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# SURVEYOR

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## Upcoming Programs

### Wednesday, February 2, 2011

The presentation this evening is entitled **Presidents' Mothers**. Ms. Jean Kareth, teacher and lecturer, will present what promises to be the story and "inside scoop" concerning two Moms who encouraged their "boys" to attain the highest office in the land. If the names **Hannah Milhouse Nixon** and **Sarah Delano Roosevelt** sound familiar, chances are good that you remember the administrations of their sons. Each, in his own way, gave our country lots to talk about! Ms. Kareth has taught at University of Cincinnati, Xavier and Thomas More universities. See YOU in the Atrium!

### Wednesday, March 2, 2011

Goodness gracious - our **Annual Dinner Meeting** is upon us! (Where did the summer go?) This evening is our 43<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary Banquet. Dinner is followed by the installation of Officers and Trustees and an entertaining program. We will be treated to a talk about a country dear to our hearts; **Ireland, the Emerald Isle**. Our own **Kay Lawler**, world traveler and owner of MKL Tours, will most assuredly give us a lively presentation. Sure 'n tis "the wearin' of the green." Please try to wear a little somethin' green - as can be seen - and be a part of the fun!

The location for the Annual Dinner is the same as the last two years, the Receptions Banquet Center at 4459 Eastgate Blvd. The doors open at 6:00 p.m. and dinner is served at 6:30 p.m. ATHS booklets will be for sale, and there will be photos and other items on display for you to enjoy. The cost is \$15 per person and includes a buffet dinner of salad, choice of meat, potatoes, vegetables, dessert and beverage. Bring your family and friends to this pleasant evening. If you need more information, call Bev Robinson (231-3789). Please send the enclosed reservation form and your check payable to ATHS to William Dreyer, 8564 Eagleswalk Lane, Cincinnati, OH 45255. Reservations must be received by **Monday, February 21, 2011**.

### Wednesday, April 6, 2011

**Ken Wilson**, long-time member of ATHS and a member of The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, will tell us how to find our ancestors who were in the battles that made our Nation a UNION. If your Great-great Granddaddy fought for the Confederacy, you'll be welcomed just as enthusiastically as the Yankees among us! Ken's talk is entitled **Digging up your Civil War Ancestors** - strictly genealogically speaking! Y'all come!

### Wednesday, May 4, 2011

Our guest this evening is **Ms. Jeanne Rolfes**, a volunteer for the Cincinnati Preservation Association. Her 45-minute Power Point presentation will contain photos of historic Cincinnati sites. Just imagine a tour of downtown Cincy without ever leaving your chair! Some sites of interest are: Fountain Square, the Carew Tower, Roebling Suspension Bridge, Taft Museum, the Isaac M. Wise Temple and other locations that are parts and parcels of our beautiful Queen City. Quoting Jeanne: "We're going to cover more than 25 miles, but I guarantee your feet won't hurt and you won't be tired." Come on ATHS - let's go!

*ATHS meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month, 7:30 p.m. at the Anderson Center, 7850 Five Mile Road, Lower Atrium, near the History Room, unless otherwise noted. Meetings are free and the public is invited. Refreshments and fellowship follow the programs. We look forward to seeing YOU at these interesting and informative meetings.*



## Upcoming Programs (continued)

### Wednesday, June 1

We are indeed fortunate to have with us this evening **Mr. Robert (Bob) Genheimer**, the Rieveschl Curator of Archaeology at the Cincinnati Museum Center. Recently, we learned that Bob came to the "Archaeology at Anderson" event at the History Room last October. During this three hour event, Mr. Genheimer very patiently looked over what has been described as a "steady stream of objects" brought by Andersonians for identification. For the past several years, our speaker has been doing a field study project in Anderson Township at Hahn Village site, now a part of Clear Creek Park. It is the general consensus of many interested folks that we in this Township need to learn more about the numerous sites in Anderson, yet to be studied in a scientific manner. Please join us for an extremely interesting, exciting and thought provoking evening. *Who knows what lies underground - right under our very noses??*

### Kroger's Card Contributions

In 2010 the ATHS received **\$1,428.58** from the Kroger Corporation because of members using their ATHS Kroger cards to make purchases. Getting a Kroger gift card and using it to pay for your purchases at Kroger is the easiest way we have to raise money for ATHS. Please join in this effort. First call ATHS Treasurer Al Wettstein at 474-0855. He will order a Kroger card in the name of ATHS for you. You add money to the card over and over as you spend dollars at Kroger. The Society gets 4% of the amount you put on the Card. You can use the same card over and over by adding more money – just stop at the desk or at the cashier before you check out. The cards work at the Kroger pharmacy, gas pumps, and photo developing as well as food check-out lines. You can use your own credit cards to add money to your Kroger card so you still get whatever benefits you reap from your credit card purchases and ATHS gets 4% from Kroger. WHAT A DEAL!

