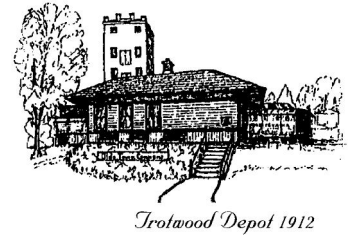


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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

President resignation: I realize it would have been great to remain at the helm, but my body soul just cannot keep up with so much to do anymore. I thank each of you that have supported my efforts this past six months but I will now be reverting to just a working board member. Pam Jones, our Vice President and now Pro-tem President will be in charge to moving us forward. Thanks again Ralph

JULY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

We need an RSVP so we know how many hot dogs, hamburgers, buns, condiments, beverages, and all disposable plates, cups, napkins and utensils we will need. Please let us know by **July 21**... the earlier is best, if possible. Once again this year our July membership meeting will take the form of a meal under the tent at the Iams Homestead. The date is July 24th, meeting at 6 PM for picnic dinner. After Claude and Linda Keeling providing the entire delicious meal for several years, they are taking a well deserved rest and we ask that members pitch in for an old fashioned covered dish dinner. The Society will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, buns, condiments, beverages, and all disposable plates, cups, napkins and utensils. What will be needed from our members are one to two covered dishes to share with everyone. Musical entertainment will be provided by Joseph Helfrich, known as “Simply Joseph”. Ralph Kuester

MADISON PARK SCHOOL VISIT TO IAMS MUSEUM

The Museum Committee was happy to have 74 third grade students and their teachers from Madison Park School visit the Iams House Museum on May 25th and 26th. They were well behaved and enjoyed a number of things in the house and really enjoyed the 500 year-old oak tree and the nature trail.

Those who helped show them through the house were: Bonnie Cummings, Vivian Hart, Betty Helterbran, Pam Jones, Linda Keeling and Faith Shock.
 Faith Shock.

SCHOOL ROUNDTABLE MEETING JULY 7

Approximately a dozen members of the T-M Historical Society met with school Superintendent, Dr. Rexann Wagner and Mrs. Diane Whitt, Treasurer, in the High School library conference room. And I must say if you were apprehensive about attending you missed a great meeting of informative discussion on what things need to be focused on to achieve community interaction with the schools. The main issue that we all felt needs improvement is "Communication, Communication, Communication"! A question of "How does the community learn about school successes / progress" is planned to be solved in the near future. And secondly, do our truly magnificent school facilities improve learning? This year will be the five year anniversary of being in the new building and a member of the society suggested that the school have a celebration and invite the public. The school will take the suggestion under consideration. We addressed, I think, every aspect of the basics to learning from pre-school through graduation. Learning about the school's capabilities from pre-school, class standards, and school conditions through a tour of the facilities is something to brag about, and we learned that other schools are amazed at our "Campus". If you haven't looked into the community availability of the exercise and swim facilities you should. In a discussion about forming a Junior Historical Society we learned that the third grade curriculum provides a vehicle for local history and the Curriculum Director, Kevin Bell and teachers both active and retired are expected to assist in this endeavour as well as getting other grades involved within the school guidelines. Also the schools want to actively get involved with the Annual Harvest Fest celebrations. Again it was a great meeting. We thank Dr. Wagner, Mrs. Whitt and the T-M City Schools for hosting the meeting and all that attended. Ralph

SOCIAL TRIP FOR T-MHS MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

The visit to the Garst House Museum in Greenville on June 26th was sparsely attended but we all enjoyed the time spent seeing Annie Oakley's past memories and many other area's of excellence. We also had a special treat to a flower show displayed by the Arcanum Garden club. Those that missed it lost out on a great trip. Following we went to Jim's Drive-in and treated ourselves to lunch with most having a root beer float. Um, um um!

