

# Newsletter

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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

SAT. DECEMBER 9 -- 6:30 p.m., Annual Christmas Dinner

Place -- New Albany United Methodist Church

Menu: Ham loaf or Roast Beef (specify in advance); green beans;  
twice-baked potatoes; salad; choice of desserts.

Price -- \$12.00 per adult; \$6.00 children under 10

Reservations -- Send check & choice of entrée to Helen Pestel,  
8355 New Albany-Condit Rd., WESTERVILLE, OH 43081. Or phone  
information to Helen at 855-3765 or Liz at 855-1715 or Marty at  
855-9809 by Dec. 2.

Program -- A talent show is being organized. Please phone  
suggestions to Marty at 855-9809.

THURS. DEC. 28 -- 7 p.m., Board Meeting

THURS. JAN. 4 -- 7 p.m., Society Meeting at the New Albany Library

Program: Theresa Kempker will talk about her experiences  
volunteering at the Freedom Center for female juvenile offenders, a  
facility run by the Ohio Dept. of Youth Services. She helps brighten  
the lives of the young girls through arts and crafts.

Hostesses: Kathy Yager and Theresa.

TUES. JAN. 16 -- Newsletter Deadline

THURS. JAN. 25 -- 7 p.m., Board Meeting

THURS. FEBRUARY 1 -- 7 p.m., Society Meeting at the Library

Hostess: Helen Pestel.

## GOOD NEWS AND GOOD WISHES

We are quickly approaching another busy year-end holiday season. I hope that this newsletter finds you well and anticipating wonderful holiday plans with your family and friends. This year the holidays will be more enjoyable for me; my oldest, Kaley, will be home for Thanksgiving. Last year she was at boot camp through the holidays.

I have lots of news for society members. First, Durable Slate has promised possession of the Ealy house by the end of November. The porch and rear ramp will be completed later. Next, the roofer has shown up and begun working on the Dryer House roof. He was tuck pointing the chimney and then would begin the roof work. I have also begun conversations with the attorneys from New Albany Links regarding an easement for them on the Dryer house property.

The completion of the first phase of the museum restoration is a starting point. The next step is to recruit lots and lots of volunteer hours to complete the wall paper removal and preparation for and the painting. We also want to have the Kern-Harrington house vacated by year end. So roll up your shirt sleeves and drag along a friend. We need the help. The replacement of the front steps, the demolition of the rear porch and construction of the ramp can all be accomplished while we are busy on the interior.

The Dryer house will become the source for lots of activity at the <sup>same</sup> time. We will be moving things into the house as the roof is completed. We will also be working out the details on the easements for the golf course. The roadway has already been installed but the paper work and legalities need to be finished. We will keep you updated as progress is made in these areas.

On another note, I hope to see all of you at the Christmas dinner on December 9, at the Methodist Church. Thanks to Marty and Liz for volunteering to arrange the annual event. It is pretty much the same program and menu as last year, but why mess up something that works?

Please have a safe and joyous holiday season. Celebrate all the blessings that have come your way. We need to remember to keep those less fortunate in our prayers. If you are traveling, please stay safe.

Happy  
Holidays!  
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### CHRISTMAS DINNER AND TALENT SHOW

Our annual Christmas dinner will take place on Saturday, December 9, at 6:30 p.m. at the New Albany United Methodist Church. See the front page for all the details, and sign up before you forget. For a program, we will have a talent show this year. We already have a pianist and a violinist signed up, and are looking for more musicians and also for dramatic readings, skits, magic tricks, whatever. Feel free to volunteer your own talents and also to volunteer the talents of others that you know of. Phone Marty Saveson at 855-9809 with your suggestions.

### CHANGES OF ADDRESS

1, Jim and Mary Heischman have moved from Columbus to the Masonic retirement community in Springfield, which they like very much. Their new address is:

Phone: 614-827-5869  
O.W. and Mary Heischman  
9 Masonic Drive -- Apt. 9125  
Springfield, OH 45504-5606

2. Norma Massie  
7162 Steel Dust Drive  
New Albany, OH 43054

Phone: 775-0149

3. Aziel Shockley  
Summerville @ Chestnut Hill  
5055 Thompson Rd.  
Gahanna, OH 43230

4. Evelyn Cabbage  
Summerville @ Chestnut Hill  
5055 Thompson Rd.  
Gahanna, OH 43230

### SICK LIST

We extend our best wishes to Margie Pestel, Donna Huff, Verla Nielsen, Ileana Dickendesher, and Arloia Walton. We hope they get better soon.

