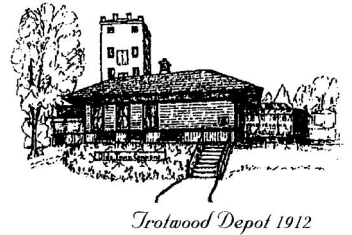




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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

SUNSHINE- what a wonderful, beautiful sight. It seems to be a rare occurrence these days with the month of April being one of the wettest on record for this time of the year. I have seen mallard ducks swimming in folk's yards where water has not escaped because the next storm system moving into the area. Umbrellas have become part of our regular wardrobe. Spring has finally arrived and new birth is occurring right before our eyes- new grass and new flowers, also new birds and animals.

The TM Historical Society trip to the Bradford Railroad Museum Grand Opening was April 16. The weather was one of those days when it could not decide if it would rain or not- yet seven of us brave individuals left the Iams House making the journey back in time to attend it. We found model trains, a life -memory scrap book, hand-made intricate miniature engines, a gift shop, running history videos of train life in Bradford during the 1920's and beyond. TM Historical Society has its own glass showcase among the others- displaying items that we have on loan to them for their exhibits. We heard live tributes to all who made it possible. Plus some of us took a tour of the train tower and worked the track-changing switch instruments on the ground from the Train Tower. It was a very good experience.

Relating to going back in time-I remember new pets that appeared this time of year. My brother Clark used to raise rabbits. The rabbits would fill their boxes with their own hair for a nest to give birth to the little bunnies-sometimes lots and lots of them. We had new chickens and kittens too. What are some of your favorite memories of pets?

TV had its share of animals also. "The Lone Ranger" mighty white stallion- "Hi-yo, Silver Away" beginning in 1949. "Rin Tin Tin" the German shepherd pup of Rusty, a young boy, rescued by the US Calvary led by Lt. Rip Masters appearing in 1954. "Lassie" also debuting in 1954 was a beautiful long-haired collie being the family pet of farmers with a boy named "Timmy." "Fury" surfacing in 1955, was a wild horse who was adopted by Joey at the Broken Wheel Ranch and they had great adventures together. "Flipper" was a marine life porpoise with the perfect sidekick named Bud at the Coral Key Park and Marine Reserve. Flipper communicated pretty well with his squeaks and whistles to his human friends.

On May 23 - our membership meeting - at 7 P.M. we will have a speaker. Cynthia Vogel will bring books that she has written about "Civil War Women- They Made A Difference." Please come and join us.

Joyfully - Pam Jones

MEMBERSHIP

The following members have renewed their membership:

Jim Barnhart
Mary Solomon

Phil & Pam Jones
Donald & Rosalie Derringer

Archie & Sue Mutter
Virginia & David Landis

The following individuals from Leadership Trotwood have joined the Society:

Dave Arnold	462 Meadowview CT, Vandalia, OH 45377	937-898-8897
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TROTWOOD-MADISON HISTORICAL SOCIETY				
CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2011				

DATE	TIME	DAY	EVENT	LOCATION
May 5-7	9:AM – 5 PM	Thur, Fri, Sat	Garage Sale	Iams Homestead
May 15	7:00 PM	Mon	Preservation Committee Meeting	Iams Homestead
May 23	7:00 PM	Mon	Membership Meeting	Iams Homestead
June 1	7:00 PM	Wed	Executive Committee Meeting	Iams Homestead
Jun 7	7:00 PM	Tue	Harvest Fest Committee Meeting	Iams Homestead

“IAMS HOMESTEAD STATUS”

MAY 2011

RALPH J. KUESTER, PRESERVATION CHAIRMAN

Do you have your Ark built yet? As a fundraiser idea guess we could take orders and build one for the community, in our spare time...who'd ever think of that? Some spring we are having with all this rain. It appears we will break the old record of 9.20" for rain in April. The high water has even floated our nature trail border away in the area of the bur Oak....that is pretty bad...and the first time. Anyhow the temperatures are improving and the summer attack on our never ending repairs will begin in vigor soon. Sounds like an opportunity to jump in and help doesn't it? We need all we can get. Preservation is never ending and our Homestead is a place to discover as you know. We had the visit of the latest Leadership Trotwood class on 21 April. They were given a presentation on the history of Trotwood, grand tour of the Homestead and a historic tour of Trotwood with the assist of Carl Daugherty, Zoning Administrator. This class is all new historical society members and we are welcoming them into the organization with their new ideas and visions. We hope involvement becomes new venture into their lives. The community needs you. And again thanks to the Sheriff's work detail who came to our rescue with a major spruce up the homestead. Read on to learn more:

