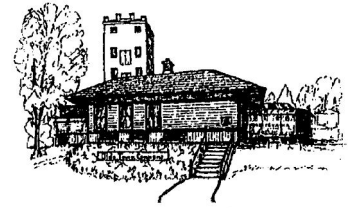




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Trotwood Depot 1912

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Presidents Message-August, 2008

It hardly seems like any time at all that I was writing about the opening of summer with Memorial Day and then the 4th of July. Now here we are in August and getting ready to put the shutters back on the windows of summer and ushering in Fall. Like always, however, as soon as school starts again, the heat will return with a vengeance.

Ralph and I returned to Wintersville (OH) last weekend for his 45th class reunion. It was a lot of fun. Oh, not like the first one or two where lots of “kids” came back for a big dinner, drinking and dancing at the local country club. No, this was a more sedate group; interested in talking about children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. We talked about trips taken, where is so-and-so, health problems, where are you living now, are you still working and when are you going to retire, if you retire what are you going to do.

It was held at a banquet hall with buffet dinner and lots of conversation. Two teachers were there and they hadn’t really changed much. A picture was taken and prints were returned to us before the end of the evening. I swear, some people just never change and others we had no clue who they were. Isn’t it interesting how we all get to where we are in different stages?

If you have a chance to go to your class reunion, I would urge you to do so. They really can be fun. I volunteered to help with mine in two years although I’m not sure how much I can do from across the state. But, computers make lots of things possible. I would hate to think that the WHS Class of ’65 wouldn’t have its 45th Class Reunion.

Anyway, keep those feelers out for your friends and classmates. Go to as many functions as you can manage and not wear out. I would hope that the students of today, build lasting relationships with classmates so you can meet again in 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, or 60 years to keep that bond and question what they are all doing now, where are they living and hope they are well and happy.

So put on some comfortable clothes, get excited and go to that class reunion!

Janet Kuester

BARN BOOK SALE BONANZA

It's a "Barn Book Sale Bonanza" brought to you by the Trotwood-Madison Historical Society on September 4, 5 & 6, 2008 from 9am-5pm each day. Hardback and paperback books covering a wide range of interests will be displayed for your easy selection. Come join us in the big barn at 349 S. Broadway, Trotwood, OH for this annual event. View the new displays, browse at your leisure and purchase those special books for your reading enjoyment. We look forward to serving our many friends and neighbors of the Miami Valley. *Janet*

IAMS HOMESTEAD STATUS AUGUST 2008 RALPH J. KUESTER, PRESERVATION CHAIRMAN

Cleanup of the Homestead was our mission the past month and again the biggest help was provided by the Montgomery County Sheriff's Work Detail. These guys are worth their weight in gold for what they do for us. One thing that I can truly say is that this is probably the best the place has looked since we purchased it in November 1997. The Texas Style Barbeque was a success and everyone survived the heat with many fans circulating the air. The Legacy Brick sidewalk grew about two and a half feet and had a major facelift. The lower bathroom in the house was worked on, more details as you read on. Here is our status:

Iams House /Museum Thanks to Korrekt plumbing for hiring Free Flo to help us get the drain line snaked out. However, the faucet and a new problem still exist with the trap needing replaced. Soon we'll have things working 100 %. The driveway re-surface is on contract with Ray Hensley Inc. but not scheduled yet. We had an increase in price of \$422.00 to bring the final cost to \$1698.00 which was approved by the board. The Sheriff's work detail cleaned back all the grass that has grown over the edges and our driveway actually grew quite a bit. Weed killing still remains, but we are hoping that it will be complete by the Harvest Fest in October. 20 each new Legacy bricks were installed completing Group #6. A few bricks were re-leveled, caused by ants carrying the sand away underneath. All the weeds were removed and the border was trimmed up. It looks sharp!

Nature Trail / Open Field Add a little rain and the tobacco display area took off. The plants are really growing now and by October they should be tall. The nature trail got a fresh layer of chips thanks to Jeff Boone's Tree Service and the Sheriff's work detail. The woods area really got a major cleanup by the Work Detail with many honeysuckles dug out and the weeds chopped down. The corn must be eight plus feet tall with a great crop of corn. Thanks to our farmer team it looks great. The Sheriff's department deserves a big hand again for all that they help us with each month. This month pictures were taken by the Sheriff's office for use in their display at the Montgomery County Fair at the end of the month. Please visit the fair and look for their display.