The *Surveyor* is the quarterly newsletter of the Anderson Township Historical Society, mailed to all members. If you have a change in address, phone number or e-mail address, please contact ATHS at P.O. Box 30174, Cincinnati, OH 45230 or send an e-mail to ATHS at [athslighthouse@yahoo.com](mailto:athslighthouse@yahoo.com).

Articles, comments, photos, ideas and suggestions for the *Surveyor* are always welcomed. E-mail them to [picapica@msn.com](mailto:picapica@msn.com) or give me a call at 231-3390.  
– Janet Heywood

## Election of Officers and Trustees

The Nominating Committee (William Dreyer, Linda Scheper and Carol Voorhees) will present the following slate of Officers and Trustees at the March 2, 2011 Annual Dinner Meeting. Nominations may also be made from the floor. The Slate is as follows:

President	William Dreyer
Vice President	Linda Scheper
Treasurer	Al Wettstein
Secretary	Linda Magee
Trustee (3 yr term)	Don Perry
Trustee (3 yr term)	Al Robinson

Trustees who continue to complete their elected terms are Janet Heywood (elected 2009), Sonia Shively (elected 2009), Martie Christman (elected 2010) and Dan Lovelace (elected 2010).

## Mark Your Calendars

Date	Event	Start Time
Feb. 2	Member Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 16	Board Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Mar. 2	Annual Dinner	6:00 p.m.
Mar. 16	Board Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Apr. 6	Member Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Apr. 20	Board Meeting	7:30 p.m.
May 4	Member Meeting	7:30 p.m.
May 14	Plant Sale	9:00 a.m.
May 18	Board Meeting	7:30 pm
June 1	Member Meeting	7:30 p.m.
June 5	Open House/Dedication	1:00 p.m.
June 15	Board Meeting	7:30 p.m.

## Recent Donation

Sue Wettstein reports that **Ruth Deimling** recently donated several copies of the *The United States Merchant Marine at War* to the ATHS. This publication, originally printed in 1946 by the War Shipping Administration in Washington, D.C., has been reprinted in 2009 to leave, for posterity, a record of the United States Merchant Marine Combat Veterans of World War II. Ruth donated these copies in memory of her husband, **Frank Deimling**, who served in the Merchant Marine during World War II.

## President's Message

It seems appropriate as the year starts to thank all who made 2010 a great success. You know who you are – we had great support for all our events. 2011 can be even better with everyone's valued support, participation and ideas. You all can make our organization viable, enjoyable and a success by attending meetings and helping anyway you can. We have a job for everyone. Your good ideas, your engagement, dedication, attendance and support will help us make great strides in this year and the years to come.

Funny how things change and yet stay the same. What can we look forward to in 2011? Look ahead one year, five years, ten years – what do you see? I hope to see wonderful progress on our efforts to preserve history. Maybe we will have plans for a large museum. We would like to have completed repairs to the Log House and started repairs to the Browne House and furnished more rooms with period pieces. Have the upper properties off Bartels Road open for tours. Furnish the Hornschemeier house. Have improvements to the maintenance of our valuable permanent collections. *What do you see?* I enjoy the memories a lot. I hope the Society enlightens you, informs you and inspires you.

*Bill Dreyer, President*

## TEN Ways You Can Help Support ATHS Now and In The Future

1. Attend monthly meeting. Bring a friend.
2. Make a financial contribution. (Ask if your company will make a matching gift.)
3. Remember ATHS in your estate planning: It's your life, your legacy.
4. If you are downsizing, donate items to the permanent collection of ATHS.
5. Donate used/new items to the Country Store for the Cob Web Corner, the Bakery, Silent Auction, etc. Donate to the May Plant Sale. Help at these fund-raising events.
6. Contribute refreshments for a monthly meeting.
7. Volunteer. Your time and energy play an important role in maintaining the ATHS properties, landscapes, gardens and collections. There are many opportunities throughout the year.
8. Volunteer to help with Log House Open Houses.
9. Volunteer as a docent at the History Room.
10. Volunteer to serve as a committee chair or to be on the Board.

If you would like more information about any of these activities, please speak with any officer or trustee.