### MORE THANKS

Omitted from previous lists of people who helped support our 2006 Golf Outing were the names of Nancy Ferguson and Don Shoemaker. Thanks!

## HARVEST THE ARTS FESTIVAL 2006

The day was cold but sunny & the crowds were in good spirits for all the food and activities at Dorans' farm on Saturday, October 14. Marlene Thomas and her helpful sister-in-law were in charge of the Bake Sale; Naomi Fodor & Patty Zarley sold apple butter both in jars and hot out of the crock on slices of bread. Sharon Carter, Marty Saveson, Nancy Ferguson, Kathy Yager, & Sally Hess took turns selling sandwiches & stirring bean soup. Julie Rogers and two other enthusiastic Denison students were in charge of scarecrow-making (see cover picture for some of the masterpieces created by customers). For at least the third year in a row the candle-dipping project was well handled by Julie DiIullo and the Liptak and Lehman families (this is a horrendously big job, but very, very popular). Jim Fodor was in charge of selling apple cider by the glass & by the gallon. Thanks to Steve Bevelhymmer and Don Shoemaker for building fires, hauling tables, hooking up electricity, & cleaning up afterwards. And many thanks go to the people who contributed to the bake sale and who made cornbread & soup. It is impossible to name everybody who helped, but we thank you all, whether you are listed here or not.

Our treasurer reports the following amounts that we made for the Society that day: Bake Sale, \$207; Soup/Sandwich booth, \$492.75; Apple Butter, \$225.25; Candles, \$200; Scarecrows, \$160; Cider, \$170.50. Gross receipts were \$1455.50. (\$1561.50 less candle wax.)

### AN IMPORTANT GIFT FROM ARLEE

Arloia Walton has given to the Historical Society about 80 folders devoted to Plain Township families. Arloia's starting point often is a person she has known. Added are memoirs by other persons, genealogies, newspaper clippings, details of local history. The file will be a valuable resource when non-residents (residents, too, of course) query the Society about Plain Township ancestors.

Especially interesting are fragments of oral history that come down from the earliest times. A memoir by Edith Chaffin Althausser has this passage, for example: "my maternal grandfather [born near Etna] grew up during the period [when] the National Trail [Route 40], was only a trail, when droves of hogs, cattle and turkeys were driven on foot to the Pittsburgh market."

Or this information given by Thomas Carpenter (1835-1911), a prisoner at Andersonville during the Civil War, and recorded by his daughter Lizzie Carpenter Swickard: "While in prison he sometimes ate boiled cabbage with worms floating in the broth or dried corn and hardtack (biscuits) which caused his teeth to be worn down to the gums."

## MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 5 SOCIETY MEETING

The meeting was called to order at the Fire Station by President Kim Cathell at 7 p.m. Minutes of the August and September meetings were read and approved. The Treasurer's report was presented and approved. Treasurer Helen Pestel reported that the golf outing had netted us about \$3100.

**MARKET DAYS** -- Marty Saveson reported that we had participated in all but two of the nine market days during the summer and had made \$230. The Ealy House photographs always were a big drawing card.

**GOLF OUTING** -- Sharon Carter reported that we had been disappointed in having too few golfers (90 instead of 140), but that the weather, food, and prizes were successful, and \$3100. wasn't to be sneezed at. It would be "possible" to have another golf outing next year, but she will not offer to be in charge again. (NOTE: at the Nov. 2 meeting, Sharon added that if we do have another Golf Outing, we should consider the Royal American golf course, because it does not charge for more golfers than actually come.)

