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General Information

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Upcoming Events

At the Historical Village

Christmas Festivities at Historical Village

1. **Thursday December 4th** - City of Hilliard
Tree Lighting by Mayor Don Schonhardt,
5:00 to 7:30 .PM, Live music, refreshments.
2. **Saturday December 6th** 6 to 9PM Tours
of Historical Village, Live Music, holiday ac-
tivities, sing-a-long Christmas carols, re-
freshments and more.
3. **Saturday December 13th** 6 to 9PM
Olde Hilliard Christmas In the Village
Live music entertainment & refreshments
4. **Sunday December 14th** 3 to 6 PM
Santa in the Caboose at the Village

Drop off letters to Santa in the Mailbox

There are many other wonderful Christmas Festivities at various venues sponsored by Destination Hilliard. Pick up a flyer at the Library Office, watch for local advertisements or call 614-664-3290.

LIBRARY OPEN HOUSE DECEMBER 8TH 7 PM

(See page 2 for details)

New Officers (January 1, 2015)

President - Steve Smith	876-9143
Vice President - Tim Woodruff	876-2974
Treasurer - Kathy Smith	876-9143
Secretary - Barbara Cash	710-1113

Board Members

Randy Smith	Don Russell
AC Montgomery	Darryl Walters
Bob Peterson	Megan Martin
Bob Skaggs	Jeff Smith

Ruth Lichtensteiger

Board Meetings 2015

Usually the first Wednesday, of the month at 7 PM. (Changes to be announced)

Membership Meetings (At the Library)

Third Wednesday of every month; except for October (annual dinner meeting) & December is the second Wednesday. 7PM



Message from the President

Tim Woodruff

We have one more event before we close for 2014; the Christmas Festivities in Weaver Park. As I look back on the year, I am so encouraged for the future of the Hilliard Ohio Historical Society. I like the sound of our new name. We have accomplished so much in this past year and we have set in motion several programs that should help give our financial side a solid footing for years to come. We are putting two funding programs into motion: one is Grant writing and the second is Corporate Sponsorships. Their impact could be very significant.

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message from the President

We need to maintain our current programs and events and with a little modification they can be made better. We need to expand our community outreach with new historical education programs. Also next summer we could expand our village opening to more than Thursday & Sunday. We need to attract new members with an improving agenda. We have just applied for a major Grant from the City plus we gave Norwich Township a couple projects that we can use help funding. We seem to be on the City and Township radar as a strong community service oriented organization worthy of their support. See pictures on Page 3 of the City installing connecting cement sidewalks with our existing ones as an example.

A new willingness of our members to participate has been wonderful. We have added some new members this year that are pitching right in, is encouraging. The number of our quality events and programs have made great strides because our members are increasingly willing to be involved.

In this final Newsletter for 2014, I want to sincerely thank all members who have participated in so many ways. It has been my pleasure to be your President to work with all of you this past year. What a team effort!! I hope we can hit the new year running and continue to move the Society on the path of continued growth and development.

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

Tim Woodruff- President

LIBRARY OPEN HOUSE

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8th 5 to 7 PM

By Theresa Montgomery

The Historical Society is holding an open House to thank all who have participated in making this a most productive year. There will be refreshment punch. All members are welcome to get better acquainted with existing & new friends and share our good fortune of having such a fun Historical Society. Your library staff is: Thelma, Ruth, Pat, Marilyn, Howard, Christy, Theresa & AC.

Annual Dinner October 20, 2014

Our Dinner was held at the Hilliard Senior Center. 49 members and friends were served

a delicious dinner served by the American Legion Ladies. A slate of Officers for 2015 was offered and voted on and approved. Tim Woodruff, President, reviewed the many accomplishments made throughout the year and the future plans we have ahead in 2015.

Randy Smith showed a slide show of Old Hilliard scenery and buildings that were enjoyed by all.

Sunshine and Memorials

By Marjory Dougherty - Thinking of you Theresa Montgomery & Harold Brown fell and are getting better. Kermit Grener also fell and needed hospitalization but is home now and getting better. Kenneth Slyh and wife Marcie now living in Canton, are now in their 90's. Patty Gloeckner's husband Chuck has been in the hospital and expect to go home soon.

