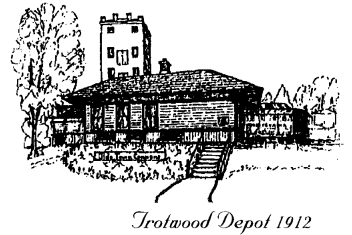




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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - FEBRUARY 2012

This month is supposed to be Winter but I don't think anyone has noticed yet. Not many temperature records have been broken yet and many days have been like April or May in Ohio. The Ground Hog must really be confused pertaining to His day today. Puxataunny Phil must think he slept through the cold season and missed it altogether. Hope He decides to give us six more weeks of this great stuff! When I was a child, I always dreaded the long winter months. It seemed like you couldn't be outside for very long and it took a long time to put on all the hats and gloves and coats to be out for a short while. School was fun though; we had Valentine Day parties when everyone would take your shoebox to school and decorate it for the party in Art Class. Mrs. Hampton had each of us make one. Then each student in the class would bring ALL the other students in the class a valentine for each box to share our friendship wishes along with cake and punch for fun.

February is Black History Month. Many great programs are on Channel 16 to celebrate this. Feb 6 Monday at 10 P.M. Underground Railroad : The William Still Story, Feb 13 Monday 10 P.M. Slavery By Another Name-reveals the forces that enabled "neoslavery " to begin and to persist from 1865 until 1945, Feb 7 Tuesday 9 P.M. American Experience: Freedom Riders Chronicles a journey of the courageous band of civil rights activists in the Deep South in 1961, Feb 3 Friday 11 P.M. Independent Lens: Daisy Bates - follow her story and her support for the nine black students who attended the all-white high school in Arkansas, and Feb 17 Friday 11 P.M. a 29 year old African-American filmmaker is on a cross-country campaign to end Black History month.

Many local programs are taking place in our community - Feb 7 Tuesday 6:30 P.M. at Forest Park Branch Library for African-American Civil War Soldier with James Hunn, an African American reenactor will portray Joseph Miller, a soldier in the 124th USCT. Visitors will get an up close and personal account of what life was like for a black man fighting in the Civil War.

TROTWOOD BRANCH LIBRARY on Friday Feb 10 from 5P.M. to 8 P.M. will have Dayton Authors Celebrate Black History Month - Several Dayton authors will come together to promote literacy in celebration of Black History Month. This includes readings, signings, wine and cheese, winter hand-care treatment and more.

Feb 11 Saturday from 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. is the 10th Annual Black Woman's "Passion, Power and Promise" at Sinclair Community College Leadership Development Center 444 W 3rd St Dayton. Keynote speakers will be Renee Sartin from Kentucky State University and Lela Cole-Crawford. Contact Annette Ross-Gray at 937-512-2277 for more information.

Stay warm and have a great FEBRUARY.

Joyfully - Pam Jones

MEMBERSHIP

The following have renewed their membership:

Joe Sowder	William & Mary Borton	Lyda Reich
Nancye Campbell	Mr. & Mrs. Edward Edwardson	Fred & Nancy Fry
Mert & Mary Lou Mendenhall	Doris Rindler	Bob and Marge Henn
Betty Helterbran	Joyce Sutton -Cameron	Vergie Shepherd
Mary Ann smith	Tony & Regina Kleinhenz	Jim Barnhart
Sally Frigo & Michael Gallon	Shirley Denlinger	

“IAMS HOMESTEAD STATUS”

FEBRUARY 2012

RALPH J. KUESTER, PRESERVATION CHAIRMAN

Isn't this a fabulous winter...of course the snow plow folks are missing that extra income from this mild season. I hope mother nature though treats the flowers, trees and the hibernation with tender loving care...our daffodils and crocuses are starting to pop through already...seems awful early this year. This past months Preservation efforts at the Iams homestead appears to be in high gear for getting things started and that's wonderful. The nature trail, house and barn have been in our sights to keep preservation a priority. A few more volunteers have come forward and that is a boost to our morale I believe....so let's keep up the momentum this year. So as I mentioned last month just helping out on a small tasking means a whole lot for what we do for the community. Our guests always say how neat our place is and enjoy what they see and learn. Maybe some of those new years' resolutions stuck and the historical society is on that list...we hope. And a big thanks to Tom Stubblefield for taking on the construction of the Library display case...it is a unique design that should receive many good comments once in place at the library. Hopefully you all will see it before long. Thanks for all you do and help us with. Read on for your update:

1854 HOUSE Since the mild weather is here we were able to get the leaves swept off of the roof, gutters cleaned out and the security light repaired on the west side. Additional materials have been purchased for the basement entrance so we are looking forward to that project. The roof to the basement entrance will also require us to remove the upper porch boards to get access, which is definitely a different way to fix a roof, but whatever has to happen we must do. A major discussion we have today is getting the overdue painting of the house on the schedule this year. It is truly beginning to peel in many areas. We need all available to help us when the weather breaks.