**HARVEST OF THE ARTS FESTIVAL OCTOBER 14** -- Things are coming together for this annual event to be held at Dorans' farm. A committee meeting will be held next Tuesday at Marty Saveson's house.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS** -- Sharon Carter reported that present members of the Board were all willing to continue for another year, though they would be happy to be replaced by new people. Sharon called for nominations from the floor. There were none. Therefore, she moved to accept the slate of current officers and members of the Board. John Shockey seconded the motion. The current officers were unanimously re-elected. They are as follows: President, Kim Cathell; Vice-President, Steve Bevelhymmer; Recording Secretary, Liz Feichter; Treasurer, Helen Pestel; Corresponding Secretary, Ileana Dickendeshier. The Trustees are as follows: Jim Fodor, 3 years; David Cline, 2 years; Sharon Carter, 1 year; Marty Saveson, alternate.

**EALY HOUSE NEWS** -- Within the next 2 weeks, the electrical work will be finished and we can have the long-delayed "walk-through" and then pay the 10% withheld money. There has been a problem of communication with Charlie, the Durable Slate manager, who for months has been holding up the work. **FRONT STEPS** are an issue. They had been deleted from the contract (to save money), but we really need to have them re-built, and preferably by experts--i.e., Durable Slate.

**THE BACK PORCH** is another problem. The contract had included tearing it off, but Durable Slate hesitated to do this without further authorization from the Historical Society and also from the Village. Apparently a permit is needed, since the porch has not been "condemned." Robert Dean: "Why tear it off if it isn't bad?" Kim: "But it IS bad!" Helen Pestel: "Plus, it isn't original."

**DRYER HOUSE ROOF** -- Duane Glass has not started work since receiving a check for \$2000. for materials on August 11. Society voted to authorize the Board to take the necessary action to have the Dryer House roof fixed by December 1. The Treasurer was authorized to stop payment on the check if it was not already too late. And if the check has been cashed, the Board was authorized to demand the money back (and/or the materials if purchased), and to threaten legal action if necessary. The Board was further authorized to get new bids.

The business meeting was adjourned for the delicious refreshments provided by Emily Eby and Mark Baranoski.

**JOHN SHOCKEY** then brought his Park family history (begun at the September meeting) up to date, with many details and a number of interesting anecdotes--ending with information about his own and sister Liz's lives. Thanks to him for his valuable contribution to Plain Township history.

M. Saveson, Sec. pro tem.

#### PAMPHLETS BACK IN PRINT

Two of our local history pamphlets which had been all sold out are now back in print: **HISTORIC PLAIN TOWNSHIP: PEOPLE AND PLACES** and also **REVOLUTIONARY WAR VETERANS IN PLAIN TOWNSHIP**, both by John Saveson. Two others are still out of print: "THOSE WERE THE DAYS" (Azriel Shockley's reminiscences of life in Plain Township), and **THE HISTORY OF NEW ALBANY: A FRAMEWORK**.

#### HISTORICAL MARKER VANDALIZED

Our most recently dedicated Historical Marker, which describes the original divisions of land in Plain Township, was vandalized last month. The sign itself was knocked off its post, bent, and cracked. It cannot be repaired. The replacement cost will be \$1900. Fortunately, the Village's insurance will cover all but \$500, and that amount will be covered by the Village itself. We appreciate having the Village of New Albany come to the rescue.

## The Board Meeting of September 28

Attendance was so severely curtailed by blockades for the Presidential visit that the 4 persons who were there simply made plans for the Harvest Festival.

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE BOARD MEETING OF OCTOBER 28

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Dryer House Roof: To this date no work has begun on the roof. We have had no response from Duane Glass since we gave him the initial payment of \$2000 to purchase supplies. Kim Cathell said she had given him until Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> to begin and after that date, the Society would expect repayment of the money or the supplies he purchased with it, and a proof of such purchase. (Note: he did begin work on Nov. 13.)

Christmas Dinner: The NA United Methodist Church will serve the dinner again this year. A tentative date was scheduled for December 9<sup>th</sup>. The menu of roast beef, ham loaf, potato, salad and dessert was suggested. Liz Feichter made a motion to recommend this to the Society at the November meeting. Marty Saveson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Ealy House: The first discussion referred to the back porch. Durable Slate wants a Certificate of Appropriateness before dismantling the back porch. Because it has not been condemned, we will need a permit to have it torn off.

There was further discussion regarding the back exit. We will need steps and a stoop from the back door exit.

