



## Press Release

Hammonton, NJ (May 22, 2011). The Historical Society of Hammonton invites the public to a community program to be held Thursday, June 2nd, 8:00 PM at the Frog Rock Golf and Country Club. Programs are provided as a service to the community. There is no charge nor is there a requirement to be a member of HSH to attend. The program is videoed and a copy is placed in our archives so that now or future generations will be provided with a snapshot of Hammonton's past.

Program for the evening will be the History of the DeMarco Family as presented by J Garfield DeMarco. Garfield's grandfather, Rocco with his two brothers left the Naples area of Italy, turn of the century, ultimately settling on Pine Road in Hammonton. There the enterprising man farmed, organized and supplied farm labor and eventually managed farms in the cranberry growing areas. He and his wife Carmella had nine children, the youngest being Anthony, married to Gladys Alloway, educated as a pharmacist and prominent as a produce broker, a leading Atlantic County politician and owner of New Jersey's second largest cranberry farm.

Anthony's son Garfield began his illustrious career graduating as president of Hammonton High's Class of 1959. He then attended Dartmouth College graduating in 1959, cum laude, a member of Phi Beta Kappa. He was further honored with the grant of a Fulbright scholarship to study in Italy for one year.

Upon his return he entered Yale Law School where he graduated in 1964 and was admitted to the New Jersey Bar. When, in 1965, his father was killed in a tragic accident, Garfield came home to operate the family cranberry business.

Realizing that many issues facing the agricultural community were legislative, he at once became involved in the political arena. There he served in numerous capacities such as long time Chairman of the Burlington County Republican Party, a gubernatorial appointment to New Jersey's Water Supply Council and chairman of the original Pineland Environmental Council.

The DeMarco family have been players in every phase of Hammonton's history.

You will enjoy the story of his family, their successes and the breadth of their influence in the community - (Garfield has 70 first cousins).

Join us Thursday night June 2nd. Enjoy the evening with friends, HSH members and our speaker.

Refreshments will be served.

#### About The Historical Society of Hammonton

The Historical Society of Hammonton was established to provide for generations to come a living collection relating to the rich and unique social, political, economic and cultural heritage of the Town of Hammonton, New Jersey. The mission of the society is to increase awareness of history relating to Hammonton, New Jersey environs and to establish public access to that history by collecting, conserving, studying, interpreting and promoting the history to the widest audience.

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