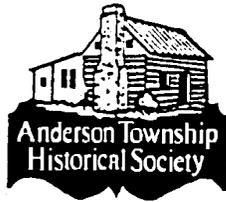


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MAKEPEACE PROPERTY UPDATE

ATHS claim upheld in the appeals court. The property is ours.

At the October 6 general membership meeting, the Board of Trustees' recommendation to sell the Makepeace property as soon as practical was approved by the membership by a quorum vote of over 40 people. Several work parties have been organized to clean up the stuff left in the house and in the garage. Hazardous waste (paint and such) will be taken at the next disposal opportunity. Work crews have filled one dumpster and another may be needed. Al Wettstein, Mary Bailey, Bill Dreyer, Kenny Burck, Darrell Sweet, Stan Brown, Dan Bird and others worked diligently in early October. Another cleanup took place in late October.

The Board of Trustees voted at the October 20 board meeting to offer the property for sale to the highest bidder using a closed bid process. Plans are in the works to advertise and close the bidding in early November. If the minimum bid is not received, the Board can withdraw the offer or vote to accept a lower figure. (See article on page 2 for full details of the story.)

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Wed., November 3 – 7:30 p.m. – To be determined.

Wed., December 1 – 7:30 p.m. – **Barney Oliver Country Band** will play music you like to hear.

January – No Meeting – Happy New Year!

Wed., November 3 – 7:30 p.m. – To be determined.

Wed., February 2 – 7:30 p.m. – Slide program Anderson Twp. & Mt. Washington in the year 1900.

Wed., March 2 – 6:30 p.m. – Annual Dinner Meeting.

NEW KROGER CARDS MAKE 1ST PAYOFF

Al Wettstein has distributed at least 24 Kroger Gift Cards, which will benefit the Society. In October we received our first check for \$207, a credit on sales from the first 16 cards distributed. Al's goal is to get 32 cardholders and clear \$200 per month. All you have to do is "eat". Get a card from Al and you use it like a credit card at the checkout (even the self-checkout lane is easy). Your receipt shows you how much is left on the card. When you run low, just go to the service desk and add dollars using cash, check or credit card. (I get 1% back on my credit card and the Society gets 2%, so we both are winners.) If 2 family members shop, get 2 cards and "Let's go Krogering".

Get Well Judy

In mid-November **Judy Radcliffe** was once again placed in the hospital, where she may undergo another surgery. **Bob & Judy** thank the many members who expressed their concern for her health.

Judy, we ALL wish her a speedy recovery & good health.

SOCIETY NEWS AND NOTES

- **Brenda Greer** and **Mae Donovan** have both worked diligently all summer in their gardens.
- **Bev Robinson** reports plenty of summer & fall visitors at open houses. Fall tours ended in October.
- **Bill Dreyer** has been cutting the grass at the Browne property all summer. He also cleans the gutters on the Brick House.
- Board rejected a plan to change the easement to the Browne property proposed by a developer interested in building 11 cluster homes on the 5+ acre Hornschemeier site. The change in access would require visitors to the Browne House to enter the private street and go between 5 cluster units (2 and 3 on a side) to reach it. Once developed, the "subdivision" would be a privately maintained street and not only would access be narrow, but the condition of the "road" would be the responsibility of the homeowners (and possibly ATHS.)
- **Dinner for 8** was served in the Cabin and enjoyed by the winner and crew on Sunday, November 7. Volunteer cooks and workers include: Al Wettstein, Sue Wettstein, Carol Voorhees, Diane Schneider, Nancy McClure, Kay Wamback, Beulah Dowers,



Ruth Bellamy showcases the \$25 donation from The Kroger Co. for the Country Store Kitchen. Kroger has generously supported ATHS Country Store for 20 years (or more).

Mae Donovan, Lyn Scheper, Kay Carter, Bev Robinson & Bill Dreyer.

COUNTRY STORE PRELIMINARY REPORT

Treasurer, Bob Radcliffe reported a net of \$8880 at the October general meeting. Since then, more money and expenses have been received; the **current net is \$9741.**

BAKERY – Dowers & Wambach - \$455.

BEVERAGES – Christman's took in \$135.

BOOKS – \$119 in publications were sold by Nancy.

CRAFTS – Bill Dreyer sold \$302 in crafts and such, while Lynn Bellemy added \$130 to the take.