Barn The barn cleanup and new displays were ready for the BBQ on July 19. If you were not there you missed some great food thanks to Linda and Claude Keeling. We had approximately 55 people and we did the "What Is It" for some entertainment. It made for a great time by one and all. Reminder ... You people feeding those little squirrels, cows and horses or whatever is out there don't forget we have **EAR /SQUIRREL CORN available at \$7.00 a bushel bag**. The burning of the barn mortgage at the BBQ on July 19 went off okay and we didn't even burn the barn down. New steps were installed on the front porch and the landing cleaned up. Haven't seen any little bur oaks poking their heads up from the small patch in front of the barn yet.

Studio The board approved the replacement of the old oil furnace in the Studio. It is not very energy efficient and is not doing the heating job that it should. We had estimates from New Comfort, Able Heating, Jenny Service and Baker Heating & Air Conditioning. Options for Air Conditioning will be included. We expect this to happen sometime next spring once the board approves the best offer and service.

Garage Thanks to Doors Galore, they are working on fixing both doors once all the materials are located. They are donating the labor and materials, just waiting on the time to make it happen. The lawn tractor had new blades installed and grease job and its back in operation. A new rope is ready for installation to the bell on the roof thanks to Pete Cummings. The maple tree next to the garage will have to be taken down before it falls on the garage, wiring or a car so be careful where you park your car.

In summary; Our Homestead looks great from all the man-hours provided by the Sheriff's work detail and we should be glad that they are available for assistance. Thanks for all the time spent by all for making things happen in your community's historical society.

Ralph

ORAL HISTORIES

The release form is approved for each interviewee to sign allowing us to use them with the public. Our questions are being worked for beginning the interviews. Learning about our people growing up here in Trotwood we know should be interesting. Once we get our format together we will be calling you and scheduling a time that would be convenient to you. Some stories are always worth telling and we are ready to listen. The interviews will be taped and remain unedited and be transcribed into hardcopy for our files. You will be given the chance to review the transcription before it is placed in our file. Currently, Cora Crawshaw and I will begin the interviews soon. Plans will start with possible two per week. We will keep you posted. This should be enjoyable for one and all. If you know anyone else that should be included, please let us know. Please be patient though, since Ralph is one of the guys working other committees and you might guess there is only 24 hours in a day. Thanks Ralph Kuester

TROTWOOD COMMUNITY INVITED TO JOIN CEDRIC BALLENGER SCHOLARSHIP MEMORIAL BIKE RIDE

Trotwood residents and businesses are invited to join the Cedric Ballenger Memorial Bike Ride, a free community event on Saturday, August 23rd being held in memory of this Trotwood Police Officer who was slain on April 19, 2007. Registration that day begins at 9:00 a.m. at the Olde Town Train Depot at the corner of Main and Broadway in Trotwood.

By 10:00 a.m. riders will depart for a leisurely ride to Trotwood-Madison High School and the formal dedication ceremony of the Cedric Ballenger Memorial Scholarship Fund. From this fund scholarships will be awarded to deserving youths in the Trotwood-Madison area.

This event promises an entire day of fun-filled family festivities featuring games, food and refreshments, and special door prizes including those for the youngest and oldest bike riders. A free block party will also be awarded to the City of Trotwood Ward having the most event participants. The City's Fire/EMS and Police Departments will be on hand to provide safety demonstrations and support. All riders must wear helmets.

A Cedric Ballenger Memorial Scholarship Fund account has already been established at the Trotwood Key Bank branch. Event participants are strongly encouraged to make contributions at the event. Advance contributions to the 'Cedric Ballenger Memorial Scholarship Fund' can be made at any area Key Bank branch or mailed to its Committee Chairperson and Trotwood Vice-Mayor Joyce S. Cameron, 426 Glenview Road, Trotwood, Ohio 45426.

To contribute to the Cedric Ballenger Memorial Scholarship Fund or for more information please contact Vice-Mayor Joyce S. Cameron at (937) 657-6849 or jcameron@trotwood.org.

