SURVEYOR

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Upcoming Programs

Wednesday, May 1, 2013

Our good friend and Vice President of ATHS, Mr. Don Perry will be updating us about the "History to Schools" project involving second graders from the six Forest Hills elementary schools, who will be touring Anderson Center April 26 through May 6. Don, along with other ATHS volunteers, will be hosting students at the History Room and Lower Atrium for a tour of the History Room, a presentation, and displays. The Township staff, Township Trustees, and members of the Fire and Rescue Team also will lead the students on tours of the Board Room, theater, emergency room and ponds. This evening ATHS program will be an opportunity for us to hear how this ambitious venture is going and also a good chance for all of us to re-visit our history and learn from the responses of the kids!

Wednesday, June 5, 2013

This fine night, a pretty Colleen will be here to speak about her days as vocalist at WLW-TV (Channel 5) back in the day of early Cincinnati programming. I am, of course, referring to Colleen Sharp Murray, a dear friend and extended family member, who said she would look forward to meeting all of you and having fun talking and sharing the "old days" with ATHS. Do come on down to hear Colleen reminisce about what happened on Paul Dixon's show when the "little red light" went off! We will also be hearing lively remembrances of the wonderful woman who founded the Ruth Lvons Christmas Fund for hospitalized children - the lady herself, Ruth Lyons. Colleen's friend, Bob Braun, will also be remembered as the poor guy who had to follow in Ruth's footsteps after her retirement. Happily for him and for us, Bob succeeded in a big way and became a popular local Cincinnati celeb for many years. Don't miss out on this one!

- Connie Whitaker, Programs Chair

Plant Sale Saturday, May 11, 2013

Don't Forget the Plant Sale at the Log House! The Sale is scheduled for Saturday, May 11, the Saturday before Mother's Day, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This Sale is very popular and mid-May is the perfect time to garden. Most of the plants at the Sale are "home dug." Jan Hawkins is the Chair.



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, call Jan and she will attempt to arrange to dig them for you. Donations of larger-size pots and of pots, *with soil*, are welcome.

Members also can help by spreading the word. Tell your friends and neighbors about the great plant sale at the Log House, Saturday, May 11.



ATHS meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month, 7:30 p.m. at Anderson Center, 7850 Five Mile Road, Lower Atrium, near the History

Miller-Leuser Log House Open Houses 2013

1:00 – 4:00 pm on the first and third Sundays, June through October. Mark these dates: June 2 and 16; July 7 and 21; August 4 and 18; September 1 and 15; and October 6 and 20.

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. See ATHS on the web:

www.andersontownshiphistoricalsociety.org

Membership Dues			
ATHS annual dues for the year May 2013			
through April 2014 are due on May 1, 2013.			
Please send in your dues payment promptly.			
Please send your check to ATHS, c/o Linda			
Scheper, P.O. Box 30174, Cincinnati, OH,			
45230 or pay at the next meeting. The rates			
are: Single \$10.00			
Couple \$ 20.00			
Family \$ 25.00			
Lifetime – Single \$150.00			
Lifetime – Couple \$ 200.00			
Thank you!			

PLAN AHEAD -- INVITE YOUR FRIENDS Wednesday, August 7, 2013 Annual Picnic

The ATHS tradition of the summer picnic continues. We're currently planning to enjoy the comforts and air-conditioning of Anderson Center for the event. Tables and chairs will be set up in the Lower Atrium. If you want, you can walk around the ponds outside before dinner. There's an interpretive trail with sound effects.



The Society will provide the meat, drinks, plastic utensils and paper products. The rest of the feast is provided by the members: please bring a dish to serve at least eight people. We are asking ATHS members whose last names start with A -D to bring vegetables; E - L to bring starches; M -R to bring desserts; S – Z to bring salads. The doors open at 6:00 p.m.; dinner starts at 6:30 p.m.

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 **athsloghouse@yahoo.com**. Articles, comments, photos, ideas and suggestions for the *Surveyor* are always welcome. E-mail them to <u>picapica@msn.com</u> or give me a call at 231-3390. — Janet Heywood, Editor.