COBWEB CORNER – Mary Bailey & helpers stepped in for an ailing Judy Radcliffe and took in **over \$3000!**

DINNER RAFFLE – Al & Kay took in \$1163. **Barbara Sipes**, won the **Dinner for 8**, which will be Sunday, November 7. **Joyce Whitaker** won the basket of goodies. **Dee Fine** won the Island Queen crewel embroidery framed picture.

FARMER'S MKT. – Greer & Crew added \$216.

KITCHEN – Mae Donovan and her crew did a fine job keeping the guests and workers well fed & took in \$718.

SILENT AUCTION – Bob King made \$331 for the Society. (See list of donors in separate article below.)

STITCHERY – Mary Brafford's area took in \$798.

DOLLS & TOYS – Betty, Sue & Carol netted \$1410.

A FULL REPORT WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE SPRING. EVERYONE DID A GREAT JOB WE SUCCEEDED IN MAKING A NICE AMOUNT TO PRESERVE AND MAINTAIN OUR LOG HOUSE.

AREA MERCHANTS SUPPORT ATHS COUNTRY STORE SILENT AUCTION

ATHS would like to acknowledge the area merchants who donated to the Silent Auction:

- T.P. White & Sons Funeral Home (Cincinnati Reds tickets)
- United Dairy Farmers (\$20 gift certificate)
- PNC Bank, Anderson Branch (\$50 savings bond)
- Lee's Famous Recipe Chicken (4 2-pc. dinners)
- Newport Aquarium (2 complimentary admissions)
- Argosy Resort & Casino – 2 complimentary admissions and dinners)
- Cincinnati Reds (Mary & Joe bobblehead)
- Grand Victoria Resort & Hotel (golf outing for 2 with cart)
- Coney Island (4 swim & ride passes)
- Procter & Gamble (box of P&G products)
- Busken Bakery (\$10 gift certificate)
- TGI Friday (\$20 gift certificate)
- Jersey Mike's Subs (4 regular subs)

2003-04 Officers/Trustees

Bob Radcliffe	Pres.	474-5377
Ken Burck	Vice Pres.	851-9549
Bob Radcliffe	Treas.	474-5377
Carol Voorhees	Secy	232-1166
Al Wettstein	Co-ord.	474-0855
Sue Wettstein	Past Pres.	752-3796

Hartman-Makepeace – The Entire Story

Al Wettstein submitted the following information regarding the Hartman-Makepeace property at 1621 Marlou Lane.

Florence Makepeace died September 29, 2002. Her stepson Steve Makepeace, as Executor of her estate, held an auction of personal property in April of 2003 on the premises and vacated the property around May 2, 2003.

Negotiations were started with the Cincinnati Park Board in February of 2003 to ascertain if they were going to take the property for park purposes. After considerable negotiations, the Park Board executed a Quitclaim Deed indicating they would not maintain the property as a park and conveyed their interest to the Anderson Township Historical Society.

In July of 2003, Steve Makepeace through his attorney filed a notice that they were claiming an interest or ownership of the property. There was a Complaint filed to Quiet the Title in July 2003.

In November 2003, it was discovered that the real estate taxes were delinquent, the bill was paid by ATHS immediately. However, since the taxes were delinquent, there was an assessment of \$461,590. We recovered one of the parts of the assessment \$312.69 in December 2003, and the \$148.90 was recovered finally in October 2004.

The Quiet Title proceeded through the Common Pleas Court, which rendered a decision finding ATHS the owner in February 17, 2004. The Court of Appeals affirmed that decision on September 1, 2004. As a result of these court proceedings, Makepeace is forever barred from making any claim against the property.

In the meantime, all through the time schedule set out above, ATHS has paid the taxes, carried insurance and paid the utility bills on the property (not to mention cleanup, furnace repair, etc.)

The Board at its October 20, 2004 meeting decided that the Society should sell the property. Based on this decision and approval from the membership at the November 3rd membership meeting, an ad was placed in The Cincinnati Enquirer and The Forest Hills Journal to accept bids. The property was open for inspection on October 28 and October 30. Bids were due November 6.

A bid for \$210,000 was achieved and the property is in the process of being sold. (Note: This is an "as is" transaction. The property has asbestos, and other hazardous substances of which the buyer is aware.)