1854 BARN The Barn work seems to be in high gear on getting the lights installed in the north shop and loft areas. I must give thanks to Josh Pettis, Regina Kleinhenz, Jim Trimmer, Claude Keeling and myself for the assistance in moving forward with getting the J-boxes and wiring installed for the lighting. The final estimate for the barn roof is in the works. And upon receipt a special board meeting will be called to discuss our next steps. After the last 3 inch rain storm the inside of the barn took a beating with the many leaks...the roof has to be repaired to save the barn, our displays and all the inside work that we have already done are truly important. We must preserve this great facility...it is our main facility that keeps us going with fund raisers and activities.

Your donations are needed so we can get the roof repaired. Again, is anyone available to be and official chairperson to handle fund raising???? We need a full fledged campaign to raise funding.

STUDIO I guess the squeaky wheel got fixed. Thanks to Claude Keeling and me we replaced four ceiling lights and repaired another and the inside is now bright again. Almost need sunglasses it's so great. Our next event is the May garage sale and the team has begun to sort items for the garage sale. Thanks to the great team for their outstanding work.

NATURE TRAIL & FIELD More work is planned on the nature trail thanks to the Sheriffs work detail involvement...but ole man winter in its milder state has prevented us from hauling the large brush pile away because the ground has not frozen yet...kinda strange in a way. Don't forget the corn crib is full from our best corn harvest ever in 2011. Large bags are only \$8.00 and remember it is a fund raiser for the benefit of our general operations fund. And the corn meal is going fast also from our October Harvest Fest. A 11b bag is only \$1.00 and available at the Iams Studio and House. I might mention that the corn meal stays preserved longer if you keep it in the freezer until it is ready to use. Just call Claude and Linda Keeling 837-5387 or Ralph & Janet Kuester at 837-0355 if you are interested in any of the above. Thanks

In summary... again keep the cause of our mission "PRESERVING THE PAST FOR THE FUTURE". Again, I thank all of you special volunteers once again. Ralph

New Business: Preservation 2012 Goals:
What do we describe as our top priorities?
Considered the most critical that needs action first.

- _____ Fix fascia on House north porch (0%) **A MUST FIX IN 2012**
- _____ Repair Basement door (structure repairs in-process) (90%)
- _____ Complete the Memorabilia Inventory and filing (5%)
- _____ Establish a disaster Plan (once the inventory is complete) (0%)
- _____ Increase Membership (0%)
- _____ Install safety cable on barn ridge (Ready to be installed) (0%)
- _____ Paint Studio (complete Repair slats on north side and touch up) (99%)
- _____ Paint Barn 2010, 2011? (30% complete)
- _____ Paint Garage 2011? (0%)
- _____ Paint House 2011? (0%) **A MUST FIX IN 2012**
- _____ Barn Loft: Needs banisters, lighting, and shelving. (85% complete)
- _____ Repair holes / cool seal roof on barn **NEEDS A NEW ROOF!** (0%)
- _____ Fix foundation of the barn (20% complete)
- _____ North porch and stairs need resurfaced 2011 (0%)
- _____ Display Case for Library: (10% complete-materials available)
- _____ Public Relations Video Tape (10% complete)
- _____ Oral History Chairperson (0%)

LEGACY BRICK PROJECT

Group #9 bricks are on order and expected to be in place when completed as soon weather permits. If you have a brick on your list to purchase, and you hurry I can possibly get it worked in this order now. Remember... “A gift brick for a friend, relative or family” is a good idea... Please note: As a memory to your families, a brick is provided by the society if a member passes, but special bricks are important too to preserve people’s legacy. Remember we want YOU to be a part of our “Trotwood Legacy”. It is truly amazing for the people visiting the walkway to see all the bricks in place and view their bricks. Call Ralph Kuester 837-0355 if you need a Legacy Brick application or assistance in creating your unique special legacy brick. Do not forget, that our applications are available on our web site at: http://www.trotwood.org/tm_historical.php

ALUMINUM CAN AND METAL COLLECTING

Another load of aluminum cans were recycled and I must say thank you for all your generous donations of metal. PLEASE REMEMBER... REMOVE ALL ALUMINUM FOIL, PLASTIC, GLASS BOTTLES, AND ETC. FROM YOUR BAGS before you deliver them... THANKS. Our efforts are really benefiting our fundraising achievements. Seems like each day we receive deliveries to help our recycling efforts and we thank each of you. Keep bringing the scrap metal to us or call me at 837-0355 or Claude Keeling at 837-5387 for pickup. We are receiving a lot of stuff, so please continue helping with collecting your aluminum cans or just aluminum items and just any kind of metal for recycling. If you bag the cans, just drop them off at the south end of the barn. This is one of our great successes for a fundraiser and it really helps. If everyone helped save the cans, we would be able to take them more often. A fact is, we are saving our natural resources and helping clean up the environment at the same time. If you might have any large amount of metal that needs hauled away let me know so we can make collection arrangements. This fundraiser is used for our operations and barn renovation efforts.