The front steps need replacing and we will get some bids to have that done

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We discussed using some money from Donna Parrill's estate to have some of the interior decorating done. Nothing was decided and the board made no recommendation.

The idea of a sign was brought up and during the discussion, the costs seemed to be of concern at this time. At least for the time being, the sign at the Kern Harrington House ~~could~~ be moved to the Ealy House and lighted with "spots." This will be recommended to the Society.

Liz Feichter made a motion to name the new museum "The New Albany-Plain Township Historical Society." Steve Bevelhymer seconded the motion. The motion passed with one dissenting vote. This will be recommended to the Society.

The Village will replace the vandalized historical marker. Some discussion about the location of the new sign but it will probably be up to the village as to where it will be installed. Whether it can be protected is another question.

Joe Ciminnello has blacktopped the driveway at the Dryer House. It seems the driveway is on Society property and he is trying to obtain an easement from us. No further discussion at this time. We need to study the circumstances and see what we can do.

--Liz Feichter, Secretary

#### *CLARK CUBBAGE, IN MEMORIAM*

*Clark Cabbage, member of the New Albany-Plain Township Historical Society and life-long resident of Plain Township and New Albany, died Thursday, November 16, at the age of 89. Clark was descended from numerous early settlers to the area. One who determined the shape of Clark's career especially, from a distance, was Dennis B. Strait, who moved from New Jersey to Plain Township in 1839. Dennis became a well-known breeder of livestock and, also, held several Township and County offices. The brick house Dennis built in the 1850's is still standing at the intersection of old Route 161 and Kitzmiller Road. Clark farmed land that descended to him through Dennis's daughter and granddaughter.*

*Clark was proud of the fact that another ancestor, Ezekiel Park, was one of five Trustees who contracted to build the old EUB Church at the intersection of Route 605 and Central College Road in 1836. A presumed ancestor or relative whom Clark wasn't able to fit into his genealogy and whose relationship puzzled him greatly was a fellow who turns up in early Plain Township land records by the name of "Cabbage Needles."*

--John Saveson

*Arloia Walton remembers that she was distantly related to Clark through the Straits and that it was Clark who gave her the nickname of "Arlee," much to her mother's chagrin. She adds that everyone who knew Clark will remember him for his sense of humor, his good tenor voice, his devotion to his family, and his pride in being an alumnus of New Albany High School. Our community has lost a unique member, who will be much missed.*



22 Members Present  
11 Guests

Minutes  
of the  
SOCIETY MEETING

November 2, 2006  
New Albany Library

Kim Cathell, President, called the meeting to order. Liz Feichter read the minutes and Sharon Carter made a motion they be accepted. Helen Pestel seconded the motion and it was approved.

Helen Pestel read the Treasurer's report. John Ayres made a motion to accept the report and David Cline seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Kim Cathell reported we need bids on the front steps at the Ealy House.

Marty Saveson made a motion that the Holiday Dinner be held at the NA United Methodist Church, same menu and the date is to be December 9<sup>th</sup>. Liz Feichter seconded the motion and it was approved.

The 2007 grant was discussed and the Board recommended we request the grant for materials to preserve and display the Heritage Quilt. Marty Saveson will submit this application to the New Albany Community Foundation. An application for a grant for a new Ealy House sign will be submitted by Nancy Ferguson.

The microfilm reader the Hanning family wishes to donate to the Society will be accepted.

Hostess sign-up sheets were passed around for the 2007 year.

Patty Zarley presented the program on the completed Heritage Quilt. It was on display and several of the ladies who worked on the quilt were present. The quilt was on display and it is appropriately named because it is Heritage. The amount of research and work that these gals did was mind-boggling. Thank you from all of us.

Pamphlets, membership applications and extra newsletters are available.

Arlie and Cecil Walton gave the Society files, collection of abstracts, and property histories, high school yearbooks and historical files on people she knew. A thank you note will be sent by the Society.

-- Liz Feichter, Secretary

### HIGHLIGHTS OF THE NOV. 6 BOARD MEETING

This was a special meeting on Ealy House problems. We must have handicap access, so discussed ramp & voted to recommend having the ramp start on the west side of the house & wrap around to the back.