1847 IAMS HOUSE The new metal basement door is awaiting on the new structure repairs before installation can occur. Please be careful of the north stairs leading to the porch. Repairs are in the planning as soon as the weather permits. The flower beds were thinned out and the lintels re-located around the south side thanks to Regina Kleinhenz and the work detail. The south fence line at the gate also got a much needed trim and old shrubs removed. And all the edging was done around all the buildings.

1854 BARN Our roof is really leaking right now after all the rain. We have buckets everywhere. If you see water leaking somewhere and no bucket exists please place one under it. If the bucket needs emptied, please tend to it. But we did attempt to patch some spots from the bottom side which is pretty much a Band-Aid until we can get safely onto the roof with a harness. Thanks again to the Sheriff's work detail the garage sale boxes were staged for the pricing team.

NATURE TRAIL & FIELD WOW... what an improvement the work detail made...the old antique manure spreader got opened up so we can move it into display position, all the rocks that could be located were moved to the rear pile and a few saplings were pulled out. **SORRY NO MORE CORN from the 2010 crop.** Hopefully the summer will cooperate and give us a new and better crop for 2011. We'll have to wait until October. But best of all the nature trail is looking its grander with wildflowers everywhere. Come and visit in your spare time you will enjoy.

STUDIO The front gutter is now complete with a new downspout installed at the SW corner. However, the post will need attention soon for replacement. The sidewalk as you enter the studio from the south end will be on the work list within the next month or so to become cement versus the deteriorating bricks. Please be careful.

In summary... we aren't getting younger but we are still faithful to our mission. Thanks to each of you great volunteers. Ralph

LEGACY BRICK PROJECT

29 each Group #8 bricks are on order. They will be installed upon receipt if the weather cooperates. Group #9 bricks are being taken right now. Remember... "A gift brick for a friend, relative or family" is a good idea... Say yes!! 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". 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

Sorry but we left off the following brick order in last month's newsletter:

#192 STEVE – BEE, CASEY JOHNSON

NEW LIBRARY DISPLAY CASE IN THE WORKS

We now have the six old time windows needed for construction, Thanks to Tony & Regina Kleinhenz. The design is drafted and now we just need a space to work on it and the time to do it. We will keep you posted on the progress.

REGION 7 MARKETING IDEAS TO PUT THE SOCIETY IN FRONT OF PEOPLE!!!!!!

Did these ideas make good sense for a marketing venture? But it won't happen without involvement. Volunteers with special gifts to putting together displays in vacant building front windows are still needed, doesn't it sound great! It will allow people to read about us and learn to know us. Here are some other ideas: small bank display and putting flyers at strategic locations so people can pick them up and read something about us. If you like the idea lets talk. It establishes a good marketing plan.

DEPOT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!!

The schedule is available and it can be sent to you upon request. It is truly a simple volunteer opportunity for keeping the Depot open for another year. People enjoyed the depot being open last year and it's something that the community awaits each year. Two hour shifts are easy. Last year was awesome with volunteers coming forward by either calling me or emailing me to assist with the openings. This year I will again to do my best in making calls to you, so if you get a call, please consider. Shifts will be on Saturdays and Sundays 10-12 noon and 12-2 PM. You can take a book, take your lap top, crochet, write a letter or just bask in the warm sun. I'll provide instruction materials and answer any questions that anyone might have. So talk at you soon. Give me a call if you are interested. Ralph 837-0355 or email: rkuester@woh.rr.com

We are scheduled to clean the Depot on May 14th beginning at 0900 AM to have it ready. So if capable, put on your gruby's and join us to spruce up the place. If you have your special window and dusting product bring it if you want. We'll probably spruce up the flower beds also. If you have any spare flowers bring them. Hope to see you!