"IAMS HOMESTEAD STATUS"

JULY 2010

RALPH J. KUESTER, PRESERVATION CHAIRMAN

Atop my soap box again: Our priorities are many and our workers are few, but the efforts are getting harder. We must resolve this in a manner that maintains the homestead. I know that people enjoy visiting the grounds and seeing what we do, but if they or even you could give an hour to just pull a weed or two, water the flowers, trim the sidewalks, kill the weeds, or just paint a board it would help us. So please give some thought towards your homestead. This past month has resulted in getting started on the painting dilemma, getting rid of the brush pile dumped by someone, and the beginnings of construction of the barn's new north loft thanks to the "A" team. (Regina, Claude and myself).

Below is our summary of happenings for the last month:

Iams House /Museum

The old fence on the west side is going to come down since it keeps leaning; and it's so deteriorated; and is a safety hazard. It is not something that was original to the 1847 house, but maintenance on it is beyond repair and we no longer have time to do the repairs on it.

Nature Trail / Open Field Thanks to Regina's efforts she is after those pesky weeds that are trying to take over the nature area. The corn for this year's crop is growing quickly and it is higher than six feet tall with all

the spring rain. Thanks to Tony Kleinhenz the field got mowed and looks great. Our squirrel corn is a hot commodity and is selling fast this year, but plenty is still available. The ears are a good size...so give us a call or come and get your squirrel or animal corn. The price is still \$7.00 for a large bag. Call Ralph at 837-0355 if you need some.

Barn The north loft progress continues with floor joists now being installed and it's even square. Having less assistance to do the work is slowing the work though. If you want to help we try to work on Tuesdays between 6-8 and Saturdays between 8 -12, but may work additional hours to catch up. Anyone wanting to join in please give me a call. We also got a small portion of the east side pressure washed. All three cupolas are now re-painted and waiting for them to dry real good so we can install them again on the barn.

Studio Thanks to Dean Miller, Claude Keeling and myself we got the Studio pressure washed. Then the patching and painting started. Thanks to Claude, Al & Merry Lou Scothon, and Sally Frigo we are getting the job done. It definitely needed a new coat of paint. The inside is readied for some new electrical power strips to eliminate the use of extension cords.

Thanks

In summary; remember our history ...we cannot do it without your great volunteer time and donations. Thanks again! Ralph

LEGACY BRICK PROJECT

17 more bricks are installed into the Legacy Brick sidewalk. So if you have been waiting to see any bricks that were in Group 7, they are ready to view. They look pretty good if I must say so myself. Thanks for all your patience.

We are sorry, but understanding the processing of a brick order, procurement and installation of any bricks can be time consuming and may take up to two years from time of order to installation. Also, discussion on how much longer should we sell our legacy bricks? Our main goal is to finish out the north sidewalk in a timelier manner, so if you know of anyone that would like a brick let me know. We currently have 3 bricks for Group #8 so far for the next order. Here are some facts:

1st we are supposed to have 25 bricks in an order, but we have had less after getting approval, but less than 15 is discouraged.

2nd We order the bricks when Dodds Monument provides a decreased price 1 January-March 31.

3rd We must have warm weather for installation, and I must find a time in my busy schedule to get them installed.

4th Since orders are slow coming in I feel that canceling a project would not be appropriate. This project is a legacy memory for everyone to view and we should continue as long as we can make the system work.

5th All members are provided a memorial legacy brick versus flowers at a funeral of a current member

Group #8 begins taking orders 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 linked through the City of Trotwood web site. Remember this project can also be a benefit by placing a brick in the sidewalk to members who pass on to the pearly gates, and purchased by the society if person was a member. Here is a list of new bricks since last month:

#185 IN MEMORY OF LEE KLOTH BY T-MHS 2010

ALUMINUM CAN AND METAL COLLECTING

Every little bit helps. The verbage never changes...but it keeps coming in! NOTE: If you want to help us by crushing what you have it would save a little time, but if you are unable that's okay also. Thanks for all the efforts in recycling. It is really benefiting our fundraising efforts. NOTE: If you want to assist a little, crushing the cans helps but if you care not too that is okay. Seems like each day we receive deliveries to help our recycling efforts and we thank each of you. **REMEMBER... PLEASE REMOVE ALL ALUMINUM FOIL, PLASTIC AND GLASS BOTTLES FROM YOUR BAGS...THANKS.** 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 the help in 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, just wish the price was better. 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 235 books to date from our second printing. Only 65 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, Regina Kleinhenz 854-4505, or Ralph Kuester 837-0355. 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 so we have things archived.

