

# HILLIARD STATION CHRONICLE

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SPRING IS IN THE AIR!

## General information

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## **2017 Historical Village Events and other Events of interest in the downtown Old Hilliard area**

### **1.) School visits START in March**

Our village is open to local invited schools. To volunteer and information call Megan Martin 614-565-3210. We usually have at least ONE VISIT PER week.

### **2.) April 8<sup>th</sup>, 9 to 11 AM - Old Hilliard Bunny Hop**

(City Activity) downtown Old Hilliard, including Easter activities, costume characters and a scavenger hunt

### **3.) May 6<sup>th</sup>, 9 AM - WALKING Tour of down Town of Old Hilliard (sponsored by our Historical Society)**

Tours start at the Library 5274 Norwich St

### **4.) June 24<sup>th</sup> 10AM to 4 PM - 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Classic Car Show at the Historical Village**

The Village will be open and volunteers will be needed.

### **5.) July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade (City Activity)**

We usually enter our Model T, MODEL A & 1941 CHEVY TRUCK Downtown Old Hilliard

### **6.) July 15 – 22 Franklin County Fair**

**Historical Village open all week with many Fair activities in the Historical village**

100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Fair in Hilliard Destination\_Hilliard\_is sponsoring a special 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary display April through August in the Village Museum With items from previous Fairs

### **7.) September 9<sup>th</sup> - Old Hilliardfest (City Activity)**

Downtown old Hilliard and in the Historical Village

### **8.) October 14<sup>th</sup> - Heritage Day**

In the Historical Village

### **9.) November 11<sup>th</sup> - Veterans Day Parade**

(City Activity)

We enter our 3 Historical Trucks Model T, Model A and '41 Chevy truck, Downtown Old Hilliard

### **10.) December 10<sup>th</sup>, 3-7 PM - Santa in the Red Caboose in the Historical Village**

## **New Officers January 1, 2017**

President – Barbara Cash 614-563-7866

Vice President – Bob Peterson 614-353-9330

Treasurer – Rodney Garnett 614-395-6736

Secretary – Marilyn Evans 614-742-7519

## **Board Members**

Randy Smith Jeff Smith

Darryl Walters Tim Woodruff

Megan Martin Mildred Brooks

Ben Buoni Steve Smith

## **Board Meeting March 2017 (At the Library)**

Our Next meeting is Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at 7 PM

## **Membership Meeting March 2017**

NOTE: Our next Meeting is Wednesday March 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at the Safety Services building (Police & Fire Bldg.) on Northwest Blvd. Program: Dublin Historical Society

## **Message from the President**

**Barbara Cash**

1.) January and February have been a whirlwind of activity for your Officers and Committees. Let me share with you the people who are making it all happen at the Society this year:

### **Committee Chairs:**

**Acquisitions**, Randy Smith; **Buildings and Grounds**, Ben Buoni (with Tim Woodruff and Randy Smith for Displays); **Volunteer Management**, Megan Martin; **Fundraising & Newsletter**, Bob Peterson; **Library**, Marilyn Evans; **Memorials**, Marge Dougherty; **Weddings**, Steve Smith; **Food Operations**; Jeff Smith; **Membership and Communications**, Darryl Walters (with Mildred Brooks). Every one of them would love to have your help. Also if you have the time, talent, and energy to assist with the ongoing work of maintaining our Village and improving the Society and all our activities, Please call or email Megan Martin to volunteer.

2.) What is planned so far for 2017 Dates for all events are also listed on the website calendar.

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3.) What's new? Thanks to a generous donation of a storage building by the City of Hilliard, we have a new place for acquisitions not currently displayed, and are able to make use of the "back room" of the museum for a different purpose. Steve Smith will Chair a committee to consider all ideas presented for the utilization of that space. Your input is always invited, and should be sent to the Society email, or by regular mail to the Library Office.

