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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.

ANNUAL DINNER POTLUCK SUPPER & MEETING - MARCH 3 - 6:30 P.M. – K of C Hall

The annual ATHS dinner meeting will be held Wednesday, March 3, at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Bartels Road at 6:30 p.m.

The cost is $3 per person plus a salad, vegetable or dessert that will serve 6-8 people. Couples & families please bring only one dish. Singles can partner up with a friend to share the cost of one dish. Please bring a serving spoon, knife, pie wedge to serve your potluck item. So we don't have all the same items at the dinner, please use the following suggested dish guideline.

Last name begins with:	**A – D**	**Salads (jello/fruit/greens, pasta, etc.)**
	E – L	**Vegetables**
	M - R	**Starches (potatoes/rice/stuffing, etc.)**
	S – Z	**Desserts**

Judy Radcliffe and Lyn Scheper have agreed to prepare the main course (roast beef and turkey au jus). Plates, napkins, plastic utensils will be provided. If you can't deal with plastic cutlery, you're welcome to bring your own.

Call: Lyn Scheper (232-1559) or Judy Radcliffe (474-5377); we need a "head count" for the meat – Please make a reservation no later than February 24.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Wednesday, March 3- **6:30 p.m**.:

Judy Radcliffe and **Lyn Scheper** will prepare the main course. Please bring a potluck dish to share. **Cost: $3.00**. Make or break your reservations by February 24 or you may be liable for the cost. See reservation & instructions listed above. Try to follow the guidelines for bringing your potluck dish, so we don't have all desserts or all salads, etc.

Wednesday, April 7 - 7:30 p.m.

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Wednesday, May 6 - 7:30 p.m.

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Flea Market To Be Held Late April, Early May

Judy Radcliffe will soon announce exact date for the annual flea market. Spaces are $15 and an 8 ft. table rents for $5. **Beulah Dowers** volunteered to run the concessions; **Inez Check** offered to oversee the sale of ATHS items on the porch. (Donations and helpers are welcome for both food and flea market areas).

ELECTION OF OFFICERS SLATED IN MARCH

The following slate of officers for 1999 will be presented at the annual dinner meeting in March. Following are the nominating committee's list:

President – **Lyn Scheper**
Vice President – **Sue Wettstein**
Treasurer – **Bob Radcliffe**
Secretary – **Carol Voorhees**

TRUSTEES – **Inez Check**
Bob Greer (3 year terms)

We are grateful to the Nominating Committee for their dedication in recruiting our officers. Special thanks **to Bob Radcliffe** for agreeing to serve another term as treasurer, to **Sue Wettstein** for changing hats from Secretary to Vice President and to **Carol Voorhees** for stepping up to Secretary. **Shirley Smith** will take over membership duties.

KITCHEN DISPLAY ADDS CREAM SEPARATOR

Judy and Bob Radcliffe donated a cream separator to the Society. This will most likely be added to the enclosed porch turn-of-the-century cooking and laundry tools area of the cabin.

THE GARDEN PROJECT – By Betty Reagan

Since I am now responsible for the transformation of the garden next to the Log House, I wanted to update you on the progress and some of the plans to date.

We have removed the diseased crabapple tree, trimmed bushes, transplanted a dozen or more clumps of ferns and killed out poison ivy that was growing all over creation. We've also cleaned out accumulated road trash and cleaned up the iris and rose beds.

We don't plan to re-create a formal garden – it's inappropriate for this area and high maintenance too (which we're trying to get away from). What we do plan is a more natural area, complimented by groupings of plants such as cleome and cosmos. Cleome was the darling of mid-19th century gardeners and it can take the heat, humidity and dry spells of hot summers. It reseeds itself and is native to the Americas. Cosmos is another old-fashioned favorite that blends well with the cleome. Shasta daisies, golden yarrow and orange daylilies, all tough perennials, will be grouped together and should provide bright bursts of color to compliment the silvery gray of the Log House. Various medicinal and culinary herbs will be included. We already have a nice collection of peonies, which just need to be reorganized. All of this will take place over a long period of time. "Inch by inch, anything is a cinch." But, if any of you would like to speed things up, give me a call. I never turn down help. Betty (232-8494).