Memorials: Our sympathy & Prayers to the family of John & Nancy Bryner who lost a son-in-law Sean Killilee and prayers for his wife Marcie

If you know of anyone who needs a card, please give me a call: Marjory Dougherty 614- 876- 7772. Thank You

Church Weddings by Judy Vowell

We have been very busy at the church this Fall with two September weddings, one in October one already in November and one planned for November 15th and another December 30th. Volunteers are always needed. Remember there is usually a rehearsal the Friday night before the wedding date. Call Judy Vowell 614-851-8860 with any prospects for people interested in using our Historical Village Church for a wedding service.

Kroger Rewards Program

Don't forget to join. It is easy to do. Here's what you do, Log on to:

KrogerCommunityRewards.com

You must register your Email address with them. When they respond to you go back on line and sign up for our Program #39662. A percentage of purchases that you make at Kroger's for program items will be credited to this Historical Society



WEBSITE UPDATE

By Darrell Walters The webpage for the society is continuously being updated all the time. A new Membership List has been updated and we have a total of 251 members. 141 Lifetime; 51 Family; 52 Individual; 2 student and 5 business memberships. New info.to be posted on our NEW Website address: ww.hilliardohiohistoricalsociety.com Our NEW Email address is: hilliardohiohistoricalsociety@gmail.com Our Phone number is the same: 614-876-5880. Contact Darryl Walters by Email or call: 614-777- 9229_with any new information for our website or membership list.

NEW CHANGES AT THE VILLAGE

New bridge At the Museum



The City of Hilliard has agreed to do these upgrades that will make our buildings more accessible to each other and certainly safer. We thank them for this support. The pictures of the project shown here is **work in progress**. The result will be **concrete connecting sidewalks**.

New Sidewalks being installed



NEW PROGRAMS

We are in the process working on new sources of funding for our Historical Society to grow our village and to do some much needed maintenance on most of our buildings. These programs include the following: Corporate Sponsorships, Foundation Grants, additional Endowments and naturally we accept tax deductible donations from members of the community and our own membership. As we are a non profit organization time, travel, and materials donated are tax deductible. We recommend you contact your tax preparers on the limits of what is allowed on your State and Federal tax returns.

VOLUNTEERS: Are always needed for support of all our programs. You do not necessarily have to know the details of a building or display, however more educated help we can get is appreciated, but sometimes we just need help in set up, service and security to make the program work better. All members are invited. Call either Megan Martin (876-4128) or Barbara Cash at (710-1113) who always welcome your help doing all kinds of jobs. The Christmas Programs listed on page one are a good example. Many volunteers will be needed for all activities.

Education Today or Yesterday



Whether it is our 1891 one room school house in our village or today's modern school this story applies:

From a school Principal's speech at a recent graduation...He said "a Doctor wants his child to be a Doctor.. an Engineer his child to become an Engineer... a Business man wants his child to be President of a company BUT, a teacher also wants his child to become one of those too.

Nobody wants to become a teacher **by CHOICE**. This is sad but true, said the Principal.

As the dinner guests were sitting around the table discussing life, one CEO decided to explain the problem with education. He argued "what kid is going to learn from someone who decided that his best option in life was to become a teacher." To stress his point he turned to another guest: "Bonnie, be honest, **what do you make?**" Teacher Bonnie who had a reputation of being frank and honest, replied "you want to know what I make" She paused and said: Well, I make kids work harder than they ever thought they could...I make a C+ to some, feel that they just won the Medal of Honor. I make kids sit through class when their parents can't make them sit for 5 minutes. without an iPhone or iPad. or playing a video game. You know what else I make? I make kids wonder. I make them question things .I make them apologize and mean it ..I make them have respect & take responsibility for their actions..I teach them how to write, then make them actually write..I make them read, read, read. I make them show all their work in math.. They use their God given brain not the calculator.. I make everyone use the English language regardless of their heritage but to also to preserve their unique cultural identity... I make my classroom a place where all my students **feel safe**. Finally, I make them understand if they use the gifts they were given, work hard, and follow their hearts, they can succeed in life. Then when people try to judge me by what I make in money, with me, money isn't everything. I hold my head up high pay no attention because I make a difference in all our your kids lives.

Educating kids and preparing them to possibly be Doctors Engineers CEO's and maybe a teacher just like me.

What do you make Mr. CEO ?

(His jaw dropped and he went silent)

Genealogy from Jennie Spring-Starr...

Christmas 1909 Hilliard News & Plain City Advocate (Hilliard Column). By James Van Schoyck

The editor of the Hilliard News is very glad to report that the "two little girls" of Hilliard High School got their rings through the influence of the Advocate.

Santa did not bring them but "him" did.