President's Message - Then and Now

ATHS has taken on a new initiative with the Forest Hills schools program for ALL second graders. The theme is "Then & Now." **Diane Schneider, Don Perry** and **Bev Robinson** have worked along with the staff & teachers in setting up the program, showcasing the History Room, tools & artifacts from ATHS. During April 26 - May 6 over 400 children will visit Anderson Center. Hopefully, many will bring their families and friends to the Log House this summer for the "rest of the story." We are very excited to be a part of this new curriculum.

Now that my first year as president has come to close, I want to acknowledge the many members who work ceaselessly behind the scenes, make my job easier and keep our Society running smoothly.

Officers – Bev, coordinator extraordinaire, and her trusty supporter Al Robinson; Linda Magee & Sue Wettstein, who keep our Society records and finances in pristine order; Don Perry & Bill Dreyer, for their work on the Anderson Trails negotiations. Don is also our webmaster, posting up-to-date information and fielding online requests. He has kept up following the break-in prosecution and many other details. He will make a great president. Bill also chairs the Accessions committee, recycles our aluminum cans, & manages the Adopt a Road clean-up project and Kroger Community Rewards.

Trustees, Committees, et. al. - Diane Schneider schedules Open Houses and coordinates ALL the Log House tours. Janet Heywood, Surveyor editor and Research, two important and time-consuming iobs (includes scheduling the History Room docents). Brenda Greer, along with Kathy Hoelscher, Sonya Shively and Ann King, keep ALL of our houses and grounds in great shape, a truly unending project. **Connie Whitaker** schedules our very interesting programs, served as Country Store chair for two years in a row & is a new Trustee. Jan Hawkins conceived & runs our annual Plant Sale: she is assisted by many garden elves. Ann King, arranging Dine-out Fund Raisers; Kenny Burck, vacuuming the Brick House and printing ATHS, Country Store & Plant Sale flyers; Sharon Perry, refreshments; Lou Trent, fixing the fence & trimming the hedge; Mary Bailey and helpers, summer-long barn sale efforts; Charlie **Wallace**, putting up the sign for every Open House.

Being human, I am sure I missed some people; and I sincerely apologize. Please know that ALL our volunteers are needed and greatly appreciated.

- Linda (Lyn) Scheper, President

45th Annual Dinner Meeting and Election



The Annual Dinner meeting of the Society was held on March 6, 2013 at Receptions banquet facility in Eastgate. We had a delicious dinner followed by a fascinating program given by Mr. Jamey Vogel, son of ATHS members Sherry and Russ Vogel.

Jamey is the Team Leader of Manatee Springs and the Diving Safety Officer at the Cincinnati Zoo. It was wonderful to hear the stories behind this outstanding project and learn so much about the manatees the Zoo has worked with over the years. Bill Dreyer displayed some of the new donations from Scott Fowler, the Executive Director of SOAPHS (The Southwest Ohio Amusement Park Historical Society). These include great images and memories of Coney Island.

Kenny Burke installed the ATHS officers for the coming year. The elected officers are Lyn Scheper, President; Don Perry, Vice-President; Linda Magee, Secretary; and Sue Wettstein, Treasurer. New trustees Lucy S. Moore and Lou Trent were elected to three-year terms.

Trustees who continue to complete their elected terms are Al Robinson (elected 2011), Connie Whitaker (elected 2012 for 2-year term), Sonia Shively (elected 2012) and Ann King Chapman (elected 2012).



Cake at the 45th Annual Dinner. Some lucky diners got to nibble on the Log House as well as Bev and Al! Photo by J. Heywood.

Country Store Planning

The Country Store will be held on September 28 and 29 this year. Please consider becoming a **Country Store Chairperson. Your help is needed.** Please call Connie Whitaker (474-1637) or Lyn Scheper (232-1559).

History to Schools Program

The second graders from all six Forest Hills Elementary Schools will spend a day at Anderson Center this spring. ATHS volunteers will present "Then and Now in History." A powerpoint presentation, with an emphasis on transportation, will tell the story of the James Clark family's travels to Anderson Township by flatboat in 1797 and the arrival of the Gottfried Wolfangel family in 1855 by steamboat. The students will also tour the History Room. They will meet the "school teacher" who will compare schools then and now. The kids should enjoy sitting at the old school desk and reading the McGuffey Readers. There is also a photo display of forms of transportation in Anderson, including trains, for the students to view.

