

# *Newsletter*

*February and March 2005*

*New Albany-Plain Township Historical Society*

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## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

**Thur. Jan. 27** -- 7 p.m., Board Meeting, Fire Station

**Thur. Feb. 3** -- 7 p.m., Society Meeting, Fire Station  
Hostess: Debbie Dean

**Thur. Feb. 24** -- 7 p.m., Board Meeting

**Thur. March 3** -- 7 p.m., Society Meeting, Fire St.

**Sat. March 12** -- Regional Meeting in Mt. Vernon  
Send registration to Helen Pestel.

**Tues. Mar. 22** -- Newsletter Deadline

**Thur. Mar. 24** -- 7 p.m., Board Meeting

**Sat. May 21** -- **FOUNDERS' DAY**

**NOTE:** Every Tuesday is get-together day at the Kern-Harrington House Museum for cataloging, conversation, & maybe a few chores, from 9 to 12.

## **OUR NEXT MEETING**

Note that our next Society meeting will be on Thursday, February 3, at 7 p.m., at the Plain Township Fire Station.

A NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Dear Members,

In the last newsletter I introduced myself; in this newsletter I would like to talk about some goals for the Society in the upcoming months.

Committees – We need to get involved and take ownership of these projects. This society doesn't exist because you come to meetings. Although that helps, it takes money and that comes from the various events that we participate in throughout the year. We need to get more people involved, so at the next meeting, check out the committees and sign up for one. You just might enjoy yourself.

Dryer House – There is much excitement regarding the Ealy house, but we can't do that without also getting the Dryer House into a functioning condition. We have loads of work ahead in order to accomplish this. Some of the needed work is costly, but other work is just labor that most of us can do.

Ealy House – This is a huge project that is going to be time-consuming, costly, and labor-intensive. Much of the work will be accomplished by contractors; some may be done by society members.

Better fundraising – Some of the events are not raising the money that they have the potential for raising. We need to look at these and be creative and efficient. We shouldn't be putting dozens of volunteer hours into something that isn't worth the investment.

Society Meetings – Sometimes the Society meetings end up being a replay of the previous board meeting. The board members have been elected to those positions to perform a duty; they should perform that duty and answer to the society for their actions. That allows the society meetings to be more interesting and allows for more guest speakers and presentations. Please bring forward all your suggestions for speakers and presentations.

Now, I would like everyone to figure out how they can get involved. Join a committee; not all committees are huge commitments. We definitely need your help. Bring your ideas and experiences to our committee tables and make a difference.

-- Kim Cathell

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!

Richard and LuAnn Justman  
and children, Charity,  
Isaiah, and Zechariah  
6074 Johnstown Road  
New Albany, OH 43054  
(614) 855-6700

Melvin and Marlene Thomas  
5320 Green Cook Road  
New Albany, OH 43054  
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## LOOKING FORWARD TO FOUNDERS' DAY

Sharon Carter has agreed to represent our Society on the Founders' Day Commission. Her first request to Members of the Historical Society is that we look around our homes for any white elephants that could be donated to the Silent Auction. As a Society we are being asked to contribute 10 items to this money-making booth for the Commission.

Secondly, we need to nominate a Grand Marshal for the Founders' Day Parade. Please bring your suggestions to the March 3 Society meeting (or phone Sharon in advance at 939-5292). She needs to give our decision to the Commission on Sat., March 5. If you want to know who has already served as Grand Marshal, pull out your December 2004 Newsletter and study page 15.

Also, we will have our usual Founders' Day Bake Sale. All kinds of baked goods will be appreciated, but small items that can be eaten out of hand (like cookies & bars & candy) are most popular with young families. Founders' Day will be on May 21.

## THANKS

Willard Zarley wants to thank everybody who phoned or sent cards during his recovery from his recent knee surgery. These were greatly appreciated.

## ICE STORM CLEAN-UP

The following noble souls deserve a huge thank-you for picking up the hundreds of fallen branches in the Rose Taylor Dryer yard following the Christmas ice storm: Marlene and Melvin Thomas, Kim Cathell, Taylor Cathell, and Keith Willis.

