

# *Newsletter*

*April and May 2007*

*New Albany-Plain Township Historical Society*

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## **D A T E S     T O     R E M E M B E R**

**THURS. MARCH 29** -- 7 p.m., Special Board Meeting on plans for the Ealy House.

**THURS. APRIL 5** -- 7 p.m., Society Meeting at the Library.  
Program: Julia Rogers's play on New Albany history.  
Hostesses: Betty Maynard & Debby Dean.

**TUESDAYS, APRIL 10, 17, 24** -- 9 a.m. Come help us remove wallpaper at the Ealy House.

**SATURDAYS, APRIL 14, 21, 28** -- 9 a.m. Come help move furniture from the Kern-Harrington House to the Ealy & Dryer Houses.

**THURS. APRIL 26** -- 7 p.m., Board Meeting

**THURS. MAY 3** -- 7 p.m., Society Meeting at Summerville at Chestnut Hill, 5055 Thompson Rd.

**SAT. MAY 19** -- **FOUNDERS DAY**

**TUES. MAY 22** -- Newsletter Deadline

**THURS. MAY 24** -- 7 p.m. Board Meeting

**THURS. JUNE 7** -- Society Meeting

**WED. JULY 4** -- 1:00-3:00 Society's Antique Car Show.

### **A SPECIAL TREAT FOR THE APRIL 5 MEETING**

We will be treated to a preview performance of the play which Denison student Julia Rogers has written on the history of New Albany. She has spent her senior year doing this as a research project for her majors in theater, anthropology, and sociology. She has interviewed many of our own members and has taken a special interest in the Heritage Quilt, which will be on display that evening. Bring along your friends. The refreshment committee is preparing for a larger audience than usual. The meeting starts at 7 p.m. in the New Albany Branch Library.

### **THE MAY 3 SOCIETY MEETING**

Another event to look forward to is the May 3 meeting, which will take place at "Summerville at Chestnut Hill," formerly known as "The Inn at Chestnut Hill" (5055 Thompson Road). A big drawing card for us is that three members of our Society are now living there: Evelyn Swickard, Evelyn Cabbage, and Aziel Shockley.

### **STATUS OF OUR NATIONAL REGISTER APPLICATION**

On February 9, 2007, our Historical Society submitted to the Ohio State Preservation Office a full application to place the Ealy House on the National Register of Historic Places. In June an Ohio State Commission will approve or disapprove of the Ealy House's inclusion. If approved, the application then will be forwarded for a final decision to a Commission acting on behalf of the Park Service in the Department of the Interior. Prospects seem good, thanks to the contributions of Society members: John Ayres for Ealy House plans drawn to scale; Mark Baranoski for geological data and a GS map; Rick Otten and Catherine Saveson for forty-plus Ealy House photographs and a required CD-Rom. These photographs, along with others taken by Kim Cathell, incidentally, can be brought up on the Society's Web site.

--John Saveson

### **CHANGES OF ADDRESS**

**Rudy & Elaine Sever** -- 5441 Prufok Ct., Westerville, OH 43081.  
Phone: 855-1610.

**Michael & Barbara Chappelle** -- 6537 Bevelhymer Rd., Westerville, OH 43081. Phone: 855-9000. Yes, they are finally living in the 1840's brick house which they moved from Central College Road.

## SPRINGING FORWARD

Spring is here! The weather is starting to improve and that means that Founders Day is just around the corner. This year Founders day is extremely critical for us, as we have elected not to host a Golf outing and need to find a way to replace the funds that the outing provided. Traditionally Founders Day has not been a big money maker for us, even in good weather. We need to do what we can to make the most of this opportunity. That means lots and lots of volunteers. The bake sale has always done well, so we will need all sorts of baked goods. We are also hosting an art show in the cafeteria and will need hosts for that part of the day. If we put a float in the parade, we will also need volunteers to construct and decorate the float. We need to do our best to make the most of the opportunity.

I would also like to thank John Saveson for representing our society at the Rotary Club meeting. Cary Hager has asked if we could provide a brief talk on local history. John answered my call and his reviews are wonderful. I hear they are interested in pitching in on the Ealy House in some way.

