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ATHS meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month, 7:30 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Bartels Road, unless otherwise noted.

ROLL OUT THE BARRELS - John Bruck's October Program a Hit

Did you know that in 1890 the Cincinnati per capita beer consumption was 40 gallons per year for every man, woman and child in the city, while the national average was 16 gallons? Thanks to the dominance of German (and Irish) immigrants, there were 136 drinking establishments on Vine Street alone between the river and McMicken Av. Wheelers at 14th & Vine could hold 2000 people and offered "free lunch". Business dealings and city politics (Boss Cox) thrived in the saloons - the 19th century version of the "power lunch".

The city's German population, lured by land baron Nicholas Longworth's plea for workers in his "Garden of Eden" vineyard, rose from 5% in 1810 to 28% in 1830, to 60% in 1860. German was taught in every school until WWI, when 200 German teachers were let go. They loved beer and music; built the wonderful Music Hall, German beer gardens (Mecklenberg's) and took their families to Sunday concerts on the city hilltops at incline houses (Highland House), until beer sales on Sunday were outlawed. The 3 biggest brewers were Christian Mohrlein on Elm, Mulhauser on Central (later Burger) and Hauck on Dayton. But there were many others. Bruck's at the foot of Ludlow at Central Pkwy survived prohibition with Near Beer, a good root beer and malt tonic (recommended for new mothers); they even opened a second plant in Camp Washington. The beer trucks rolled again in 1933 when Prohibition was repealed under FDR. (The only time John's father voted for a Democratic President.) "How are you going to wet your whistle when the whole darn world goes dry?" - a delightful anti-prohibition ditty to which John danced - was a real show stopper.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Wednesday, December 2 - 7:30 p.m.

Veteran **Joe Witt** will discuss his first hand experience during the Japanese Bombing of Pearl Harbor, Hawaii on Dec. 7, 1941, the infamous strike which led to the immediate declaration of war by FDR.

January - No Meeting - HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

Wednesday, February 3 - 7:30 p.m.

Member **Jean Meyer** will display some of her dolls and discuss the ins and outs of the exciting hobby of doll collecting with members and guests.

NEW LOG HOUSE GROUNDSKEEPER

Betty Reagan has agreed to take over maintenance of the neglected Log House Garden. She will reintroduce native plants and reorganize existing ones to make our garden beautiful again. Thanks, Betty, for accepting the challenge!

SPRING LOG HOUSE TOUR GUIDE CLASS

Jane King wishes to step down as Log House Tour chair, but she will continue to lead tours, just not manage the whole shebang. There will be a need for more tour guides in the Spring. Interested members should contact Jane (231-9557) to set a convenient time late in February or early March for training. Other tour guides will help coach. Past and present guides, include Bev Robinson, Diane Schneider, Beulah Dowers, Kay Wambach, Helen Sweet and Betty Reagan.

1998-99 Officers/Trustees

Ron Makin	Pres.	231-5185
Lyn Scheper	Vice Pres.	232-1559
Bob Radcliffe	Treas.	474-5377
Sue Wettstein	Secy.	752-3796
Al Wettstein	Co-ord.	474-0855
Judy Radcliffe	Past Pres.	474-5377
Beulah Dowers	Trustee	232-8353
Carol Voorhees	Trustee	232-1166
Frank Deimling	Trustee	231-7197
Ruth Bellamy	Trustee	231-9537
Diane Schneider	Trustee	232-6552
Charles Roehrer	Trustee	231-9330

Many Committee/Board Positions "Open"

Treasurer, Secretary, 2 Trustees, Log House Tours, Country Store '99, Log House Bldgs & Grounds, Browne House Bldgs & Grounds, Accessions, Publicity, Programs are some of the major areas where we need interested people to volunteer to take over in 1999. Many of these positions, such as Publicity and Programs have been vacant for several years. Your co-ordinator, Surveyor Editor and anyone else willing to lend a hand have stepped in to pinch hit, but we could use a break from these extra chores. We'll take all the help we can get, so please consider volunteering to help out in one of these areas. Thanks to **Mae Donovan** for agreeing to be chair for the Red Brick House Bldg. & Grounds, as announced at Dec. mtg.

Dinner for 8 Raffle - An Epic Story

By Lyn Scheper

Dinner for 8 has been the coveted prize of many raffle ticket buyers. Numerous members spend \$20 or more each year in hopes of winning. Alas, it seems we hopeful gamblers never seem to win the prize.