## Plant Sale Saturday, May 14, 2011

**Jan Hawkins** has once again volunteered to Chair the May Plant Sale. This event provides a major contribution to the operating costs of the Society and the maintenance of the Log House and other properties. "A Big Round of Applause and Thank You to Jan and the Plant Sale team." This year the sale will be on **Saturday, May 14**. This is the Saturday after Mother's Day, not before. Take note because the Sale has been on the earlier Saturday for the last few years. The ATHS Plant Sale has been very popular. Most of the plants are "home dug." Members can help by providing donations of plants to sell, including perennials, annuals, tomato plants, and vegetables. To make donations, please call Jan at 231-7078. If you are unable to dig up the plants yourself, call Jan and she will attempt to arrange to dig them for you. **Also needed are broken vertical blinds (they make great plant labels!) and any pots with soil you might have from left-over Christmas or Valentine's Day plants that you want to discard (the pots and soil can be reused).** Please help to make this event a success by donating plants and buying some. Tell your friends and spread the word.



*Martha Leuser (1917-1971), daughter who grew up in the Log House, with a basket of what look like pansies. Photo from the 1930s.*

## 2010 in Numbers

- 377 Visitors to the Log House Open Houses
- 194 Members
- 129 Sessions History Room opened and staffed
- 12 Structures to maintain
- 11 Acres to maintain
- 10 Member meetings
- 10 Log House Open Houses held
- 5 Displays at Events: Greater Anderson Days, the July 4th Parade, Museum Day on Fountain Square, an exhibit at the Hamilton County Recorder's Office Display Case, "Archaeology at Anderson" event at the History Room
- 1 **YOU the member**, who makes everything happen

## Annual Giving 2011

ATHS relies on Annual Fund donations to support the many facets of operating the Historical Society. The Annual Fund assists with maintenance – painting, capital repairs – the roof, Log House log replacements, Log House floor supports, and operating expenses – such as gas, electric, grass cutting, water and phone. If you can make one donation to ATHS this year, designate your gift to one of the annual fund societies. Your giving is tax deductible and it helps pave the path for future generations to be able to learn something about Anderson Township history.

Send your check in care of the ATHS Treasurer at P. O. Box 30174, Cincinnati, OH 45230. I hope you choose to support our Society. If you have questions or comments, please feel free to contact any officer or trustee or send an e-mail to President Bill Dreyer at [athslighthouse@yahoo.com](mailto:athslighthouse@yahoo.com).

## Annual Fund Donations

Since the last *Surveyor*, the ATHS has received these donations to the *Miller-Leuser Society*. Thank you for these generous contributions.

**Lucy Moore**

**Barb Christman** (for a property survey)

## History Room News

*Haven't been to the History Room? Mark your calendar and come on down.*

Learn more about the fascinating history of Anderson Township through photos, hands-on exhibits and artifacts at the Anderson Township History Room, located in the lower level of Anderson Center. The room is open on a regular basis three times a week: Tuesday evenings from 6:00 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.; Wednesday and Sunday afternoons from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

"Have dinner early on a Tuesday night and then stop by Anderson Center to enjoy a warm inside activity on a cold winter night with a visit to the History Room." Anderson's History Room is jointly sponsored by the Anderson Township Historical Society and Anderson Township. Every time the History Room is open there is ATHS docent there to welcome you and answer questions. Publications of the ATHS are available for purchase. It's a good opportunity to pick up a thoughtful gift for a relative or friend.

In the ten months since March 2010 when the History Room opened to the public, there have been 129 sessions, staffed by ATHS docents for a

total of 602 volunteer hours. We estimated over 1,490 visitors attended during these sessions.

A new class for docents for the History Room is being organized. They will be trained during a one-hour session and also will be provided with a Docent Manual detailing background materials on Township history and the operation of the History Room. To learn more about the volunteer docent program to staff the History Room, contact Bill Dreyer at 474-0568 or e-mail him at [athslighthouse@yahoo.com](mailto:athslighthouse@yahoo.com). The more docents we have the better.

## Christmas Tree in the History Room

The Holiday Season has come and gone now but during the Christmas season the Township had a grand Christmas celebration at the Anderson Center. Thanks to Janet and Patti, the Historical Society participated in the celebration again by decorating a Christmas tree located in the History Room. The tree was decorated with the heirloom ornaments and candles that are part of the Historical Society's permanent collection. The ornaments were used in years past on the tree that was decorated in the Log House at Christmas time and for the last two years at the History Room. The tree looked terrific and it was nice to be able to use our ornaments again.



*Patti Bukosky decorating the tree at the History Room at Anderson Center with ATHS handmade ornaments and candles, November 28, 2010.*

## Land Use Committee

Brenda Greer, Chair of the Land Use Committee, reminds participants that the first meeting of the Land Use Committee for 2011 is Thursday, February 17 at the Brick House (next to the Log House on Clough Pike) at 7:30 p.m. The group will be planning work projects for the year ahead. Anyone interested is invited to come, share ideas and get involved. Please call Brenda at 947-0637 if you have questions or would like to volunteer to help with housecleaning, maintenance and gardening on the historical properties of ATHS.