4.) Bricks, bricks, bricks: A number of you and/or friends of the Society may have noticed that a brick you purchased has not been made a part of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary tower. All bricks ordered have been engraved, but the original design of the tower had to be changed to insure tower stability, and the result was a fewer number of bricks incorporated. The City plans to pave a path to the tower, and add ground lighting. The remaining bricks will be included in the creation of a seating area near the tower. Until that is accomplished, the bricks will be temperately displayed in the museum. Ben Buoni is working on a display area in the museum. It will be in place before the Summer Sunday, open hours.

5.) Membership Meetings: We are going off-site this year for some of the membership meetings (first meeting March 15<sup>th</sup>) inviting programs or speakers as well as Society business and updates. I hope you will try to attend if you live in the area.

6.) Volunteer Spotlight: So many people devote their time and talents to the planning and work of the society, but sometimes a person, working "under the radar" so to speak, goes practically unacknowledged. The person I want to spotlight this time is: Kari Inglis. Kari volunteers at the Library and has worked diligently for months to sort, label and catalogue thousands of documents and pictures which were donated to the Society. The result is an orderly and understandable collection which will enable searches and genealogy quests. Thank you Kari.

7.) Wish List: Sometimes a person would like to help, but doesn't know what is needed, so we are adding this new subject to each newsletter. This time our wishes are 1.) Fixes to the Granary: requires repair to keep out water and varmints as well as examination of the soundness of the structure. This could be a Saturday project for a couple people and be done in June after the

contents of the building has been removed and relocated. 2.) Nametags for Docents and Volunteers: requires monetary contributions to create a budget item available to the volunteer manager so every new volunteer receives a badge. Thanks for your continued support of this wonderful asset to our community.

**Barb Cash, President**

### **Message from the Vice President**

**Bob Peterson**

**The Museum:** There will be a major change in store in the Military display area. The members of The Franklin County Fair committee announced that 2017 is the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Franklin County Fair at the Hilliard location. They asked if we would let them use the Military showcase to house a temporary display of artifacts representing the Fair's 100 years of existence including: a centennial quilt, 4H projects, pictures, Fair souvenir programs and a video to tell the story of 100 years of Fairs. We agreed to house the Fair display for a major part of 2017.

We will temporarily relocate some of the Military items in a new location and in a new display. Tim Woodruff and Randy Smith also will upgrade many other displays in the museum to enhance the appeal to the public. Upgrades will include labeling items in displays and adding new items to displays.

Finally, we would like to display the many miscellaneous items that we have stored for years that we think will be interesting to all visitors. This is important and will take our museum to the next level to keep the public coming back time and again.

We now have a Museum committee that would meet regularly to work on accomplishing set forth above. If anyone is interested please contact: Tim Woodruff or Randy Smith

### **Reminder: 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary History Books**

We have a fresh supply for sale at just \$5.00 each in the Library and will be displayed at all of our events throughout the year. This is great collector's item of the History of Hilliard and of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our Historical society. What a great special occasion gift to give to your Hilliard area friends and/or family. Call the Library in advance 614 -876-5880 and pick up your copy of this historic 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary book.

## Committee Reports

### **1. Fund Raising – Bob Peterson**

As we all know, we need operating funds for (heat, lights, phone, Insurance, etc.), to keep our Historical Society effective day to day and also to maintain our Historical Village buildings and in safe repair, interesting and of Historical value for our many visitors. We must have additional funding programs for the Historical Society to do all that. We need all members to be involved either directly as a donor, sponsor or as a volunteer and in thinking of funding resources. Here's some things we are either working on or considering:

- a.) **Grant Requests** to the City of Hilliard, the Townships and the State Ohio History Connection.
- b.) **Donations** from Hilliard area businesses that want to support Non-profits like our Society and Village that provides a unique attraction & historical resources for area schools, families and visitors to the greater Hilliard area.
- c.) **Sponsors** for our events such as the **Old Hilliard Walking Tour, The Classic Car Show, The Franklin County Fair plus other Village Activities: Heritage Days & Christmas Programs like Santa in the Red Caboose.**

We estimate to have over 15,000 visitors to our village each year.