A most enjoyable time resulted from an invitation sent by W.M. Walton and wife to children and parents to all meet at their home on Christmas Day. All those present partook of a bountiful dinner, played games, singing Christmas Carols and sleigh rides. After a gift exchange and good wishes all departed wishing that they will be permitted to enjoy many more occasions with the Walton family. Those present were Mr. & Mrs. Walton, Alvah Imes, & wife, William Cramer, wife and daughter Edan., Richey Jerman, and wife, Carl McCann, wife an daughter Ruth, Wesley Walton, William Walton Jr., Charles Walton, and as invited guests Mr. & Mrs. Christian Leppert, daughter Alma, and son Joe.

Merry Christmas to all our volunteers, members and friends. From Jennie Spring-Starr - Genealogist

My editorial comment is that how simple some of the news was in 1909 that the people of the small towns like Plain City and Hilliard would find interesting. This party was probably only for special people in town to be invited.

What are you putting in your Memoirs that your great, grand children would find interesting 109 years from now?



Tales From the Log Cabin

By Megan Martin

By the mid 1800s, the American Christmas traditions included much of the same customs and festivities as it does today. They decorated trees, exchanged gifts and celebrated Santa Claus. Greeting cards were popular and stockings were hung at the fireplace. Church was a very important part of celebrating Christmas. There were many Church activities and family-oriented days of feasting and fun.

People in the New England States were a little more progressive and people made a little more money because of the Industrial Revolution. Both men and women, (and also young children), worked in factories and mills. But life was much harder and more simple in the Midwest and down South because people mostly worked on farms. With less money parents had to resort to homemade gifts and humble fare.

For many people in the prairies and out west, Christmas was a difficult time. Often these hardy pioneers were barraged with terrible blizzards and savage December winds. But one thing that brought all of America together was that Christmas would not be forgotten. During the Civil War, soldiers could be heard Caroling at their remote outposts. The pioneers looked forward through all their hardships and tough times for Christmas.

Even though money was scarce, the hardy pioneers made every attempt to decorate their homes for the holidays with natural materials such as evergreens, pinecones, holly, nuts and berries.

As for decorating the trees, we always think of children stringing cranberries and popcorn as garland. Some of you might even remember doing this to decorate your trees. Some homemade decorations were often figures or dolls made of straw or yarn. A favorite doll was made from cornhusks. It might be surprising but 150 years ago cookie dough ornaments and gingerbread men would decorate the trees. Wood was simply too scarce to "waste" on a tree, therefore you hardly saw wooden ornaments. Some trees were illuminated with small candles clipped onto the branches. This would happen only on Christmas Eve and only a short time for fire was the biggest threat to a log cabin. We also need to understand that some cabins were too small to make room for a tree, especially when a family had many

children. In Poland people in small huts would turn the Christmas tree upside down and attach to the ceiling, leaving the floor clear to move about or place presents on the floor.

One thing that the pioneers made sure their celebrations included festive foods. Often the special preserved fruits and vegetables were brought to the table that had been put aside to use just for the holidays. Many women began to bake weeks ahead of time, leaving the plum pudding to age in the pot until Christmas dinner.

Homemade gifts might find the family members working on them months before. Dad's would carve wooden toys by the light of the fireplace after the kids went to bed. Moms would knit scarves, hats, mittens and socks. Usually the yarn had been spun from the sheep's wool raised on the farm. It was hard to make things when families were all living in the same one room cabin.

If the family had a good year the children might find candies, small gifts bought at the general store, cookies and fruit in their stockings. A favorite item was to find an orange in their stocking. This was such a great treat.

When we think of Christmas we can't forget the religious traditions. Christmas Eve would find most families singing Carols around the Christmas tree or fireplace. On Christmas Day, most would attend church, return home for the traditional Christmas meal and spend the day visiting with friends and neighbors.

We hope that during the month of December our members and their families come to the festivities we have planned in the Village and experience the holidays in the 1800s.

Megan Martin

Historical Society Members vote New Name Change

In the September Newsletter we included a ballot to all members to vote to change our name from: Northwest Franklin County Historical Society to Hilliard Ohio Historical Society After a phone call or two with questions from members, the name change was unanimously accepted. We now have to do the paperwork with the State of Ohio and other agencies to make tis change. It is in the works as we go to press. Here's the Old Logo and the new Logo

OLD LOGO:



NEW
LOGO



As soon as we get approvals from all State and other authorities we will be using this logo on our documents and communications. Thank you for all your support in getting this change implemented.