The homework assignment will be a History Challenge. Pictures of eleven buildings in Anderson Township are shown both as "Then" and "Now." Students and their families may drive by these buildings as they compare the picture of "Then" to "Now." A certificate of completion will be presented in late May to those families who complete the challenge.

Ayer Elementary Second Graders visit on Friday, April 26, 2013

Maddux Elementary Second Graders visit on Monday, April 29

Mercer Elementary Second Graders visit on Tuesday, April 30

Sherwood Elementary Second Graders visit on Wednesday, May 1

Wilson Elementary Second Graders visit on Friday, May 3

Summit Elementary Second Graders visit on Monday, May 6

Anderson Township Historical Society volunteer presenters are Don Perry, Bill Dreyer, Brenda Greer, Marianne Davis, Kathy Hoelscher, Linda Magee, Nancy Meyer, Lucy Moore, Linda Scheper, Bev Robinson, Connie Whitaker, Linda Jacobs, Ann King Chapman, Janet Heywood, Charlie Wallace, Sue Wettstein, and Diane Schneider.

- Diane Schneider, Projects Chair

Sunday Open Houses at the Log House

Could you spare a Sunday afternoon this summer?

Would you consider sharing your knowledge of our Log House with visitors?

Should you volunteer to be a tour guide at a Log House Open House?

Hopefully you answered **YES** to all three questions. We need tour guides for the history lovers that visit the Open Houses held on the first and third Sundays, June through October. Check your calendars. Available dates are June 2 and 16, July 7 and 21, August 4 and 18, September 1 and 15 and October 6 and 20. Please call Diane Schneider 232-6552 to get on the list.

- Diane Schneider, Projects Chair



Lucy S. Moore, Debby Lovelace, Bev Robinson & Charles Wallace welcome visitors, June 2007.

Join the Kroger Community Rewards Program and Support ATHS!

If you're a Kroger shopper, there's no easier way to support the Society than using your Kroger Plus Card. Once you have enrolled online, you will benefit us each time you shop at Kroger and use your Plus Card for qualifying purchases. Members already registered contributed to ATHS, at no cost to them, \$275 by shopping at Kroger from November 2012 through January 2013.

Remember: Kroger asks everyone who is already registered to renew their choice in the Kroger Community Rewards Program once a year in April. And if you have not registered, now is the time to register for the next year. Don't forget so we can continue to receive contributions from Kroger.

To register visit www.krogercommunityrewards.com *Click* Cincinnati Ohio

Follow the step by step instructions.

Enter agency number 80156 or Anderson Township Historical Society. THANK YOU!

Newly Accessioned Item -- BUTTER CHURN



This recent donation is a table top butter churn, called a cylinder churn or barrel churn. It stands about 15" tall and is 10" wide.

Butter churns of this type were in use from the early 1800s well into

the 1900s. Churns like this were advertised in the early 1900s Sears, Roebucks & Co. catalogues; below is an ad from the 1908 *Catalogue* (no. 117).

Depending on the cows, it could take the cream from about four gallons of milk to produce a pound of butter. Cream was poured into the churn and then the dasher or paddle inside was rotated for 60-90 minutes to



turn the cream into butter. The fluid left could be drunk or fed to pigs or other animals. Excess liquid in the butter would be removed by kneading the butter by hand or pressing the butter with wooden "butter beaters."



Here is a look inside at the paddle or dasher that rotates when you crank the handle.

History Room News



The special exhibit of photographs from the ATHS collections illustrating "Anderson on the Move: Horses, Trains, Trucks and Cars" continues on display through May and early June. In March we

added memorabilia and images of Coney Island to the display cases. Come learn more about the fascinating history of Anderson Township through photos, hands-on exhibits and artifacts. ATHS provides the docents for the History Room and we can always use additional docents. If being a docent is of interest to you, please contact Bill Dreyer (474-0568). The History Room is open: Sunday and Wednesday afternoons, 1 to 4 p.m., and Tuesday evenings, 6 to 8:45 p.m. at Anderson Center, 7850 Five Mile Road, Lower Level.

