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Upcoming Programs

Wednesday, August 6, 2014 Annual Picnic

Join us as we continue the long tradition of the ATHS summer picnic. We now enjoy the comforts and air-conditioning of Anderson Center for the event. Tables and chairs will be set up in the Lower Atrium. You can walk outside before dinner and listen to the sounds of the interpretive trail around the ponds if you like or take a look at the many displays in the History Room.

The Society will provide the meat, drinks, plastic utensils and paper products. Bring your own utensils if you like to save on plastic waste. 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 **starches**; **E – L** to bring **desserts**; **M – R** to bring **salads**; **S – Z** to bring **vegetables**. The doors open at 6:00 p.m.; dinner starts at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, September 3, 2014, 7:30 P.M.

Richard Crawford (Rick to his friends) will be with us to discuss the battle site known as "**Grassy Run**." The leaders of each side of the conflict were Shawnee Chief Tecumseh and Frontiersman Simon Kenton. According to history reports, Kenton and his men suffered a big defeat at the hands of Tecumseh and Company but went on to rally forces to fight other battles around our Tri-State and beyond. As we all know, Rick is a masterful storyteller and is sure to answer any and all of our questions. We look forward to seeing YOU in the Lower Atrium!

Miller-Leuser Log House Open Houses 2014

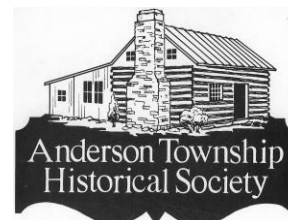
1:00 – 4:00 pm on the first and third Sundays, June through October. Mark these dates: August 3 and 17; September 7 and 21; and October 5 and 19.

Wednesday, October 1, 2014, 7:30 P.M.

Ms. Susan Bell will be making her first time appearance with ATHS tonight as the wife of William Henry Harrison. "**A Day with Ann Symmes Harrison**" promises to bring out some little known facts about the time in which she lived, including the fashions of the day. It occurs to me that along with hearing all about President Harrison's First Lady, we'll learn some facts about our ninth President, William Henry Harrison, who died tragically just thirty days into his presidency.

Wednesday, November 5, 2014, 7:30 P.M.

"**God Bless the USA!**" Tonight's guest speaker, **Mr. Wayne Coulter**, of the Third Army Historical Society, retired from a 28-year career with the Army in 2008 but hasn't left his military days behind him. Both as a World War II re-enactor and an avid collector of WW II items, Mr. Coulter has been engaged in historical WW II displays for several years now. The Third Army Historical Society is dedicated to the history of General George S. Patton and the Third US Army. The educational display will highlight the uniforms, weapons and equipment used by our greatest generation, the World War II Veteran. Wayne says that one of the most unique items in his extensive collection is a period Lucky Strike flat green cigarette tin. It's a sure bet that those of us who were children at the time have some memory of radio broadcasts that spoke of far-away WW II battle fields. Please don't miss this evening's presentation as we all take a 1942 - 1944 walk down memory lane.



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 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 2014 through April 2015 were due on May 1, 2014. Please send in your dues payment renewals. THANK YOU.

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!

Welcome New Members

Please welcome our new members who joined recently:

Don & Marty Burnes

Sue & Barry Franz (lifetime members)

Josh & Melissa Gerth (lifetime members)

Nancy Krueger

Cheryl Stokes

Marjorie Frame Historian Awards

The ATHS this spring gave **Marjorie Frame Historian Awards** of \$200 each to Anderson, McNicholas and Turpin high schools to be given to outstanding history students. The Anderson High School recipient **Abby Vesoulis** thanked ATHS for the gift and reported that it will help her at The Ohio State University where she will study political science, journalism and historical economics. The McNicholas High School recipient **Riley Whitehouse** wrote "I will make sure to put the funds to good use at Indiana University." Turpin HS recipient **Jack Fetick** thanked ATHS and said "The scholarship encourages me to continue my passion and interest for history as I embark on this next phase of my life." Congratulations to each of the worthy recipients selected by their schools.

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 picapica@msn.com or give me a call at 231-3390.

– Janet Heywood, Editor

PLAN AHEAD -- INVITE YOUR FRIENDS

Wednesday, December 3, 2014, 7:30 P.M.