Spring weather can be a real pain<sup>to</sup> the roof, especially the Dryer house roof. All the terrible winter weather caused delays on that project and the paper blew off and the leaks were back. David Cline discovered the problem and I called the roofer and requested that he immediately inspect the situation and remedy the situation. This project must be wrapped up soon; this has been open for too long. This is being worked out with the roofer.

We gained possession of the Ealy House this week and hopefully will start the hard work that lies ahead for us there. We will be accepting lots of volunteer efforts on that front. Durable Slate has wrapped up the line items that were contained in the contract. It seems as if we have had some help in removing some wallpaper; each time we have visited the house more paper has fallen. We will be prioritizing our to-do list for the remainder of this project, so that progress can continue.

Spring Break is nearing, bringing with it Easter and warmer weather. I hope that every one enjoys the season and stays healthy. For those that travel, enjoy your trip and stay safe; for those that have plans with friends and family, relax and celebrate.

--Kim Cathell, President

## WE WELCOME TWO NEW MEMBERS

*Joanne Adams and Robert Mowery, the husband-and-wife artists who gave us such an enjoyable program at our February meeting, have joined the Society. Their address is 10818 Johnstown Rd., New Albany, & their phone no. is 775-9961.*

## MINUTES OF THE SOCIETY MEETING OF FEBRUARY 1

President Kim Cathell called the meeting to order. Marty Saveson had recorded the January minutes in Liz Feichter's absence. They were read and David Cline made a motion to accept them. Sharon Carter seconded David's motion and they were approved.

Helen Pestel gave the Treasurer's report. Liz Feichter made the motion to accept and David Cline seconded. The report was approved.

Recent members Joann Adams, a medical illustrator and Robert Mowery, sculptor and art teacher, presented a wonderful showing of their art. Many thanks for this display.

FOUNDERS' DAY: Sharon Carter reported that the FD Committee is getting their tax ID number. They will take over the selection of the Grand Marshall and need nominations from the Society by February 24<sup>th</sup>. The theme this year will be "UNDER THE BIG TOP" and the date is May 19<sup>th</sup>. Sharon said the Society will have the Ethel Schleppi Art Show, a display of artifacts, the bake sale, quilt show. We will need volunteers, and we will need volunteers. Robert Dean suggested we have the area better marked with sandwich boards or posters and Debbie Dean mentioned the Lady Shriners have a clown Unit.

KERN-HARRINGTON: We need at least four more work Saturdays to pack and move. We need already-packed boxes moved to the Dryer House.

EALY HOUSE: There was a walk-through on January 29<sup>th</sup> and several items were listed to be done before the final payment would be made. John Ayres and Nancy Ferguson provided punch lists on items not done.

The Village and insurance company are replacing the Historical Marker that was damaged by vandals.

The Community Foundation has awarded us \$1500.00 for preservation of the quilt.

The Dryer House number and the golf course number have been corrected. If you will recall, the golf course was using the Dryer House number as their address.

The Society will vote on the final payment to Durable Slate. Nancy Ferguson made the motion. John Ayres seconded and it passed.

Helen Pestel and Marlene Thomas served refreshments. Bob and Ilene Dickendesher had their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and we helped them celebrate with a cake and other goodies. Congratulations, Bob and Ilene from all of us.

--Liz Feichter, Secretary

#### BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

JAN. 25 -- Dryer House roof and easements were discussed. Plans were made for packing up more stuff at the Museum and moving as much as feasible to the Dryer House on upcoming Saturdays.

FEB. 22 -- The high gas bill at the K-H House was explained by the Treasurer. Founders Day plans were presented. The Founders Day Commission will finally get their own tax I.D. number. They have decided to choose the grand marshal themselves, and any nominations must be received by the 19th. They will sponsor the parade. Our Society will again sponsor the Ethel Schleppi Art Show and hold a bake sale. We will have four tables with the canopy. Liz Feichter suggested we display one or more scrap books owned by the Society; Kim Cathell suggested we display our collection of Indian projectile points, and other suggestions included quilts and blacksmith tools.