DEPOT OPENING AUGUST 23RD

We are planning to open the Depot and Iams house for the Cedric Ballenger Memorial Bike Ride on August 23rd. I sent out emails to all people on our email list but this notification will get to all members. We want to cleanup the Depot and have all our displays ready for the public. Your help is requested so give Ralph a call if you can pitch in a few hours. My numbers are 837-0355 or cell 344-5724.

LEGACY BRICK PROJECT

Group #7, begins since all 20 bricks from group #6 are installed. Again, you can still be a part of our "Trotwood Legacy". This order will give us approximately 20 new bricks for the sidewalk. Call Ralph Kuester 837-0355 if you need a Legacy Brick application or assistance in creating your special legacy brick. Do not forget, that our applications are available on our web site. It is easy, just type in Trotwood and "click-on" the City Page, which you just click on it, then look down the left hand side for Historical Society and click again. The list of options is on the right hand side. Try it, it's simple.

ALUMINUM CAN AND METAL COLLECTING

Another 160 pounds of cans were recycled. We cannot say enough ... thanks for our efforts in recycling. 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. I must mention to remove aluminum foil plastic and glass bottles from your bags. Keep bringing the scrap metal to us or call me 837-0355 or Claude Keeling 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. 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.

CUBS PUBLIC RELATIONS DISPLAY

The Depot Museum preservation efforts are on display! It is located above the ice cream coolers. Get your groceries now and please visit our display. We are trying to keep our Public Relations efforts moving forward. Again, we thank Maggie Hart, Public Relations representative and Kelly Armstrong, Manager for the display area. So if you have not scheduled your grocery shopping yet, take the time soon to visit our Trotwood CUBS and see our new display. Thanks for a job well done.

Strategic Planning Meeting

Our next meeting is not scheduled as of this date. We plan to discuss the review of our Master Plan by filling in the criteria for getting the many of the tasks completed. Our 15 year plan is working because we have accomplished approximately eight items that we addressed in our 2006 version. It is approximately nineteen pages long and it addresses our long range efforts and success goals for the society. We will be continuing our review of the Master Plan for progress and updates. The meeting is always open to members if you want to join us.

EXECUTIVE MEETING/BOARD MEETINGS

Here is a chronological listing of our 2008 Executive and Board meetings as of this date: Please mark your calendars.

Wednesday August 27, 7 PM at Iams	Executive Meeting
Wednesday September 3, 7 PM at Iams	Board Meeting
Wednesday September 24, 7 PM at Iams	Executive Meeting
Wednesday October 29, 7 PM at Iams	Executive Meeting
Wednesday November 26, 7 PM at Iams	Executive Meeting
Wednesday December 3, 7 PM at Iams	Board Meeting
Wednesday December 17, 7 PM at Iams	Executive Meeting

“HISTORIC GLIMPSES OF TROTWOOD, OHIO” BOOK STATUS

We have sold 115 books to date. Our second printing is expected any day. We'll be notifying you when they arrive. Applications are still available on our web site, at the Trotwood Barber Shop and Trotwood Florist here in town, and in the north door of the Iams house and by the front door of the studio. Please contact the following individuals if you have questions; Ralph Kuester 937 837-0355 hm, 937-344-5714 cell, or Claude Keeling 937-837-5387, or Regina Kleinhenz 937-854-4505 or 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.

TROTWOOD HISTORY BOOK ORDER FORM				
DESCRIPTION	QTY	PRICE	TOTAL	
History Book – Standard Edition		\$39.95		Trotwood-Madison Historical Society Trotwood History Book P.O. Box 26434 Trotwood, OH 45426
Sub Total				
Ohio Sales Tax – 7%				
Shipping and Handling		\$6.50 ea		NAME _____
Total				ADDRESS _____
If sending in a mail order and your address is an Ohio address, you must pay the 7% sales tax. Make all checks payable to Trotwood-Madison Historical Society				CITY _____
				STATE _____ ZIP _____
				PHONE NUMBER _____

**TROTWOOD-MADISON HISTORICAL SOCIETY
CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2008
(PLEASE CUT-OUT AND POST ON YOUR REFRIGERATOR)**