ADOPT-A-ROAD NEWS

Our next volunteer policing of trash on S. Broadway from Main Street to Post Towne is scheduled on July 24th. We'll meet at the Iams House at 8 AM. Dutch breakfast afterwards with chit chat and good coffee.

DEPOT VOLUNTEERS THANK YOU

Thank you to all the volunteers that signed up to help at the Depot between Memorial Day and Labor Day on each week-end. People are learning that we are open. Ralph at 837-0355.

COMMUNITY CREW FOR PAINTING IAMS FACILITIES

Mrs. Debi Hull working through the City and Americorp is coordinator in helping monitor a summer Student Work team for community support. They are assisting us at the Iams Homestead with painting and other small tasks. Debi is also the coordinator for the City Leadership Academy.

MEMBERSHIP

The following have renewed their membership:

Don & Nancy Shroyer
 Jim & Ruth Rufener
 Sadie Thiele

Edwin Shock
 Virginia & David Landis

Carol Austen
 Patrick & Joan Foley

Please change Mildred Hoke's address to 1 Country Lane #605B, Brookeville, OH 45309

The Society has lost another member and avid supporter of the Society. Lee Kloth passed away June 6, 2010. We offer our condolences to her family. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

TROTWOOD-MADISON HISTORICAL SOCIETY				
CALENDAR OF EVENTS MAY 2010				

DATE	TIME	DAY	EVENT	LOCATION
Jul 6	7:00 PM	Tue	Harvest Fest Committee Meeting	Iams Homestead
Jul 7	7:00 PM	Wed	Board Meeting	Iams Homestead
Jul 10	9AM-5 PM	Sat	Shop Till You Drop	Hara Arena
Jul 11	9 AM-4PM	Sun	Shop Till You Drop	Hara Arena
Jul 19	7:00 PM	Mon	Preservation Committee Meeting	Iams Homestead
Jul 24	6:00 PM	Sat	Annual Picnic Members Only	Iams Homestead
Jul 28	7:00 PM	Wed	Executive Committee Meeting	Iams Homestead

MAKE THE MOST OF YOURSELF

I have often heard people say "can't help because I have a bad back" or "I have no talent" or "I can only work a small amount of time and it is not worth the effort". I to have used some of the same excuses until I read this quote by Ralph Waldo Emerson, "Make the most of yourself, for that is all there is of you."

Once I read this quote, I began to think that maybe I had been looking at myself in the wrong light, or I merely was looking for an excuse for inaction and believe me those excuses are easy to find.

If each of us really evaluated our abilities in light of what we can do instead of thinking about why we cannot do anything, I think we would find many things that we could do and do them well. I also think that we would be more satisfied with ourselves.

I know when I first joined the historical society and was asked to help with the renovations of the Iams Homestead, I used every excuse in the book—some valid—for not helping. I am not an electrician, plumber, carpenter, painter and I used these excuses for not helping. However, I learned very quickly that with a little motivation and a lot of guidance I could do many tasks to help improve the society. Ralph Kuester was the primary reason that I took on such an active role in preservation because he took an active interest in me and what I was doing. Ralph would probably be the first to tell you that I was dumber than a rock at times and that I was stubborn as a mule. However, with much supervision; many yelling matches; a few beers together at times; he has managed to turn me into a pretty good handyman and for that I am very grateful.

We do not expect our members to be a professional at everything or anything for that matter. But if you will do as Ralph Waldo Emerson says, "Make the most of yourself, for that is all there is of you." Evaluate your abilities and let us know what you want to do. We will provide the supervision and guidance you need or find someone who can. Remember volunteers are the backbone of a non-profit organization. You can make a difference! The editor