**Note:** Monetary, Advertising or "In Kind" donations are always welcome.

#### **d.) Collector Items of Hilliard**

We have printed copies our new 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary History Books available at the Library.

We are about to release a book of Original Civil War Letters collected from local Hilliard family.

We are considering making Miniature Models of our 7 buildings in the Historical Village, suitable for model train collectors and people with Christmas villages and many other collectors.

Your feedback or participation in any of these programs or viable new ideas are always welcome. Call me: **Bob Peterson at 614-353-9330**

#### **e.) MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT SHUTTLE DRIVER— Here is a Special Opportunity to raise funds for the Society**

The Memorial Tournament will be held at Muirfield Golf Club from May 29 through June 4. Society

members have the opportunity to raise money for the Society by driving visitors, caddies, or the media from parking areas to the event. All you have to do is designate the Society as the payee of the amount you accrue. If you sign up for 12 or more hours you will receive two full passes to the event (as well as a meal voucher each day). To sign up for this great chance to help the Society, and to have a great time at the Memorial, **contact: Barb Cash at 614 / 563-7866 or [blcash@columbus.rr.com](mailto:blcash@columbus.rr.com)**

### **2. Archival Library News - Marilyn Evans**

It was nice to see so many of our members at our post-holiday open house in January. You are more than welcome to stop in and browse at any time. We have a wide range of material on our local history. We have a growing collection of family histories, thanks to Jenny Starr. We also have many of the Hilliard High School yearbooks. We are anxious to obtain the yearbooks of our three new high schools. So pay us a visit. At the present time, we are open on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10am to 2pm.

It has come to our attention that two books have vanished. The first one is a history of the first 50 years of the Ohio State Fair. The second one was a recent donation, the Alumni Directory of Wittenberg University. We would like to add these books to our genealogy collection. Please return them to the library if you inadvertently borrowed them. Our books and materials are routinely not loaned out but, once in a while, we make an exception. First talk to Marilyn Evans to see if this is possible. Then sign out the material on the clipboard located on the Office desk. All loans must come back as soon as possible.

### **3. Grounds and Maintenance - Ben Buoni**

I would like to invite any member that has a skill or interest in maintenance to consider joining the Maintenance Committee. This committee is vital because it oversees each building needs to keep them preserved. This committee will take on projects or repairs, if able while other projects will be reviewed and taken to the Board and General Meetings on

recommendations and seek outside contractors to do a special job. As chair I will ask every committee member two questions: What task do you like to do and what don't you like to do. I will keep members doing what they like to do. I will keep members doing what they want to do. Keep in mind we are all volunteers If you are interested, I am interested. Call me at; 614-565-4984 - Ben Buoni Grounds and Maintenance Chair.

#### **4. Membership and Communications** Darryl Walters and Mildred Brooks

##### **New members 2016**

Sidney Anderson	Sharyn Brown
Kathy Chandler	Tom & Kelly Driver
Karen Duffy	Bob Eggerich
Sahit Gadde	Rodney Garnett
Joann Hensley	Kari Inglis
Albert J, Iosue	Jeff & Kelly Lamb
Mary Leininger	Larry & Peg Murdock
Ed and Donna Olenhouse	Camryn Page
Jacqueline Pajjternack	Sally Readd
Ron Tardino	Vickki Trevino

##### **Membership Totals End of 2016**

Life Members	149
Family Members	15
Individual Members	35
Student Members	5
Business Members	1

##### **Total Memberships 237**

(Note: Family memberships have multiple Members)

**Note:** Be sure to check our website for the latest information about our Historical Society for the latest activities and general Information about what's happening.

**hilliardohiohistoricalsociety@gmail.com**

Communication to us are:

Mail: 5274 Norwich Street, Hilliard Ohio 43026

Phone: 614-876-5880

**Email: hilliardohiohistoricalsociety@gmail.com**

**Facebook too.**

Most of the general communications addressed to our society are directed to the appropriate committee chair. For example, all

new and Membership requests and records are handled by this committee

#### **5. Acquisitions- Randy Smith**

This year so far we have received photos and items from Hilliard. Many of the photos are of the buildings we have in our village. Did you know that the Train Station was originally only half the size it is now? We have photos showing that and then the additions being added.