- Janet Heywood





Coney Island souvenirs and images are on display at the History Room.

Welcome New Members

Please welcome new members who have joined recently:

Peter & Flor Brooker Dr. John Scudder

With Deepest Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy goes to Linda Magee and her family on the loss of her husband James V. Magee, who passed away on January 25, 2013.

Our deepest sympathy goes to the family of ATHS member of **Harry Radenheimer**, who passed away on March 27, 2013. He was a good friend of Bob King.

Member Meetings Snacks

Thanks to **Diane Schneider**, **Bev Robinson**, **Barb Christman** and **Brenda Greer** for the delicious snacks at our monthly meetings this last quarter. I would encourage anyone interested in sharing their favorite treats with us to contact me at 231-4304. Thanks again to all those who have helped in some way. - Sharon Perry, Refreshments Chair

Thanks for Your Service

Ann King, Diane Schneider and Sue Wettstein for contributing to this issue.

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

Those members who served as docents for the History Room during February, March and April: William Dreyer, Janet Heywood, Tom Lovejoy, Lucy Moore, Don and Sharon Perry, Bev and Al Robinson, Charles Wallace and Charles Woodward.



Ayer Ford dealership at 7636 Beechmont, corner of Beechmont and Wolfangel, photo about 1923.

ATHS FUND RAISERS at T.G.I. Friday's on Tuesday, May 21 and at Bob Evans Restaurant on Tuesday, June 18

ATHS will have two fund raisers this spring. The first is at T.G.I. FRIDAY'S on Tuesday, May 21, from 12 noon till 8:00 p.m. at the Anderson Towne Center location. The second fund raiser will be held at BOB EVANS RESTAURANT on Tuesday, June 18, from 3:00 p.m. till 8:00 p.m., at the Cherry Grove location, 510 Ohio Pike, State Route 125. In order to participate, a flyer/coupon must be given to the restaurant when paying your bill. Then the restaurant will send ATHS a percentage of the check. Copies are enclosed with this *Surveyor*.

Since we all have to eat and we all do enjoy eating out at a restaurant, the ATHS Board thought this is an easy way to make some money for ATHS projects and the costs of maintaining the Log House and other properties. Please "mark" these dates on your calendars. Keep your coupons and flyers handy to take with you. Hope to see you on both of these occasions. Please ask your family, neighbors and friends to come have dinner and support ATHS.

If you are not yet on the ATHS e-mail list, please send Bill Dryer an e-mail at **athsloghouse@ yahoo.com** and he will add your e-mail address to the ATHS list. You will then receive reminders for these events and ATHS monthly meetings. As always, we don't share e-mail addresses with anyone. If you would like someone to call you to remind you, give your name and phone number to Ann King (231-9557). If you need more flyers or coupons, call me (231-9557) and I will see that you get them.

- Ann King, Dine-out Fund Raisers



Fund raiser on Tuesday, May 21 at T.G.I. Friday's restaurant at Anderson Towne Center.



Fund raiser on Tuesday, June 18 at Bob Evans, 510 Ohio Pike. Photos by J. Heywood.

Mark Your Calendars

Date	Event	Start Time
May 1	Member Meeting	7:30 p.m.
May 11	Plant Sale	9:00 a.m.
May 15	Board Meeting	7:30 p.m.
May 21	DINE OUT Not	on to 8 p.m.
June 5	Member Meeting	7:30 p.m.
June 18	DINE OUT 3 p.n	n. to 8 p.m.
June 19	Board Meeting	7:30 p.m.
August 7	Annual Picnic	6:00 p.m.
August 21	Board Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 4	Member Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 18	Board Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 28	Country Store 10 a	.m. to 5 p.m.
Sept. 29	Country Store No	oon to 5 p.m.
October 2	Member Meeting	7:30 p.m.

Remember members are invited to attend Board Meetings if they wish. Board Meetings are held at the ATHS Brick House, 6550 Clough Pike.

ATHS E-mail Notices and Updates

We send e-mail reminders to members for all the monthly meetings. If you would like to receive such reminders, send an e-mail to **athsloghouse@ yahoo.com** and we will add you to the ATHS mailing list. If you wish to be removed from this list, please let us know.