This presentation is entitled "**Starry, Starry Night.**" Our guest speaker will be "Mr. Stargazer" himself, **Dean Regas**. You may have caught some of Mr. Regas' excellent series on PBS or his columns in the *Cincinnati Enquirer*. Come to this event to learn more intriguing facts about the heavens and its breath-taking constellations. It is possible that Dean will include some little known facts about the **Bethlehem Star** in his presentation as well. Come enjoy what we're thinking will be good way to give ATHS a bit of an introduction to our Christmas celebration! Bring holiday treats for refreshments.

- Connie Whitaker, Programs Chair

Historic Clough Turnpike Toll Pole



Do you remember this? Twenty-five years ago, ATHS received the donation of the toll gate once used at the toll stop at the bottom of the hill of the Clough Turnpike near where the Pike meets what is now Route 32 (Batavia Road). This 35-foot poplar pole (accession # 1989.20.1) is now on display in the barn. Clough Turnpike was a privately-owned turnpike from about 1830 to 1910 when it was purchased by Hamilton County. There were also toll stops near what is now the intersections of Clough with Nagel Road and Eight Mile Road.

ATHS historian Roland Lowery quoted legal actions against users who failed or refused to pay tolls. One suit was filed on June 13, 1898 by George Laugel, Superintendent of Cluff Turnpike Company, against one Charles Luellen for the sum of 42 cents for having avoided payment of the proper toll. Another was against Edward Ellis for 7 cents for the toll due for passing the gate on June 11, 1898.

Photo, Sue Wettstein and Roland (Red) Lowery standing next to the Clough toll pole, October 1989.

President's Message

May Plant Sale – Many thanks to **Susan Liggett** and **Janet Hawkins** and their army of worker bees for a very successful fundraiser. And thanks for all the members and gardeners who provided the plants, pots, soil and potting skills and to all those who shopped at this event. Thanks to their efforts, ATHS raised \$3,814.50, a truly tidy sum.

Neighborhood Connections – The new walkway in front of our Clough property is nearly complete. By the end of summer ATHS will be “connected” to the Township in a whole new way. Hopefully, many “walkers” will drop in to visit during our open houses for years to come.

Township Recognition - ATHS received a plaque from Township officials at the June meeting thanking us for the time and effort provided during the History to Schools program and our continued staffing of the History Room with ATHS docents.

Property Assessments – **Lou Trent** has formed a committee to evaluate all of our buildings and grounds, compiling a comprehensive list of repairs that need attention. The goal is to develop both short and long-term goals/plans for usage and upkeep of our historic properties. **Lou, Don Perry, Bob King** and **George Scheper** recently volunteered their time making needed repairs at the barn near the Log House. Many thanks to **George** for his willingness to deal with many niggling issues: gutter cleaning/repairs and downspout redirection; replacement of the summer kitchen sink drainpipe and deadbolt lock; light bulb replacements, etc. Next on the list is critter control. An infestation of ground hogs on the grounds off Bartels Road has the potential for extensive damage to the buildings including the barn, sheds and Browne farmhouse.

Roadside Clean Up – The July 19 “Adopt a Road” cleanup was cancelled. We plan to get back on track on October 18 when the construction work on Clough is finished. Many hands make light work.

Log House Open Houses June through October Don't forget to stop by the Log House from 1 – 4 p.m. on the 1st and 3rd Sundays now through October. Docents are still needed for some dates. Contact **Diane Schneider** (232-6552) to volunteer.

Country Store, September 27 and 28 - **Don Perry** is busy contacting our chairpersons for our Fall fundraiser. Thanks to **Sharon Perry**, we will have two major raffle prizes again this year: the “Dinner for Eight” at the Log House or another Township Quilt (a hugely popular item last year). Two Baskets of Goodies will be awarded as second prizes.

- Linda (Lyn) Scheper, President

With Deepest Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy goes to member Lynn Bellamy and his family on the loss of his wife of sixty-three years, **Ruth Coffey Bellamy**, on May 27, 2014 at age 83. Ruth & Lynn Bellamy have



been longtime members of ATHS. Ruth served as Trustee 1997-2000 and was active at many ATHS events, helping at Country Stores and cheering us all with her enthusiasm. *(Photo, Ruth Bellamy with her caricature sketch at Country Store, 2008. Photo by J. Heywood.)*

We also extend our heartfelt sympathies to Richard Zielasko and his family on the death of his wife, member **Gloria Zielasko**, who passed away on June 25, 2014, at age 81.