*The ATHS Red Barn, ca 1900, is on the property above the Log House off Bartels Road. Bids are being sought now to have the barn repainted. Photo by Lawrence Yates, November 2010.*

## Clough Pike Views about 1890



*Wolfer farm on the north side of Clough Pike. The farm house was remodeled in the early 1970s and is now the office building at 6740 Clough Pike.*



*In November 2010, a large tree trunk fell across the driveway near the Hornschemeier house. Fortunately no damage was done to the buildings although the electrical wires were knocked down. Bids will be solicited to have the tree removed. This photo was taken by Lawrence Yates, who has volunteered to document the ATHS properties with archival quality black-and-white photographs.*

## DID YOU KNOW?

Turpin High School Drama Club is joining with us. The Drama Club members have been helping with our ground maintenance and we are providing space for them to store stage scenery and costumes. If you haven't attended any of their productions, please consider giving them your support.



*Shoeing or clipping a horse at the Wolfer farm on the north side of Clough Pike. From the ATHS Research collections.*

## Thinking of You

**Bev Robinson**, recuperating from back surgery in December.

## Thanks for Your Service

**Kenny Burck** and **Al Robinson** for serving as Trustees for the last three years.

**Connie Whitaker** as Programs Chair for arranging such interesting programs for the monthly member meetings.

**Lisa Kamiki** and **Anderson Center Support Staff** for all their help in setting up for ATHS monthly meetings at the Center.

**Bev and Al Robinson** for making arrangements for the Annual Dinner at Receptions.

**Patti Bukosky, Arna Gerritsen** and **Janet Heywood** for decorating the ATHS Christmas Tree at History Room at Anderson Center (and taking the ornaments down).

Those members who are serving as docents for the History Room during the winter months: **Patti Bukosky, William Dreyer, Arna Gerritsen, Janet Heywood, Tom Lovejoy, Lucy Moore, Bev and Al Robinson, Charles Wallace, Connie and Tom Whitaker, and Charles Woodward.**

**Jan Hawkins** for Chairing the May Plant sale.

**Linda and George Scheper** for printing envelopes for the *Surveyor*.

**Bill Dreyer, Connie Whitaker, Al and Sue Wettstein, Jan Hawkins, Brenda Greer, Martie Christman, Lawrence Yates and Al and Bev Robinson** for contributing to this issue of the *Surveyor*.

**All of the members** who brought refreshments for the meetings in November and December.

*ATHS depends on its dedicated volunteers. Thanks to everyone for your support and if we have missed anyone, please accept our apologies.*



*ATHS Christmas ornament: a beautifully carved bird in flight made by Clifford Reeder.*

## Welcome New Members

Please welcome new members who have joined since the last *Surveyor* was published:

**Lisa Kamiki**

**David and Karen Haldeman**

**Kerry and Wanda Langdon**

**Ellen Rember**

## Latest News of Faithful Active Long-Term Members

**Edwina and Wilbur Rees** now live in Heidelberg, Mississippi, which was Edwina's native home. Edwina is recovering from a shoulder injury in May and Wilbur, from hip surgery. They are surrounded by caring and supportive relatives and friends and are able to remain in their home. They eagerly look forward to the *Surveyor* and are interested in the articles, pictures and current activities of ATHS.

## Meet Bill, the Aluminum Can Man

This is a reminder to continue to save your aluminum cans for recycling. As the weather gets better a truck load of cans will be recycled and the funds will be added to the ATHS treasury. Thank you for all your contributions. Your efforts not only add to our treasury but also help to save the environment. It takes about the same amount of energy to make 20 cans from recycled cans as it takes to make one completely new can. Yes, we are still collecting aluminum cans for recycling. Bring them to the monthly meeting and Bill Dreyer will take them away. Please do not throw them away. If you can't wait that long or can't bring them to the meeting, Bill (call 474-0568) will pick them up or you can put them behind the Outhouse next to the Log House. We also are recycling any aluminum products. Bill will pick such items up as well. Thank you all for your continued support.

## You've Got Mail: E-mail Communication

For members for whom we have e-mail addresses, we send e-mail reminders for all the monthly member meetings. If you would like to receive such reminders about the meetings, send an e-mail to us at [athslighthouse@yahoo.com](mailto:athslighthouse@yahoo.com) and we will add your e-mail address to our list. As always, we don't share e-mail addresses with anyone. If you would like to be removed from this e-mail list, please send us an e-mail and we will remove your e-mail address from our list.

