

Newsletter

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New Albany-Plain Township Historical Society

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Lizzie and Leo Schott

Married in Franklin County in 1902

*Lizzie's Wedding Gown is in the Collection
of the New Albany-Plain Township
Historical Society*

DATES TO REMEMBER

THURS. FEBRUARY 5 -- 7 p.m., Society Meeting at the New Albany Library. Hostess: Naomi Fodor.
Program -- Marilyn Regrut: Historic Buttons

THURS. MARCH 5 -- 7 p.m., Society Meeting at the New Albany Library. Hostess: Helen Pestel

SAT. MAR. 14 -- 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Regional Meeting at the Whitehall Community Park Center, 402 N. Hamilton Rd. See p. 3 for details.

TUES. MAR. 17 -- Newsletter Deadline

SAT. MAY 16 -- FOUNDERS DAY

THE 2008 CHRISTMAS PARTY

On Thursday evening, December 4, thirty-two members enjoyed a holiday meal at Vito's restaurant in the Links development. Thanks to Sharon Carter, each of the 32 places was decorated with an attractive "goody bag," and Christmas music was provided by Willow Otten on her violin.

There was no actual business meeting that evening, but the Ayres-Saveson-Kirby Committee distributed copies of a written report on their work to be presented at the January 8 meeting.

TIBERI CHRISTMAS CARD

Congressman Pat Tiberi featured a very attractive picture of our Ealy House on his Christmas card this year. Our Mayor was among the élite to receive one. Did anyone else get one? We would appreciate having a copy for our files.

REGIONAL MEETING IN WHITEHALL

Sat. March 14

Region 6 of the Ohio Historical Society (our region) will hold its annual spring meeeting at the Whitehall Community Park Center, 402 N. Hamilton Rd., in Whitehall, on Saturday, March 14. Such meetings are always a good way to meet people from other central Ohio historical societies, as well as hear useful talks and see interesting displays. And there is always a historic building to tour. The main topic this year is right down our alley: "Making Community Relationships Work for Your Historical Society." As members of the State organization, our registration fee per individual will be only \$25, and this includes morning coffee as well as lunch. The complete program is as follows:

9:00 a.m.-- Registration

9:30 -- Welcome & Business meeting

10:30 -- The main talk on "Making Community Relationships Work," with special attention to "Town Partnerships," and "Civic Tourism."

11:45 -- Lunch and Sharing Time

1:00 p.m. -- Kim Feinkopf of the OHS will talk about "Low Cost Tips" for taking care of collections.

2:00 p.m. -- "Inexpensive Ideas to Show Off Your Collections," by Jim Gibson.

3:00 p.m. -- Tour of the Whitehall Historical Society's Lustron House.

ADVANCE REGISTRATION -- Sign up with Helen Pestel (855-3765) by March 8. We will organize a car pool for this event.

AMENDING THE BY-LAWS

The Board, at its December 30 meeting, agreed that once again we need to make changes in our By-Laws. It has been noted that there is an inconsistency in the wording concerning how many terms the president may serve in succession. And a few other snags exist.



The Boehm house on Central College Road, about 1909. Leo and Lizzie are standing with Aziel in Leo's arms. Seated are Nicholas and Catheryn Boehm, with boys Gerald and Orrin. (Bernadine was not yet born.)

AZIEL SCHOTT SHOCKLEY (1908-2008)

Aziel Shockley loved Plain Township. She supported all activities that the area offered. In 4-H she was a member of the "Jolly Stitchers," which her mother led. She also belonged to the Farmers Institute, and participated in the fairs which were held in the old Town Hall on E. Main Street. She attended Plain Local Schools all twelve years and graduated from High School in 1927, from the 1926 building which is still standing. Aziel was an excellent basketball player and Captain of her team. She was chosen as an actress in the school productions, but perhaps was most notable for her singing voice. She was part of a trio with sister Bernadine and brother Orrin, often accompanied on the piano by their mother, Lizzie Schott.

Aziel was born November 22, 1908, to Leo and Lizzie Boehm Schott. The very large handsome Victorian house that used to stand at 6076 Central College Road was their family home, shared with Lizzie's parents (Nicholas and Catheryn Huelf Boehm). Aziel was the 3rd child of 4 in all. The oldest brother drowned while on a Boy Scout outing. The youngest child was Bernadine (who married Walter Daily). Aziel married Harold Shockley twice, and two sons were born. Duayne lives with his wife, Lavina, in Jefferson Township. The other boy passed away in infancy. Aziel loved birds of all kinds, and kept many bird feeders in the yard of the home that she built on land that was once part of the Schott family farm. But owls were her favorite, and she had a huge collection of owl figurines.

Aziel was a beautiful seamstress and worked with furs as a "finisher" for many years at the Lazarus store on High Street in Columbus. In the 1940's as she traveled back and forth to Columbus daily she willingly allowed other people to ride along. I was one of the lucky ones.