We are very sorry to report that member **Nancy Williamson McClure** died on June 8, 2014 at age 78 after several years of illness. We extend our deepest sympathy to her sons Brian and David McClure and their families. Nancy served on the ATHS Board and as ATHS

research chair and publications manager from 1998-2009. Her sons fondly recall visiting the Log House as young children with their mother and their grandmother Jean Williamson. *(Photo, Nancy McClure at the Country Store, 2006, by Charles Wallace.)*

Aluminum Can Recycling

We continue to collect Aluminum cans. We still have some cans to recycle but can always use more. Bring your cans to the monthly meetings or leave them by the Log House Outhouse or call Bill Dreyer (474-0568) and arrange for him to pick them up.

History to Schools Program Repeats

The second graders from all six Forest Hills Elementary Schools and third graders from the Immaculate Heart of Mary School spent a day at Anderson Center during the period April 22 through May 14. The students learned about township government and planning from a Trustee and the township staff. Members of the Anderson Fire and Rescue squad and Hamilton County Sheriff's department demonstrated safety services. The children explored the natural history of the ponds at the Center with Suzanne Clingman, Greenspace inspector. ATHS volunteers presented two sessions focused on local history.



Society volunteers presented "Then and Now in History." Don Perry gave a power point show that told the stories of early settlers James Clark, John Bridges and Ichabod Benton Miller. This year Sandy Russell,

Newtown historian, joined Don on the day the Mercer Elementary students visited.

The students also toured the History Room. They were greeted by the "school teachers" who pointed out some highlights of the displays and compared public schools then and now. The kids really enjoyed sitting at the old school desks, writing on the slate boards with chalk and reading the replicas of McGuffey Readers.

The students (a total of 591) and their teachers were invited to visit the Log House during the regular Open Houses this summer.

Each student received a "History Challenge" homework assignment brochure created by Don Perry. Pictures of eleven buildings in Anderson Township were shown both as "Then" and "Now." Students and their families could drive by these buildings and compare the pictures of "Then" to "Now." In late May certificates of completion were given to those students who had had the opportunity to complete the challenge.



Photos of Don Perry, Linda Jacobs, Diane Schneider and some of the second graders at Anderson Center, "History to Schools," May 2014. Photos by Kathy Hoelscher.

ATHS received many interesting thank notes from the students. Here are a few comments.

"Thank you for showing us the Anderson Center. We enjoyed learning about Anderson's history. My favorite part of the day was learning about how children went to school." - Gabby

"My favorite part was when I wrote my name with chalk. I appreciate you spending your time with us." - Penelope

"My favorite part of the day was when we got to see the tools that people used a long time ago. I hope to come back with my family as soon as I can." - Anna

"I enjoyed learning about Anderson's history. My favorite part was when you showed us the rifle." - Jesse

Those ATHS volunteers who helped with the "History to Schools" project at Anderson Center were: **Linda Jacobs, Lyn Scheper, Lucy Moore, Linda Magee, Ann King, Bob King, Don Perry, Sharon Perry, Sue Wettstein, Charlie Wallace, Diane Schneider, Nancy Meyer, Janet Heywood, Jim and Kathy Hoelscher.**

Sunday Open Houses at the Log House

Here's a list of visitors to our Log House over the last few years:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Total Number of Visitors</u>
2009	339
2010	not calculated
2011	413
2012	469
2013	597
2014	149 (as of June)

The word is out that a tour of the Miller-Leuser Log House is cool. With this increase in popularity comes the need for more tour guides. If you are willing to volunteer a first or third Sunday afternoon July through October, 1 to 4 p.m., call Diane Schneider at 232-6552 for a training notebook and to schedule your Sunday.

- Diane Schneider, Projects Chair

Mercer Students Tour Log House in May

The Mercer tour has become an annual event. Each May third-grade students from Mercer Elementary tour the Log House. Along with their teachers and some parent chaperones, they walk down Bartels Road eager to extend their study of Cincinnati history.

This year 96 students, four teachers and twenty-five parents enjoyed the visit on May 27, which was a beautiful day. Thanks to these ATHS volunteers who made the day a success.