We need interior decoration plans for the Ealy House & landscape plans. We discussed the possibility of a corporate partner. Nancy Ferguson offered to check out Sandy Heffner, who is an interior designer.

The subject of fund raisers came up, and some of the suggestions were postcards of local scenes, greeting cards, a car show, and working with "Super Suppers." We will try to make a display of the Ealy House for Founders Day to cultivate interest in helping us decorate and furnish the museum. We will continue Market Days in the summer and have a garage sale in the fall. (There will not be a golf outing this year.) A volunteer will check on Craig's List. More possibilities: a boutique at the Ealy House, and a tea or series of teas when the house opens. More ideas: get sponsors for rooms in the Ealy House, and for landscaping; make notecards from sketches and paintings of local scenes.

## MINUTES OF THE SOCIETY MEETING OF MARCH 1

President Kim Cathell called the meeting to order. The minutes were read and approved with corrections (adding John Ayres and Nancy Ferguson to be included for providing punch list). Also corrected, Marlene Thomas and Helen Pestel provided refreshments. Ileana Dickendeshier made the motion to accept the minutes with these corrections and Sharon Carter seconded the motion. The Treasurer's report was read and approved after explaining the large <sup>gas</sup> bill was due to not turning the heat on at Kern-Harrington instead of the air conditioning. The gas company thought the meter wasn't working and replaced it and originally charged \$883+. They finally adjusted this to \$536+. Liz Feichter made the motion to accept the report and Sharon Carter seconded the motion.

Fund Raisers: The Community Events Board approved the idea of the car show. Several suggestions were made including letting the exhibitors vote on the winners. Another suggestion was to have food and beverages available. There is also the possibility of exhibitors being in the parade. Kim announced she would be available any day except Tuesday to help make cards. The idea of post cards was also discussed

Ely House: We will schedule a walk-through when Durable is finished.

The Regional Meeting was discussed. Included will be tours of the Davies and Webb Houses. Several members indicated an interest in attending.

Joan Thomas and Sine Ayres provided the program on Scandinavia. They had different artifacts including pictures, books, linens, news articles and items from their Swedish and Danish families. Refreshments were provided by Marilyn Regrut. Thanks to all.

--Liz Feichter, Secretary

### **A Thank-you Message**

*Willard Zarley wants Society members to know that he is most grateful for all the cards and messages of concern during his recent illness and surgery. Patty reports that he is gaining strength every day, but is definitely not signing up to move any furniture.*

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Treasurer's Report – January/February, 2007

Income	January	February
Postage	\$ 4.00	
50/50	4.75	
Cookbooks	8.00	
Applebutter	18.00	
Donation Jar	5.00	
Memberships (Gorsuch, Hess, Farber, Thomas, Bobo, Fisher)	10.00	\$ 70.00
Quilt Grant from NA Community Foundation		1,500.00
Checking Interest	<u>2.58</u>	<u>1.87</u>
Total Income	\$ 52.33	\$1,571.87

Expenses		
Capital Roofing & Remodeling	\$859.50	
AEP (KH\$9.45,\$23.81;RTD\$15.86,36.04;Ealy\$9.64,273.35)	34.95	\$ 333.20
Columbia Gas of Ohio		536.89
Rumpke	<u>46.04</u>	
Amerigas (for Rose Taylor Dryer house)		823.98
AT&T		46.11
Ace Printing (newsletter)		50.40
Westfield Insurance		1,175.00
Columbus-City Treasurer Water & Sewer Service		33.52
OAHSM (membership renewal)		<u>30.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$940.49	\$3,029.10

January 1 Balance	\$22,265.27
Income	1,624.20
Expenses	3,969.59
Feb 28, 2007 Balance	\$19,919.88
Hold for Durable Slate	8,311.00
Hold for Computer	1,800.00
Hold for Quilt	1,500.00
Hold for Dryer Roof	<u>2,000.00</u>

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*The cast of "The De-Fencing of Hope," a play on the history of New Albany to be presented by these Denison University students at our April 5 meeting in the New Albany Branch Library.*