Aziel made friends easily and remained a true friend. In her retirement she spent many hours visiting shut-ins and the sick, driving many miles to do so. She was a life-long member of St. Paul

Lutheran Church in Blendon Township. She was a charter member of the New Albany-Plain Township Historical Society, and one of our hardest workers at our various events. Thanks to her generosity, our museum collection includes her mother's wedding ensemble (gown, shoes, gloves, & even undergarments) and some wonderful antique doll furniture.

We will always remember her sincere smile and animated conversation. She enjoyed talking and we all enjoyed talking with her. She touched many lives in her 100 years.
--Arloia Walton

NOTE: Copies are available from the Society of a pamphlet recording Aziel's reminiscences of her years in Plain Township. Entitled "Those Were the Days," the booklet contains her vivid accounts, in her own words, of her parents, grandparents, their work on the farm and in the home, cooking, horses, church picnics, and so much more. The title comes from this passage: "When my Grandfather Boehm got a car and drove it, Grandma sat in the back. I tell you those were the days. When you'd go up a hill, you carried a stone with you in order to get out and put it in back of the wheel."

NEW MEMBERS

James and Roswitha Daily

6958 Rothwell St.

New Albany, OH 43054

Phone -- 619-0011

Christopher Daily

2511 Eucalyptus Ave.

Long Beach, CA 90806

Jim and "Rosita" are the son and daughter-in-law of Walter Daily and the late Bernadine Schott Daily. Aziel was Jim's aunt. Christopher is the son of Jim and Rosita. Welcome to our Society!

MINUTES OF THE SOCIETY MEETING OF JANUARY 8

Meeting called to order at 7:10 by Kim Cathell.

John Saveson distributed a report compiled by the committee appointed at the Nov. 6 meeting to meet with the NA Community Foundation regarding monies. This report was distributed to those present at the Holiday Party on Dec. 4; those not in attendance at the December event received the report at this time.

John Ayres distributed reports on 1) Sewer issues and 2) Landscape.

Minutes of the Nov. 6 meeting were read by the Secretary and approved. The Treasurer's report was read by Kim Cathell in the absence of the Treasurer, who was ill. Treasurer's report was approved. Budget Proposal prepared by the Board for 2009 was shared with the group and will be discussed further at the Feb. meeting when the Treasurer is present.

Bill Resch, chairman of the Parks Advisory Board, presented detailed information on the Rose Run Project. Mr. Resch has been involved with the environmental development and protection of the area since 1992. He gave us a detailed history of the work and the funding:

1992 -- A letter of acquisition for 80 green-space acres in the Historic Village Community and Campus area.

1994 -- \$1.5 million ODOT Parkland Acquisition Act. Federal funds and NA matching funds.

1995 -- Replacement of Little Turtle Wetlands here, fund available for reclaiming the land. Rose Run I Area behind the library, \$200,000.

Of special interest to us are the following:

1995 -- A \$600,000 grant to acquire from NACO the 6 acres of land surrounding the Ealy House.

2004 -- a grant to remove the old bridge and dam west of the Ealy House on Rose Run.

2006 -- a \$700,000 grant to restore Rose Run from Market St. to the bridge, and bring the stream back to the natural state.

A total of \$6.4 million in state and federal grants has been received in addition to local funds for all of the local environmental projects since 1992.

Mr. Resch emphasized that stream restoration work will not impinge on the ½-acre Ealy property.

The Village Occupancy Permit for the Ealy House was discussed. It requires parking places, handicap access, and a sidewalk connection to the leisure trail. A portable ramp will allow for a temporary occupancy permit.

Mr. Resch discussed the use of the Church of the Resurrection Handicap spaces on the south side of the church building. The Pastor has given permission for their use. These spaces are 350 ft. from the Ealy House; handicap access requirement is 300 ft. The Church does not have pedestrian access to a sidewalk. It is not on the Village plans to have a sidewalk on Fodor Rd at Route 161.

Bill Resch stated that there is a product available that allows sidewalk-type access over grass (and this could be used to connect Church parking spaces to the sidewalk). This method is in use to provide handicap access to the Swickard Memorial. There was a discussion of the Swickard Memorial by Naomi Fodor and Bill Resch. Nancy Ferguson suggested that we hold a meeting at the Memorial during the summer.

Options were discussed for a parking lot on the Ealy property. It is not feasible to place a parking lot on the west side of the house. Tree removal is an issue, and that area is a natural habitat for animal life (especially the red salamander). Damage to the environment is punishable by heavy State fines. An option for parking (slant position) is east of the house.