## CROSSROADS COOKBOOK SEQUEL?

We are down to our last two or three Historical Society cookbooks. The first edition was published in 1996 and the second in 1997. Shall we order a third printing or shall we come out with a totally new collection of recipes? Our original editor would like some feedback.

**New Albany Plain Township Historical Society  
Treasurer's Report – December, 2004**

	November	December
November/December Income		
Checking Interest	\$ 1.80	\$ 1.89
Transfer from NAPT Heritage Preservation Corp. 50/50		22,196.82
Christmas Luncheon	5.90	
Donation – Postage	172.50	281.75
Donation for Vector Security Insurance	45.00	52.00
Memberships (renewal for K. Yager; new M. Thomas & Justman)	30.00	
Bazaar Sales		350.00
Donation to Sustaining Fund	177.00	
Donation for Ealy House to be transferred to NACF	2,500.00	
Memorials to Millie Goodrich		500.00
Silent Auction ( Harvest of the Arts)	48.50	125.00
Pamphlets		11.94
Applebutter	22.25	<u>40.00</u>
Ealy House – open house donations	<u>41.86</u>	
November/December Total Income	\$ 3,044.81	\$23,559.40
November/December Expenses	November	December
Newsletter Postage	44.40	
Newsletter Printing		\$ 67.20
AEP (K-H \$55.60; RTD \$38.88; Ealy \$14.75)	43.67	65.56
Columbia Gas of Ohio (K-H)	131.38	229.88
SBC (telephone at Kern-Harrington)		43.75
Bazaar Table space rental	20.00	
Roof repair (RTD ½ downpayment)		1,500.00
Amerigas – RTD house		109.23
Harvest of the Arts Expenses	17.45	
Christmas Party dinners		454.25
Transfer of memorial funds to 5th/3 <sup>rd</sup> CD maturing 3/31/06		650.00
Westfield Insurance reinstatement	20.00	
Water & Sewer (K-H- \$21.19; Ealy \$16.12)	21.19	<u>16.12</u>
Digital Camera supplies from grant	94.21	
Transfer to New Albany Communities Foundation	<u>5,250.00</u>	
Total November/December Expenses	\$5,642.30	\$3,135.99
Recap – November Beginning Balance	\$17,063.97	
November & December Income	26,604.21	
November & December Expenses	8,778.29	
December Ending Balance	\$34,889.89	

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continued)

Held for 2005 Golf Outing	2,500.00
Bond totals held for decision on use	21,071.82
Held for remaining three bond holders	1,125.00
Held for transfer to NACF for Ealy House	500.00
Memorials C/D Balance 12/31/04	3,116.24
9/30/04 Balance of endowment in Van Guard Funds	\$14,419.71
Sustaining Fund at New Albany Comm. Found	5,250.00

Helen Pestel, Treasurer

#### NAPTHS BOARD MINUTES

Dec. 7, 2004

Attendance: Alice Boesch, Lillian Shannon, Ilene Dickendasher, Marty Saveson, Kim Cathell, Debbie Dean, Robert Dean, Jim Fodor, Steve Bevelhymer.

Kim called the meeting to order at 9:40 am.

Robert gave the bid from the roofer he has been talking to about the Dryer House. The roofer will tear off the old roofing, put on new plywood, insulation, and rubber for \$2500 to \$3000. We can take off the old roofing and that will save us around \$800. The house roof by the kitchen has a hole in it and it could be repaired for about \$350 plus \$50 to \$100 for wood. This would be done with 25-year shingles. The roof over the dining room is leaking. The roofer will check that when he is repairing the other roofs. The metal roofing could be used here.

Discussion followed and Jim asked how much money is in the budget for the roof. (\$4055.55) The society has the money to fix the roof so Jim moved we have the roof repaired, seconded by Steve and motion passed. Robert will call the roofer today and get a key to the roofer so he can get started on the roof because he will need a week of good weather to do the garage roof.

