- 1500 Return to York
- 1530 Arrive Yorktowne Hotel

LINCOLN HIGHWAY LANDMARKS

- Lincoln Highway Garage at Turkey Hill
- York Auto Club in East York
- Modernaire Motel site
- Haines Shoe House
- 1930 Columbia Wrightsville Veterans Memorial Bridge
- Susquehanna River
- Road of Remembrance Memorial
- 1928 Lincoln Highway Concrete Marker

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Thursday Afternoon Activities • June 25, 2026

Check these out at the Yorktowne Hotel as you return from your bus tours!

- 1:00 PM to 5 PM Pop-up Book Shop (Pullo Room)
Last time to purchase Lincoln Highway themed books and merchandise provided by the Lincoln Highway Experience. Don't forget to purchase books that you want to have autographed by authors following their Friday morning presentations.

Don't forget to pick up your prize basket in the outer Pullo Room before you depart. Winners have been announced every day. Don't leave your Lincoln Highway treasures behind.
- 1:00 PM to 5 PM Lincoln Highway Association State Chapter Resources
Available on the Mezzanine Level of the ballroom.
Take stairs of elevator C from the lobby or ballroom to explore.

Thank you to the OH, IN, IA, IL and PA state chapters and other organizations for sharing your stories with us this week.
- 1:00 PM to 4 PM There's still time to visit the Road to Independence Art Exhibition across the street at the York College Gunter Smith Center for Community Engagement.
Enter via North Duke Street entrance.

**Thursday Evening • June 25, 2026
Wellspan Ballroom at The Yorktowne Hotel**

- 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM Artists, Authors and Historian Reception
Check in at ballroom level registration
Limited to pre-registered guests
Graham Rooftop Lounge at The Yorktowne Hotel
- 6:30 to 7:00 PM Photographs with President Abraham Lincoln
LHA Awards Banquet guests may participate
Check in first at ballroom level registration
Wellspan Ballroom at The Yorktowne Hotel
Cash bar available
- 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM LHA Awards Banquet
Dinner tickets provided at registration table
Menu selections served at table
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Friday Programs on May 26, 2026

6:30 AM to 7:00 AM	Philadelphia Charter Tour Departure Lobby for Registration and Grab and Go Breakfast
8:00 AM to 9:00 AM	Buffet Breakfast for The Great Wagon Road program Wellspan Ballroom, The Yorktowne Hotel
8:00 AM to 9:00 AM	Buffet Breakfast for York College Gunter-Smith Center for Community Engagement (North Duke Street)
9:15 AM to 10:15 AM	First Presentation Sessions The Road that Made America, The Great Wagon Road • James Dobson (Ballroom) Chasing the Gettysburg Address • Eric Dusenberry (York College CCE) What's Next for the Lincoln Highway Heritage Corridor • Kim Cady (York College CCE) Details available at https://lincoln250pa.org/presentations/
10:30 AM to 11:30 AM	Good Roads, Great Songs, Cece Otto (Ballroom) Ike's Road Trip, Dr. Brian Black (York College CCE) Camp Security, Revolutionary Prisoner of War Camp, Jonathon Stayer and Benjamin Werkley (York College CCE) Details available at https://lincoln250pa.org/presentations/

Optional Friday Evening

PBS Documentary Preview Screening
"AFTER IKE, A Journey That Changed America"
June 26, 2026, at 6:00 PM

York County History Center Museum

Registration is required online via WITF After Ike Screening Registration

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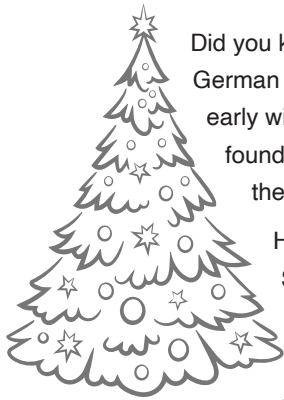
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Did you know that the tradition of the Christmas tree was first brought to America by German immigrants? We won't be together in December so we're going to celebrate early with a twist on the tradition of giving gifts by winning and sharing our newly found Lincoln Highway treasures. Gift baskets provided by local businesses and the PA Chapter LHA.

How do I know I won a gift basket? Go to the Pullo Room and check with Santa to see if your badge number won a gift basket. If you win, take your gift basket to your room and unwrap to enjoy.

How do I share the news that I found my prize? Share a comment on the official conference Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/lhapachapter> (Lincoln Highway Association PA Chapter) under the EPIC Gift Basket Event. Post a selfie holding your basket.

How do I share? Each gift basket has a state theme. Find someone living in that state or born in the state. Share one item from your basket with your new friend. For example, if you win the OHIO theme basket share an item with someone living in or born in Ohio.

How do I win the GRAND PRIZE? Post a photo of you and your new friend together in the comments under the same Facebook event on the LHA PA Chapter page. Increase your chances of winning a grand prize by sharing more than one item from your gift basket and posting another photo.

Mix it up and meet new people by sharing your love for the Lincoln Highway and all the vintage treasures. It's the EPIC Gift Basket Mixer.



“ Charles Dickens, author of *A Christmas Carol*, visited Pennsylvania in 1842 as part of a six-month tour of America. Did his first time experiencing a “sauerkraut dinner” - that was mentioned in his famous tale - happen in Pennsylvania? After traveling from York to Harrisburg, he described the Susquehanna Valley in detail as published in his *American Notes*. ”

Find out more at <https://youtu.be/fATjzbzTBbpE?si=J08hsPu0K-yTYLrY>.

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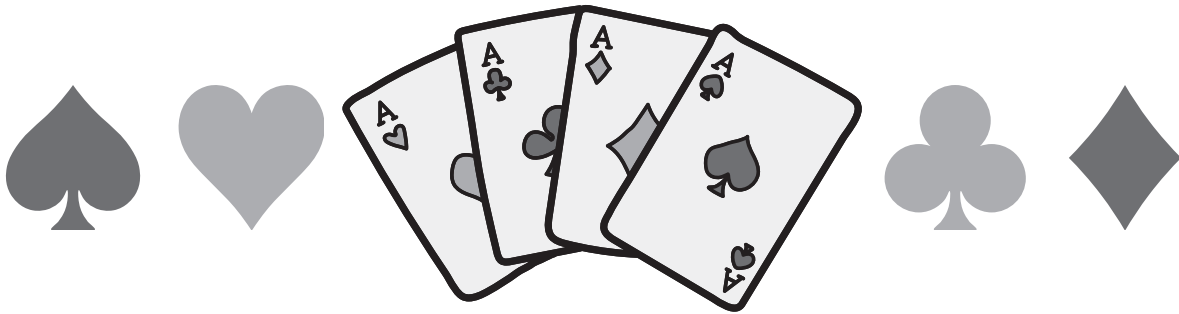
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