Tom Rubey, Director of Development of the New Albany Company, then spoke about NACO's commitments

in the Kern-Harrington/Ealy property swap. The contract included an agreement by NACO to donate \$250,000 for restoration and also matching funds of \$50,000 (\$25,000 for restoration and \$25,000 for the Sustaining Fund) if the Society could raise \$50,000, which we did. At the meeting, Mr. Rubey presented our Society with two \$25,000 checks, which were then given to Craig Mohre for deposit in the New Albany Community Foundation (of which Mr. Mohre is President). Use of these moneys for projects requires approval from NACO. Bill Ebbing, President of the New Albany Company, also attended the meeting, in recognition of the significance of this occasion, which is a true milestone for us all.

Investment Planning Policy: Neil Kirby spoke of money currently invested with Vanguard and Wellington Funds & stated that it is fine for long term. Kim presented a sample investment policy statement prepared by the Board with the help of Joe Dotolo. Discussion followed, with many people making suggestions and comments. John Saveson stated that including investment policy in the By-laws would be inappropriate. John Ayres suggested using other financial planners to bring in other options. This will be an agenda item for the Feb. meeting.

Committee Report: John Ayres gave an estimate of approx. \$14,000 for sewer connection work. He also reported that when the water was connected in the 1990's, it was possible the charge for sewer connection was included. He stated that often both connections are paid together. This will be checked to determine the status. Nancy Ferguson stated that the Village of New Albany does not do sewer work.

The Landscaping Report prepared by Emily Eby and one of her associates at Inniswood Metro Park, was reviewed, with discussion of replacing the suggested flagstone walk with paver bricks. The original walk, per photos, was bricks in a herringbone pattern. Nancy Ferguson requested permission to dig on the grounds to see if original bricks remain. A motion to allow her to do so was approved. Fund-raising using memorial paver bricks was discussed. Motion by Sharon Carter to pursue this idea, seconded by John Ayres. Motion carried.

Issues needing to be resolved are:

- 1) Landscape plans and donor brick walk
- 2) Handicap access and parking
- 3) Sewer hook-up

Debbie Dean moved that John Ayres, Neil Kirby, & John Saveson be charged with solving these problems. Seconded by Kathy Yager. Motion approved. The three men agreed to take care of these issues.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55. Kim's refreshments were very much appreciated.

-- Marilyn Regrut, Secretary

LOOKING AHEAD TO MAY

Sharon Carter and David Cline are our representatives on the Founders Day Committee. The theme this year is "Connecting the Fun," which refers to bringing the old and new kinds of fun all together, or something like that. Anyway, Sharon & David are suggesting that our Society have a Float this year (ideas & volunteers are needed!) and displays of quilts, buttons, and old toys in the gym, which is being reserved for us. And of course, a Bake Sale.

LOOKING AHEAD TO OCTOBER

True, it's a long way off, but we need to start saving stuff for the next Harvest the Arts Festival. Please save the following items:

Extra-large COFFEE CANS, the 3-lb. size. They are essential for melting wax for the candle-dipping.

Colorful LONG-SLEEVED SHIRTS that button down the front, HATS of any style, and old PANTYHOSE for the SCARECROWS.

Also pint and half-pint canning JARS for apple butter.

-- Marty Saveson, 855-9809

TREASURER'S REPORT for Nov/Dec 2008

INCOME	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
Jim Fodor Memorial	\$ 50.00	
Memberships (Carters, Hull, Yager, Farber)	30.00	\$ 20.00
Apple butter sales	48.00	36.00
Saveson hay donation	330.00	
Note card sales	25.00	
Reimbursement from NACF Restoration Fund	6,655.77	
Fodor gift for Ealy steps	10,000.00	
Jackson & DAR thank-you donations		50.00
Christmas party		555.50
Postage donations	10.00	17.50
Pamphlets and Donations jar		37.00
Checking interest	.96	1.76
TOTAL INCOME	\$17,149.73	\$717.76

EXPENSES

AEP (Ealy \$34.83, 115.62; RID 0.00, 4.60)	34.83	120.22
AT&T	21.56	21.56
Brinks (3 months)		107.97
Vito's for Christmas party		555.50
Village of New Albany, review of step plans		133.90
City of Columbus, Treasurer (water & sewer)		34.15
Ohio Secretary of State (forms 521 & 525)		50.00
Card "tree" for display		25.00
Print Xpress for Newsletter		41.80
Vill. of New Albany, front steps permit	200.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 256.39	\$1,089.10

NOVEMBER 1st BALANCE	\$ 5,232.99
Income (Nov. + Dec.)	17,867.49
Expenses (Nov. + Dec.)	1,346.49
DECEMBER 31st BALANCE	21,753.99
Hold for Computer	1,800.00
Hold for Quilt Case	1,500.00
Vanguard Fund Balance 9/30/08	16,701.20
Balance NACF Ealy Sustaining Fund 9/30/08	26,352.32
Balance NACF Ealy Renovation Fund 9/30/08	13,767.65
(less \$6,655.77--see Income above)	

Respectfully submitted, Helen Pestel, Treasurer