We also received a telegraph key which is going to allow us to do something special. We currently have the original telegraph key in the Train Station along with another one that came from another facility. I am going to take the extra telegraph key and attach it to the new one we received. This way we can actually demonstrate how they are used.

Just a reminder that we do have procedures for taking in new items (acquisitions) and they are located on the website. If someone approaches you and would like to donate an item, fill out the forms but do not take the item. The forms are located in the Library/Office and Museum Office. I will contact them and determine if it is an item that we can use and then make arrangements to get the item.

We are looking for some special items. If anyone has old pictures of the Hilliard area from the 1800's or early 1900's we would really like them. We can make copies at our Library/Office if the donor wants to keep their originals. We are also looking for any items from businesses in the Hilliard Area from the 1800's and early to mid 1900's.

#### **6. Volunteers Management - Megan Martin**

As a Non-profit organization, **Volunteers** are the backbone of our Historical Society. We have listed many of our upcoming events on page one of this Newsletter and all of them require you (our Membership) to help. We have many members that like to do special Docent assignments and I do all I can to be sure you

get the assignment that fits your likes and your experience. For example we will be starting our School visit events in March that can include up to 75 kids (3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders) plus teachers and some parents. They will be in our village for a couple hours and will tour all our Village buildings and many time will bring their lunch and use our museum porch. We require docents in each of our buildings that must be trained to give an interesting and exciting presentation to break out groups of 12 to 15 kids at a time for 15 minutes. The timing and movement of these small groups is like clockwork. It's fun but it is tiring.

Megan Martin & Barb Cash give periodic Docent training classes for new members to get started. Then, pick out where you would like to be a docent. The best way to be finally trained for being a docent in a particular location is to sit in on a presentation with a veteran in that location. Let me, Megan Martin, know where you think you would like to be and I will try to put you there. If you happen to get placed in a building somewhere when a need arises and you don't know what to say, there is a summary of key points on a sheet in each of the buildings which will get you by. I try to call the many people on my list that I know like particular assignments and place them there.

We need volunteers in many other places at our events. Such as all kinds of kitchen help, when we serve food; greeters at our museum, security at our entrances and grounds at the County Fair and the Car show; opening and closing buildings, etc. This year we are going to have a "go to person" **or Tour Director** for each event on the day of the event, that will be responsible for answering questions and the success of the event. Questions? Call:

Megan Martin 614-565-3210

## **7. Sunshine & Memorials: Marge Dougherty**

### **Sunshine**

Harold Brown is having some health problems and is under doctors care

Mary Buck had a back operation

Penny Woodruff has had some health problems

### **Memorials**

**Kay Williams** - daughter of AC and Teresa Montgomery - passed away October 22, 2016

**Henry Spohn** – passed away October 28, 2016

**AC Montgomery** – passed away on January 13, 2017

### **NOTE: Important Announcement**

**Please provide us with an Email address for communications to you!**

**The cost of printing, envelopes and stamps to get this newsletter and other communications to you is a huge expense to our Society.**

**Presently we only have 48 viable Email addresses for our Membership. We do not share your Email information with any other organization.**

**Also email is the most efficient and fastest way of receiving updated information from time to time of our Society's activities, and the volunteers that are needed for events.**

### **Kroger Rewards Program**

Another possible fund raiser for our Society is the Kroger Rewards program. Kroger pays a percentage of your purchases to us monthly. Here's how it works:

If you have a **Kroger Plus Card**, go to the customer service desk in any store and tell them you would like to have the Hilliard Ohio Historical Society (**program #39662**) as the recipient of your earned rewards. They will set it up for you by using this number. If you are not in the program, they will sign you up. It works and is a good way to donate to a good cause like our Hilliard Ohio Historical Society.