Steve said the New Albany Links garage said they would fix up the big barn if the society would allow them to use the barn for a while. Steve will check on this further.

The New Albany Township trustees have the home of Clyde Garret on Walnut Street. Inside is a dining room table and chairs that the trustees will donate to the Historical Society if we want it. The table would be great for a work place. It has leaves and pads to protect it from scratches and it can be opened to about 7 feet. The table in the Harrington house can be moved to the Dryer House. Ilene moved we accept the table and chairs and Jim seconded, the motion passed. Kim said JB Bowe will deliver the Table and chairs. She will call JB.

Marty is working on a quiz game for the dinner Saturday night and asked to take a jar of apple butter, a jar of cookie mix and an activity book for prizes. Steve made the motion and Ilene seconded, the motion passed.

Ilene told Kim we need a hostess for the January meeting and that that is Kim's job to get a sign-up sheet and have people sign up.

The new roster has some people's children listed and some don't. The roster needs to be consistent.

Next week another contractor will look at the Ealy House and give us a bid. The board can ask questions about this at the January board meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 am.

Deborah Dean , Secretary

## NAPTHS BOARD MINUTES

Dec. 30, 2004

Attendance: Ileana Dickendesh, Kim Cathell, Jim Fodor, Helen Pestal, and Patty Zarley.

Kim called the meeting to order.

Helen said our CD is ready to roll over. She will check on the interest rates and probably roll it over.

A check was received from Steve Holland for pamphlets, check was for \$11.94.

A family life membership was received from Richard and LuAnn Justman and three children, Charity, Isaiah and Zechariah.

\$125.00 was received in memory of Millie Goodrich.

The budget was received and passed.

Kim reported a company will come the first week of January and give the second bid on the Ealy House.

The fourth Thursday of each month is set aside for the board meeting.

The security people are should come out and change the batteries. Someone will contact Vector and see what is going on, take Liz and Marty off of security call and put Jim Fodor, Willard Zarley, Steve Bevelhymmer, and Kim Cathell on.

Kim and Patty will check on a new printer and get some prices.

Kim suggested we get more people involved and set up committees for each activity with a chair person.

There was a discussion about the inventory, accepting and disposing of items. No decision was made.

Jim said the heat in the Dryer House should be kept around 60'. The roof has not been repaired because of bad weather. There are lots of limbs down and need cleaned up.

Helen reported that Neil turned over some papers from Vanguard.

Ileana Dickendesh, Acting Secretary

## OUR ANNUAL HOLIDAY DINNER

Our Christmas party on December 11 was surely the happiest event of the year for our members. We forgot all the leaking roofs and uncatalogued inventory and just plain had fun. Thanks to Donna Parrill and Ileana Dickendesh, the tables were beautifully decorated, the menu was wonderful, and the program totally enjoyable. Agnes Campbell's piano music was a treat, and her song quiz very challenging for most of us (but not for Sine Ayers). Marty Saveson's trivia quiz about our society and ourselves enlightened a few as to the possessors of vintage autos and such. Thanks to Kim Cathell for the pretty programs and the charming candle-gifts. And thanks to Santa's helpers Donna and Ileana for the lovely gifts for everyone.

NAPT Historical Society Meeting  
January 6, 2005

Kim opened the meeting at 7:06pm.

Minutes of November meeting were read. Ilene made the motion to approve the minutes as read, seconded by Patty. Motion passed.

Helen gave the treasurers report. Jim Fodor made the motion to accept the report, seconded by Nancy Ferguson. Motion passed.

Helen put the Memorial CD with the \$650.00 donation.

Three bonds are not closed at this time.

Helen then read the 2005 Budget. Kathy made the motion that the budget be accepted, seconded by Betty, motion passed.

The roofer called Jim and couldn't get to the roof because of the bad weather. He will try to get to it as soon as the weather gets better.

Kim read the goals for 2005. Progress on the Ealy House, get Dryer House into usable condition, Greater Society participation, New fund raising ideas, and More professional organization.