Linda Magee
Don Perry
Mary Lou Van Eman
Diane Schneider

Linda Jacobs
Kathy Hoelscher
Sue Wettstein
Ann King

- Diane Schneider, Projects Chair



From letters from two Mercer third graders:

"Thank you for the tour of the log house. I learned that the Millers had a closet with only five hooks and would usually wear the same outfit for a few days in a row. I also learned that they had a very good way of locking the house by pulling in the string and then putting in a bar. I had so much fun!"

- Owen

"Thank you for the tour of the log house. I learned that a log house isn't a log house without two doors. I also learned about the "Sleep Tight" story. I liked that. So did my Mom!"

-Mia



Photos of Mercer students at the Log House, May 27, 2014 by Kathy Hoelscher.

Mercer Third Graders Donate \$80 to ATHS

*Dear Anderson Township
Historical Society,*

We wanted to take a moment to thank you for allowing us to come to the log house. The students really enjoyed it and learned so much. We truly appreciate your time and dedication to the students.

We just finished an economics unit and the students all agreed to donate some of the money from their class business to the log house for any work that needs to be done, We know that every little bit helps and we are happy to give. Thanks again for all you do!

Sincerely,

*Third Grade Students
from Mercer Elementary School
Mrs. Honerlaw and Mrs. Benedetto's
Classes*

WHERE DID THAT COME FROM?

In the early 1800s railroads were new and exciting. Very few miles of track had been laid, but laying more track was becoming a priority. Engineers knew that a track with a 1% grade or slope required five times more steam than a level track. A grade of 3% was a serious challenge to the capability of a locomotive, so they tried to avoid laying tracks with steep grades. This was not always possible. Trains often struggled to make it up a steep grade, and there was considerable celebration by the passengers and crew when the top was reached, when the train made the grade. Railroaders came to praise people who overcame any kind of obstacle by saying they had made the grade. The phrase caught on, and we still use it today.

- Lou Trent

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK . . .

If you lend someone \$20 and never see that person again, it was probably worth it.

Country Store 2014

The 2014 AHS Country Store will be held on **September 27 and 28** at the Miller-Leuser Log House. Following the long tradition of Country Stores, we will have activities to suit a lot of tastes. In no particular order, we will have the following:

- Cob Web Corner
- Bake Sale
- Raffle
- Children's Activities
- Games
- Slate Painting
- Pumpkin Decoration
- Hand Crafted Items for sale in the Log House
- Flowers and Produce for sale
- Prepared food from the Summer Kitchen
- Drinks
- Silent Auction & Publications for Sale
- Musical Entertainment

First and foremost, we need items for the **Cobweb Corner**. This large flea market organized and run by Mary Bailey provides a very large percentage of our income from Country Store. More items are always welcomed. Please call or e-mail Don Perry at 231-4304 or Sperry38@Zoomtown.com if you have an item (or items) you want to donate. Pick-up can be arranged.



Cobweb Corner in the barn, Country Store 2013, Photo by Lucy Moore.

This year's **raffle** will feature two first prizes. Purchasers will select from either the traditional "Dinner for 8" in the Log House or a handcrafted quilt with pictures of 20 historic Anderson Township images. This quilt is nearly identical to last year's offering. If you tried to win one last year and missed, this is your opportunity to try again! Please purchase your tickets either at the Country Store, August 6 AHS Picnic, or at the AHS table at Anderson Days at Beech Acres. Second prizes in each of the raffle categories will also be presented.



Putting up the tents in 2013 -- all part of setting up for the Country Store. Volunteers are needed for September 2014! Photo by Kathy Hoelscher.

Membership support is needed for preparation and execution of the event. We need a co-chair for the Summer Kitchen to assist Sharon Perry and Diane Schneider. In addition, we will need volunteers to assist in planning, manning activities on both days, and helping with the set-up and teardown of the event. If you can provide help, **please contact Don Perry at 231-4304 to express your interest.**

Donations are also needed for the dinners served in the Summer Kitchen. The Bake Sale in the basement of the Brick House provides another major source of income. Lucy Moore and Marcia Jelus will be happy to accept your donations.

Finally, we can all help assure success by attending Country Store, bringing your friends, relatives, and neighbors. This event is our major funds raiser of the year, providing about half of our yearly operating budget. Success of this event will allow us to continue our mission of maintaining the historic structures under our control and improving the education of the community relating to the rich history of Anderson Township.