LOG HOUSE SLATED FOR CHIMNEY REPAIRS

For many years we have been unable to build a fire in the log house since the fire always seems to smoke. Karl Mattes, an expert on chimney and fireplaces tells us we have several problems, which contribute to the dilemma. (1) the fire if probably starved for oxygen – when the cabin was build, it did not have plaster on the walls, storm doors, etc. Air to fuel the fire infiltrated through cracks in the house and helped it draw (2) the height of the fireplace opening is too tall for the width of the chimney (flue) – this robs the fire of "draft". In other words, not enough air is pulled up the chimney so the smoke tends to drift out into the room. His solution to the problem is to raise the hearth of the fireplace 8-10 inches and face the new raised hearth with stones, which will match the existing hearth. This will shorten the distance from the fire to the flue & help the "draw".

In addition, the damper has rusted through and we have no way to seal off and keep warm air from going up the chimney and cold air from coming down. We have placed plastic and wood over the top of the chimney on the outside to help prevent heat loss and to keep the critters out in the winter. The bid for chimney repairs also includes a screened top for the outside, tuck pointing & mortar repair. Total costs for these repairs is around $1300. Call Al Wettstein if you have any questions regarding this project. It will be done in the spring, as soon as weather permits.

SPRING IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER

Despite cold air, blowing snow and frozen sidewalks, spring will soon be here. This means the log house grounds and the cabin itself will be in need of a little sprucing up. Dead leaves and branches will need to be picked up; the rugs will be carried back from the Brick House, etc. Once the weather warms up, the weeds in the flowerbeds will sprout and the grass will grow. Fortunately, we have been blessed with the donation of lawn care from Tom Landers for many years now, but there are many other tasks that will need to be done. Perhaps we'll have another "volunteer" day as we did last year before Country Store. Be ready to offer a few hours of your time to the cause. It's not easy taking care of 3 properties.

LOG HOUSE TOURGUIDE CLASS IN MARCH

Every spring Jane holds a training class for tour guides. She can always use help entertaining the many students, garden clubs and Scout troops to the property. The children are particularly interested in the outhouse and cooking over an open fire and the bearskin on the second floor. I'm sure they picture Indians lurking around the cabin as well. Too much television, no doubt. It truly is lots of fun for Jane and her faithful guides. Give Jane a call if you are interested (231-9557). Make part of Anderson Township history come alive.

MISCELLANEOUS BITS AND PIECES

Mary Brafford and her helpers netted $925 at the Christmas Boutique. Thanks to all who donated or spent money. **Mae Donovan** new Brick House Chairperson has been inside cleaning from top to bottom. She'll be working on the plantings again when the weather breaks. **Genealogy and Research** Committees continue to work on Mondays and Tuesdays from approximately 10-2. If you need any assistance or wish to offer help, stop by or call the office.

Other Log House Repairs needed include replacement of the *cellar door* with treated lumber (it's rotting and a danger to visitors), replacement of the *side cabin door* (we have an old one to use, but need a carpenter to "hang & fit" it), the *furnace and wiring* may still need work – gas furnace a consideration.

MEYER'S DOLLS DELIGHT AUDIENCE

Jean & Howard Meyer entertained members and guests at the February meeting. Jean's older dolls include two 71-year-old ByeLo Babies, a Bonnie Babe and a Just Me doll. In 1988 she became a serious collector and joined the Chatty Cathy Doll Club. She has since collected the entire family, Chatty Cathy, big sister Charmin and the twins Chatty Baby and Tiny Chatty Baby. Jean admits she "likes dolls that do things" -- multi-jointed baby dolls you can pose, a doll that senses light and ask for sunglasses, another that senses touch, and one whose eyes change colors. Most talk, sing or dance.