DATE	TIME	DAY	EVENT	LOCATION
Sep 4-6	9:00 AM – 5 PM	Thur, Fri, Sat	Book Sale	Iams Homestead 349 S. Broadway Trotwood, OH
Oct 11	10:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Sat	10 th Annual Iams Homestead Pioneer Harvest Fest	Iams Homestead 349 S. Broadway Trotwood, OH
Oct 18 & 19		Sat & Sun	Shop Till You Drop	Hara Arena
Dec 6-8	10:00 AM– 5:00 PM	Thur, Fri, Sat	Kris Kringle Shop	Iams Homestead 349 S. Broadway Trotwood, OH
Dec 6		Saturday	Dickens Days (Santa at the Depot)	Olde Towne Commons
Dec 11-13 Dec 18-20	10:00 AM– 5:00 PM	Thur, Fri, Sat	Kris Kringle Shop	Iams Homestead 349 S. Broadway Trotwood, OH

ANNUAL PICNIC/TEXAS STYLE BBQ

If you did not make it to the BBQ this year, you missed a good time—food was great and there were a lot of new “what is it” for the crowd to guess what they were. The final payment on the barn loan was made July 5, 2008 and we had a ceremonial burning of the note. It is a great feeling for the Society to be debt free again.

I have set up a blog page for me to communicate with you. The photos of the BBQ and Iams property are located on the blog page. Go to <http://www.t-mhs.blogspot.com/> to view the pictures. I have not placed much on the page and it will probably be the middle of August before I update again. As plans are finalized for the 10th Annual Iams Homestead Pioneer Harvest Fest, this information will be posted on the blogspot. I will continue to send updates by email also.

We placed all the bricks that have been ordered in the Legacy Brick Walkway. If you ordered a brick for yourself or someone else, please stop by the Homestead at 349 South Broadway and take a look. You may stop by anytime, however, the museum is open every Sunday 2:00 – 4:00 PM. Why not visit the museum and view the bricks at the same time. I will place pictures of the walkway on the blogspot. The pictures of every brick will not be on the blogspot at this time; however, I plan on having pictures of the entire walkway on the blogspot. You can then look for your brick.

I hope my new attempts at keeping you informed is working. Based on the number of emails I have received I think the members enjoy the occasional updates via email. Hopefully, you will also enjoy the updates on the blogspot.

Claude Keeling

MEMBERSHIP

We welcome a new member who is well known to some members of the Society. Don Miller, Ione Miller’s husband, has joined the Society. Ione was a very active member of the Society and was one of the members that helped make the Kris Kringle shop the success it is today. Ione pass away and we all miss her very much. Welcome to the Society and enjoy the updates of our activities through the newsletter.

We also welcome Dr. Thomas E. Durbin as a new member. Dr. Durbin was a resident and now lives in California.

Please add to you membership roster:

Don Miller 6459 Westford Rd Trotwood OH 45426 837-6453
Thomas E. Durbin, 275 E. Minnesota Ave #151, Turlock, CA 95382

The following members have renewed their membership:

Michael McCann
Philip & Pamela Jones

Wini Kovacic
Jim Rufener

The Society has lost another member. Betty C. Le Rette died August 1, 2008. A celebration of Bettys life will be held at the Trotwood United Church of Christ at 11 A.M. on her birthday, August 14. In lieu of flowers, gifts may be made to the TUCC, 18 N. Broadway, Trotwood, OH 45426, and to the Special Olympics. Rogers Funeral Homes, Trotwood, in charge of arrangements.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
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Adult - \$10.00
Senior Citizen - \$8.00
_____ New Membership

Family - \$15.00
Corporate - \$25.00
_____ Renewal Membership

Name _____ phone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-Mail Address _____ Date _____

YOUR SPECIAL INTERESTS: _____

Example: Museum or Depot Tours, covering events, baking cookies/cakes, making calls, research.

IAMS HOMESTEAD 10TH ANNUAL PIONEER HARVEST FEST

Plans for the harvest fest are progressing well. Looks like it will be the best harvest fest that we have had. We will need many volunteers to help man the registration table, monitor displays in the museum and barn, work in the country store, supervise games, set up and take down, and other tasks that are necessary to put on an event of this size. If you want to volunteer to help, call Claude Keeling (837-5387) or Ralph Kuester (837-0355). You may also email us at cekeeling@msn.com or rjkuester@woh.rr.com. Claude Keeling