Setting up, decorating, cooking, serving and cleaning up after this dinner is truly a monumental task. It is as close as many of us will get to winning the prize. For years, I baked Dutch apple pies and dropped them off at the brick house and left the "labor" to the remaining volunteers (led by **Beulah Dowers**). For the past 3 years I have had a more hands-on experience. Members should know what goes into this "prize" and acknowledgment should go to the dedicated people who donate their time and effort year after year to this event.

First, the committee chose several possible dates and **Ruth Bellamy** called the winner (many times) before settling on the date. **Al Wettstein** moved 2 tables and 8 padded chairs into the log house. **Lynn Bellamy** helped tote them back. At 3:30, Sunday, Nov. 1, the cast of players began to arrive for the 5:30 dinner.

Sue Wettstein and **Carol Voorhees** decorate the cabin with fall foliage, pumpkins, pilgrim dolls, candles, etc. Dishes, flatware and table linens come next. **Kay Wambach**, **Ruth Bellamy** (apple sauce) & **Beulah Dowers** (Shaker tomato soup, green beans and cranberry/fruit salad) join in for the trek back and forth from the brick house basement to the log house. **Lyn Scheper**, who baked 3 pies in the morning, puts the pork roast in the oven at the brick house 2 hours before serving time. **Mary Brafford** stops by with her cheesy potato casserole. Appetizers, wine, coffee, cider, etc. are all carried over to the log house. Serving dishes are found in cupboards or imported from home for the feast. Crock pots are plugged in. Then the guests start to arrive.

Appetizers, beverages & a quick history of the log house (**Jane King**) are followed by the first course - Shaker soup. Meanwhile, the roast is sliced, gravy is made, bread is baking. The race is on! Just as the soup cups come back to the kitchen and the meat and side dishes go out the door, **Kay Carter**, rubber gloves in hand, came to the dishwashing rescue. Second helpings of roast and bread go over. More plates and dishes come back. Extra drinks & clean glasses are needed. Finally, dessert is served. By 7:30 the guests are gone and the "workers" get to sit down and eat. We reheat the side dishes and use disposable plates & utensils.

At long last, it's late, but everything that was carried over has been carried back, washed, dried, stowed or packed back in our cars for the tired trip home. We lock up. It's 8:55. A mere 5-1/2 hours after this marathon of cooking, serving and cleaning began. Ah! We're so tired, but grateful it's over *until next year*.

The Case of the Missing Drum - Solved

The Civil War drum which was missing has been found, locked safely away in the accessions closet. It seems Jack locked the drum away last year before Country Store, but didn't tell Alice. When she noticed it missing and we reported it, Jack was unaware of the loss and too ill to clear up the mystery. Alice and Jack came down to the Brick House a few weeks ago and, voila, Jack revealed the drum's hiding place. We didn't even need Nancy Drew or the Hardy Boys to solve this one.

Browne Property Report - **Lynn Bellamy** repaired one window and rebuilt another in the farm house. New furnace blower motor installed; an oil tank to be removed; gas line considered for future.

Log House Property Notes - Outhouse roof needs immediate repair to keep it from rotting away. Storm cellar door also needs replacement. Chimney expert being consulted. Thermostat/heating problems need further trouble shooting before hard winter sets in.

New Members Join at Country Store

Welcome to the 20 new members who joined recently:

Teresa Adams	Carole & John Dennerlein
Jennifer & Daniel Dempsey	Brenda & Bob Greer
Glen Hahn	Barbara Lamping
Mary K. Ludwig	Betty Lyons
Glenn Moll	Carrie & Joe Schultz
Louis Trent	Joyce Lacinak Trentman
Jeane Thumann	Judy & Gary Wettengel
Cathy Young	

1998 Country Store's Net Profit to the Society was a very exciting \$7992.

The Christmas Boutique netted over \$900 with balmy springlike weather both days.

Eagle Scout Candidates Look for Projects

Fence replacement, a foot bridge over the creek, a nature path from the Browne house to the barn and repairing the eroded barn foundation and diverting the stream runoff to prevent further damage are some of the possible ideas the Board will consider. The Scouts must create and submit plans to the Society and their troop for approval by Spring.

In Memoriam

ATHS members mourn the loss of founding member, past president and research chair **Roland "Red" Lowery**. Red wore many hats in the Society over the past 31 years. He wrote books on Township history & columns in the Mt. Washington Press. Members were often entertained by his slide presentations and he wore his Civil War uniform on the cabin grounds during special events.

Lloyd Everhard, a past president and long time Publicity chair, also passed away recently.