## With Deepest Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy goes to Joyce Whitaker and her family on the recent loss of her son.

## Forty Years and Counting

We celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the ATHS owning the Miller-Leuser Log House this year. Roland Lowery describes the purchase in his booklet *ATHS: the First 25 Years* published in 1992: "When the Board of Trustees met in May 1970 they learned that the Society might be able to purchase the Leuser log house on Clough, at Bartels Road, that was built in 1796 by Ichabod Benton Miller. A committee was appointed to begin negotiations for the purchase with the Leuser heirs. After a number of meetings the two parties agreed on a purchase price of \$5,000 for the house and one-half acre of land. The membership unanimously approved the contract.



*Miller-Leuser Log House, August 1971, after many months of labor by ATHS volunteers.*

"Money raising efforts were quickly started. The first, on October 24, 1970, was a 'Country Store,' held on the lawn of the Fifth-Third Bank in Mt. Washington. The sale of many varied, donated items resulted in \$885 being put into a Log House Fund.



*Log House front room wall showing the coal/wood burning heater before the fireplace was revealed.*

"Letters were sent to the members asking for pledges to the Fund and the response was swift and generous.

"The purchase agreement was signed on December 29<sup>th</sup> and the deed, transferring the Log House, the barn, the corn crib and the 'shed' to the Anderson Township Historical Society" was recorded February 12, 1971.

"A special notice was sent to all members to inform them of the closure and invite them to visit their new property on the 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> of March, and asking for volunteers to help prepare it for use."

The April 1971 *Surveyor* called for members to volunteer and bring "spade, rake, scraper, hammer, and crowbar" and to come to the Log House for work parties every day! The fireplace had been bricked up and covered so that a coal/wood burning heater could be installed decades ago. The Leusers said they had never seen the fireplace open. When the bricks were taken out, the original stone fireplace was revealed and found to have an earthen hearth. Members removed 18 layers of linoleum and more than 20 layers of wall paper. Weeds were removed, grass cut, shrubbery trimmed and much other yard work was done.



*Log House front room in October 2010. The original stone of the fireplace is in view and many period tools and cooking vessels are on display.*

Quite a crowd gathered at the House on Sunday April 25, 1971, for its "short and simple" official dedication as the Miller-Leuser House, in honor of the first and last owner-residents.

## 2011 Log House Open Houses and Ohio Historical Marker Dedication

The summer season of Open Houses for the Log House begins on Sunday afternoon June 5<sup>th</sup>. We will also celebrate the dedication of the new Ohio Historical Marker for the Miller-Leuser Log House that afternoon. Open Houses will continue on the first and third Sundays of each month from June through October. The Ohio Historical Marker was manufactured at Sewah Studios in Marietta, Ohio, this fall and arrived in late November. Gregg Dietrich has kindly been storing the marker and its post during the winter months. It will be erected on the yard by the Log House this spring.

Diane Schneider, coordinator of the Log House tours, is looking forward to another successful season of Open Houses and special tours. Please consider volunteering to help with these events.

### Dedication Sunday April 25, 1971



*The "short and simple" dedication of the Log House in 1971. The Reverends William Saylor and Donald Behler gave the invocation and benediction. AHS officers Al Wettstein offered the welcome and Donald Fetzer, remarks. The chorus of Eastern Hills Elementary School under the direction of Martha Scott performed. Were you there?*

## "Dough Raiser," February 8<sup>th</sup> at UNO's

MARK THE DATE PLEASE. The AHS will have a fundraiser at Uno Chicago Grill at the Anderson Center on Tuesday, February 8<sup>th</sup>. Consider eating out at Uno's and help us raise some much needed funds for maintaining and restoring our historic properties. Lunch, dinner and pizza carry-out will earn significant funds for the AHS. Bring the coupon for the February 8<sup>th</sup> event included in this mailing. **Treat yourself and help out the AHS.**



*UNO Chicago Grill, at Anderson Center, next to Kroger. Bring the coupon, come for Dough Raiser.*

## Ohio Pike, our Beechmont, 99 Years Ago



This is one of the many fascinating photos from the AHS collections on display at the History Room. Historian Stephen Smalley collected this vintage image back in the 1960s and described the scene. "Here you are in 1912 at the busy intersection of Beechmont and Eight Mile Road. You are looking east on Beechmont, which was then a narrow dusty road with a railroad running along its north side." The boy on bicycle is Harold Maddux, for whom Maddux School is named. He told Mr. Smalley that he remembered that he was in the eighth grade at the time and had just written on an essay on the Titanic disaster. His cousin took the photo.