ALUMINUM CAN AND METAL COLLECTING

Another load of scrap metal is being created for our operations fund. You are welcome to assist in preparing the metal for recycling. REMEMBER... PLEASE REMOVE ALL ALUMINUM FOIL, PLASTIC AND GLASS BOTTLES FROM YOUR BAGS... THANKS. It is really benefiting our fundraising efforts. 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 255 books to date from our second printing. Only 45 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.

“ADOPT –A-ROAD”

Thanks to the fair weather crew of Nancy & Fred Fry, Regina Kleinhenz (along with neighbor Jim), Claude & Linda Keeling, Al Scothon and Janet and Ralph Kuester we got the policing up of S. Broadway to Post Town Road. And the Broadway Café' breakfast was great! The next Adopt-A-Road policing will be on July 16th. So please mark your calendars for our next road cleanup.

LEADERSHIP TROTWOOD PRESENTATION

On April 21st we provided a presentation to the 2011 Leadership Trotwood class. It covered “TROTWOOD’S History of LAND, PEOPLE & CITY SERVICES PAST TO PRESENT”. This was our fourth annual

involvement with the City of Trotwood to bring our society into perspective and what we do. This class provides for a new format thanks to Ty Fields, new society member and leader of the class. It brings forward an excellent overview of city, state and county management and Trotwood operations. If you are interested in learning something about your community you may want to consider the 2012 class, I'd recommend it. You even get to ride in a police vehicle for and experience you will never forget. I personally would like to thank the city for allowing us to participate.

DEDICATION AND MOTIVATION

Can a volunteer group with no knowledge of fundraising, limited knowledge of how to organize event, and very few members, but with a small group of dedicated and highly motivated individuals succeed? Having been a member of such a group and one of the initial organizers of the group, I would have to say a resounding yes.

Greene County Arkansas has an annual Relay for Life event with all proceeds going to the American Cancer Society. I had attended some of these events in the past, but had never been involved with any of the events. My mother had cancer and although cancer free for many years, the cancer returned. She was selected to be the honorary chairperson the year she died and, although she did not feel well and did not have the strength to walk, she decided to lead the survivor's walk. We had to push her around the track in a wheel chair and you could tell she was in pain; she still participated because she knew the importance of these events and wanted to do everything she could to help ensure others did not have to suffer the way she did.

My sister, Peggy, was a member of the LA Darling team for a few years and was active with that team. After the Relay in which mom was honorary chairperson, Peggy decided that we should form a family team. A few of us got together, formed a team and entered the Greene County Relay for Life as the only family team in the county. There were many corporate teams, church teams and other organizational teams and some of our family felt we didn't have a chance against them. However, Peggy persisted and our team was formed.

With very little experience but with a lot of dedication and motivation we started fundraising. We tried everything from bake sales, garage sales, wrestling matches, spaghetti dinners and any other activity that we could think of. Of course, we had a few false starts, but we didn't let that stop us. It took us a couple of years, but we eventually became the highest fundraising team in Greene County Arkansas and we have remained number 1 for at least the last eight years. The last few years, our team has turned in approximately 20% of the total for Greene County Arkansas. If we keep on track; we will do better this year.

There are many things that contribute to our success, but I think one of the biggest things is that we challenge ourselves to do better each year. Last year our team turned in over \$20,000. This year we (mostly me) set our goal as \$25,000. There was a lot of complaining and a feeling that we cannot do it, but we have collected approximately \$23,000 this year and still have a few fundraisers left. I am confident that we will exceed our goal. An interesting thing about the dynamics of our team is that members who are so vocal about or team not being able to meet our goals tend to work harder the closer we get to the goal. So at the end of the year they say we did well this year, but, we can do better next year. However, I have been told that I can no longer set the goal for the team. I guess I worked myself out of a job.

So a small team can do well as long as a small group of organizers are dedicated and motivated. Our Society is such a group. However, we need to start challenging ourselves more as we have done in the past. Dedication and motivation is great, but an organization must continue to set demanding goals to grow. We have done well over the years, but, we can do better. Get involved in your Society; volunteer to help in events; take the initiative to chair a fundraising event; and volunteer to help keep the museums open. From personal experience, the more you get involved in an organization, the more enjoyment you get from your membership. Each of you are very important to the viability of the Society