Re the \$8311.00 which Durable Slate is waiting for, for electrical work: there is no retention clause in the contract, so we should go ahead and pay this. We still will be withholding 7½% until final walk-through. Problems with Charlie were aired--he did not keep us informed, had no walkthroughs per agreement, sent invoices to wrong person. Durable Slate's estimate on a ramp is \$14,000 and on the front steps is \$3200. We NEED our matching funds!

### HIGHLIGHTS OF THE NOV. 16 BOARD MEETING

**EALY HOUSE UPDATE** -- We must file papers pronto to get tax-exempt status for the Ealy House.

The house will be ready for us to move in by the end of the month, but no steps or porch work will have been done (we need separate contracts for those). We need to start organizing the move.

**DRYER HOUSE** -- The tax exemption on this house has been approved. The roof is being worked on, finally. Screws (nails) are needed & the gutter style needs to be decided.

**EASEMENTS** — We voted to have Attorney Steve Martin review & advise us on contracts for two easements: (1) for an electric line from Walnut St., along our driveway, back to Ciminello's new barn; and (2) for use of our portion of the driveway which runs near the eastern edge of our property and on back to the new barn. This was black-topped without our say-so. Furthermore, a great deal of unsightly trash has been dumped on the back part of our property. By way of recompense, the Society is interested in gaining access to water & sewer for the Dryer House.

### *ELECTION of OFFICERS*

*Unlike the national elections, our 2006 Society elections produced not a single ouster. No turnover. No excitement. The same officers have been persuaded to carry on for another two years: Kim Cathell as President; Steve Bevelhymmer, Vice-President; Liz Feichter, Recording Secretary; Helen Pestel, Treasurer; and Ileana Dickendeshier, Corresponding Secretary. As for the Trustees, Jim Fodor was reelected, but now has the 3-year term. David Cline has two years remaining, and Sharon Carter 1 year. Marty Saveson is once more the Alternate.*

TREASURER'S REPORT -- September/October 2006

September/October Income	September	October
Canning Jars	\$ 25.00	
Memberships (Dave Cline Life; Annual Nielson/Bulderbergs D & S Carter)		\$ 140.00
Donation for Rose Taylor Dryer House	436.00	
Golf Outing – New Albany Co./Fifth Third Donations	500.00	150.00
Golf Outing Raffle	516.00	
Harvest of the Arts (see itemization on p. 4)		1,561.50
Harvest of the Arts return of seed money		600.00
Checking Interest		5.89
Market Day	<u>80.00</u>	<u>29.05</u>
Total Income	\$1,557.00	\$2,486.44

September/October Expenses	September	October
AEP (K-H \$34.15/\$8.22; RTD \$7.79; Ealy 119.63/\$23.96)	\$161.57	\$ 32.18
Columbia Gas of Ohio (K-H)	6.50	
AT&T		23.07
Vector Security		104.85
Ace Printing		36.40
Harvest of the Arts seed money		600.00
Harvest of the Arts Food Expense		<u>40.28</u>
Golf Outing (GolfTournament.com)	<u>886.10</u>	
Total Expenses	\$1,054.17	\$ 836.78

Recap – September Beginning Balance	\$36,945.58	
Income	4,043.44	
Expenses	1,890.95	
September Ending Balance	\$39,098.07	(includes \$8,311.00 for Durable Slate)
Held for 2006 Golf Outing	230.00	
Bond totals held for decision on use	11,071.82	(hold around \$5,000 for Dryer roof)
Memorials C/D Balance 12/31/04	4,111.24	
3/31/06 Balance of endowment in Van Guard Fund	\$17,017.08	
Hold for Transfer to NACF Sustaining Fund	5,300.00	
Sustaining Fund at New Albany Comm. Found	5,250.00 +20,100.00	
Ealy House Donations at NACF	11,000.00 +139.61	
Ealy House balance at NACF 12/31/04	257,492.89	(excludes Sustaining & ^ Donations above)
Ealy House draws from NACF	-\$257,919.99 +\$8,311.00 held for final inspection	

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*The winning foursome at the end of our Golf Outing? Or our Board members after a long meeting? (See page 4 for correct description.)*