Kim read the pending bylaw changes. The changes are presented tonight to be read over by members and then discussed at the February meeting.

Kim asked everyone to sign up on committees for the year. Sign up sheets are on the table.

Jim gave a report on the Dryer House. It needs a lot of work. Several men are needed on a Saturday to help with the roof repairs. The roof in the breeze way has a big hole in it, the garage roof has a bigger hole, a leak from the attic comes in the hall over the living room, the dining room still has a big leak, wires are down and half of the house has lost electric. There is metal roofing to be used if the contractor wants to use it. Steve got the furnace to work so there is heat in the house. When the weather clears the limbs need picked up. High school kids can do this for their Senior Project. Nancy said the village will chip the limbs up if the limbs are put within 10 feet of the street. The entire roof needs fixed.

We have under 18 months to be out of the Harrington House and the Dryer House needs to be usable.

Nancy said water and sewer are to be coming down the street this year. Mr. Jim Heischman will help with the water and sewer laws and questions.

Marty couldn't be with us tonight but, she was to report that we did not get the grant for a new historical sign.

Nancy gave a presentation on New Albany Community Update 2004-2005. This was a very good insight into what will be happening in New Albany this coming year. New developments to New Albany's housing, roads, parks, police station, schools, and art center.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.

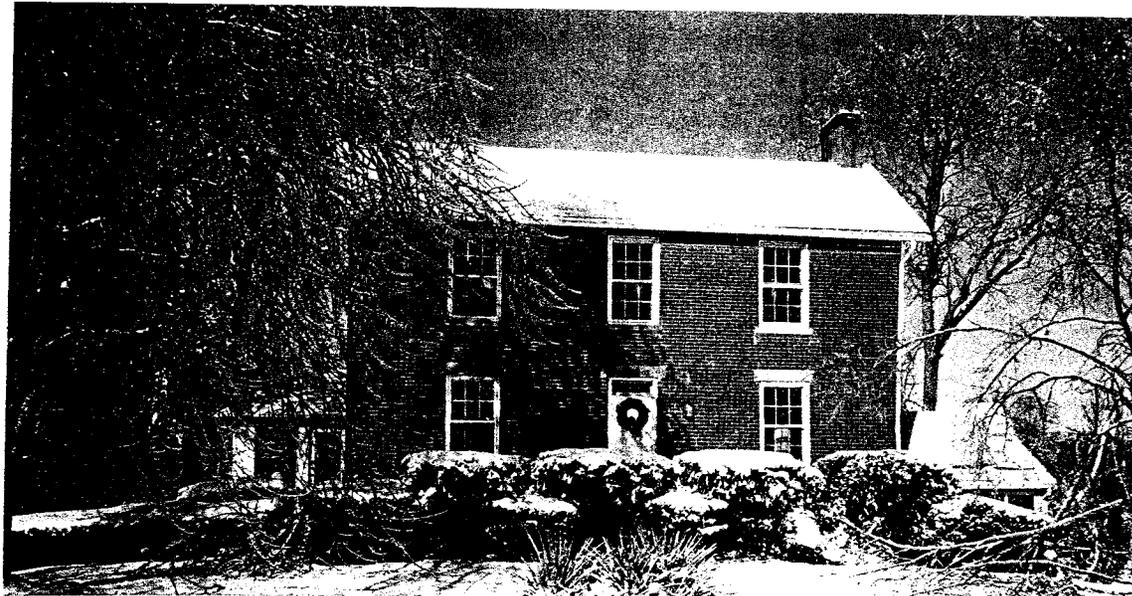
Refreshments of chocolate cherry cake, carrot cake, coffee and soda were served by Kim Cathell.

Respectfully submitted by secretary, Debbie Dean

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The 1861 Clouse House (at 8370 Clouse Rd.) on Dec. 24, 2004, following the severe ice storm which downed trees and power lines all over central Ohio. Clouse Rd. was without power for 4½ days, but the Clouse House had heat from its wood stove and water from the old dug well outside the back door.