“HISTORIC GLIMPSES OF TROTWOOD, OHIO” BOOK STATUS

EXCELLENT GIFT IDEA! We have sold 268 books to date from our second printing. Only 32 books remain and then “no more books”, so get yours today. Applications are still available on our web site, at the Trotwood Barber Shop and Trotwood Florist (they have books also) here in town, and in the north door of the Iams house and by the front door of the studio. Books are also available at the Iams House, from Claude Keeling 837-5387, or Regina Kleinhenz 854-4505. Send your applications to P.O. Box 26434, Trotwood OH 45426. In addition, we are still collecting pictures for future use and Regina can scan any pictures at your house so contact her at 854-4505 so we have things archived.

JANUARY SHOP TIL YA DROP

What a great way to begin the year! Even with the economy in the condition that it is, we had a very successful Shop Til You Drop. We exceeded our goal established by the Board of Directors and also made more this year than last year. I think this is due to the quality of merchandise that we had; low prices; and the professional way the Society workers set up our booths. Some of you may not realize the actions required to have a successful Shop Til You Drop. Although it is a two day show, there is more than two days work involved. Our crew sorts the donations as they are received through the year; decides what will be used for the garage sales, Country Store during the Harvest Fest, Kris Kringle Shop and what will be used at the Society. The week of the event, the Kuester truck and trailer and the Keeling truck are loaded—usually 2 or 3 days before the event. On Friday the Kuester’s and the Keeling’s haul the merchandise and the items used to set up to Hara Arena. Then the volunteers proceed to set up the booths and display the merchandise. Usually the same crew with the same vehicles, pack up the merchandise and the set up equipment and take it all back to the homestead and place all the items in the barn or studio.

The Society owes the individuals who manages these sales a very heartfelt “thank-you”. Their efforts are a major source of income for the Society. Without their efforts, we would not be able to maintain our preservation efforts or support the programs that we have. I really think you all are Angels from Heaven who just happen to carry Trotwood-Madison Historical Society membership cards! So from me, the Board of Directors and the rest of the membership, a million thanks for all you do.

The Editor

HISTORICAL SOCIETY PUBLIC RELATIONS VIDEO

We have been talking about making a public relations video for many years. Well, we have finally stopped “talking” and started “doing”. A small working group held their first meeting on January 25th and is now in the planning phase. However, I think we will change from a video to a DVD or digital format so we will have the ability to load it on a blogspot or webpage which will allow us to essentially communicate to anyone who has internet access.

With all the things we have going on some may say that this is not enough of a priority to waste our time on producing a video when we have other avenues to get the word out. I know Claude Keeling has given presentations to different groups using a PowerPoint presentation. I also have given presentations to the Volunteer Academy and used a PowerPoint presentation. The presentations were well received, but I think they would have been better if we just had a short video to show. I have always heard that a “picture is worth a thousand words” and I think that is true. If one picture is worth a thousand words, just think what a 10 minute video would be worth.

The working group is now reviewing other videos, DVDs, pictures and other items that should give us ideas in making a very interesting video or DVD. We tasked each other to create a story to tell based on all the talking points we discussed and from that we will work towards a script for the video and may have to have more recordings to properly tell our story. We have an individual, Tony Day, who has agreed to help us with the video and I think he will do a great job. We just need to decide what we want the video to do for us; gather up all the VCRs, pictures, DVDs, other items and write a script. Tony will eventually help us review the script; look at what we have; determine if he needs to make more recordings and will produce the video/DVD for us.

We can always use more ideas for the public relations videos. If you are interested in helping, please call or email me and I will keep you informed of when and where the meetings will be held. The next meeting will be at Ralph & Janet’s on February 8 at 7 PM.

Ralph Kuester
344-5714

TROTWOOD-MADISON HISTORICAL SOCIETY CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2012				
FEBRUARY – MARCH				
DATE	TIME	DAY	EVENT	LOCATION
Feb 1	7:00 PM	Wed	Executive Committee Meeting	Iams Homestead
Feb 20	7:00 PM	Mon	Preservation Committee Meeting	Iams Homestead
Mar 7	7:00 PM	Wed	Executive Committee Meeting	Iams Homestead
Mar 19	7:00 PM	Mon	Preservation Committee Meeting	Iams Homestead
Mar 26	7:00 PM	Mon	Membership Meeting	Iams Homestead
Mar 24	4PM –7 PM	Sat	Spaghetti Dinner	Brethren Church