- Don Perry, Country Store Chair



Bill Dreyer and Lyn Scheper with crafts in the Log House, Country Store 2013, Photo by Lucy Moore.

Country Store Bakery News

As we write this note in July, we have already begun our calls for the "Bakery Babes 2014." The 2014 Country Store is coming fast so look for a phone call asking the usual question, "Will you help?" Our Committee of "Babes" will be calling to invite you to bake your specialty or make your favorite candy. If that is not what you do anymore, then plan to purchase something delicious from a good bakery to share. These items do sell very nicely. We *even* accept money donations. It all goes to help our dear old Log House and the ATHS properties on the hill.

Co-chair Marcia and I will be sending letters to our Committee to do some of the phoning of ATHS members for donations. Committee members will be baking and cooking as well and working a time slot or two during the Country Store on Saturday September 27 and Sunday September 28.

If you are a new member or have not donated before, we ask you to wrap your goodies in sale-size portions. Please include a list of any unusual ingredients used, such as nuts. Bring your donations to the basement of the Brick House (next to the Log House) on Friday September 26 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. or during the Country Store hours on Saturday September 27 or Sunday September 28. Please sign-in on the Bakery sign-in sheets.

We LOVE all you have given in the last five years -- such a variety of cakes, breads, cookies, buckeyes, brownies, cupcakes, fudge. Last year two huge caterpillar cakes came in! We even gave them names.

So be creative. Plan ahead for store specials and help us once again to raise more than the \$1,000 Bakery sales goal. Thanking you in advance,

- Lucy Moore (752-0968) & Marcia Jelus (474-4377), Bakery Co-chairs, Country Store 2014



About 1910. Photo was taken along the IRT "Black Line" railroad tracks on Beechmont, at what is now the corner with Wolfangel.

2014-2015 Kroger Community Rewards
You requested Kroger to donate to
Anderson Township Historical Society,

Do You See These Lines at the Bottom of Your Kroger Receipts?

Designate your Kroger Plus Card to benefit the Anderson Township Historical Society then every time you shop at Kroger you will be earning money for ATHS -- at no additional cost to you.

Members, already registered, contributed to ATHS, at no cost to them, \$127.62 by shopping at Kroger in the months March - May 2014. But you must sign up or renew. If you were signed up last year, remember that Kroger requires that you renew your choice of charities starting in April.

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 for supporting ATHS and spread the word to your families, neighbors and friends!

If you have any questions or need help to register for this Kroger Community Rewards program, please ask ATHS board members at the August 6 picnic or at fall meetings or leave a message at 513-231-2114.

Visit the History Room

Come visit the History Room during its open hours: Sunday and Wednesday afternoons, 1 to 4 p.m., and Tuesday evenings, 6 to 9 p.m. Learn about the history of Anderson through photos, hands-on exhibits and artifacts. Anderson Center, 7850 Five Mile Road, Lower Level. The History Room is jointly sponsored by ATHS and Anderson Township. Volunteers from ATHS staff the History Room.

Come see the special display about trains in Anderson Township. In the photo (*left*) the IRT water tank car is delivering water, filling the house cistern -- notice the hose! This IRT car was also used to sprinkle water along the tracks to reduce dust during dry summer months.

Many thanks to those members who served as docents for the History Room in May, June and July 2014: **Patti Bukosky, Janet Heywood, Tom Lovejoy, Lucy Moore, Sharon and Don Perry, Bev and Al Robinson, Lyn Scheper, Diane Schneider and Charlie Wallace.**

ATHS Property Committee Update

This year the Property Committee has been working to identify both immediate and longer-term **action items** that address the maintenance, repair, and improvement of the Society's buildings and landscape. Many of these items are critical to the protection and preservation of our property and our investment in it. Other items help to improve interpretive value, patron safety, security, etc.



In June extensions were added to the drainpipes of the Browne farmhouse and Hornschemeier concrete block house to minimize water seeping into the basements.

So far the Committee has developed two lists of items. The first outlines the more urgent actions that need to be achieved quickly, hopefully this year and next year. The second list is comprised of less critical items that can be accomplished over a longer time span and as resources are available. These two lists are being used to guide the actions of the Society. A number of the items have been completed; others are currently in process.

If you are interested in obtaining more information about what the Committee has done or is working on, please speak with any of the committee members: Bill Dreyer, Brenda Greer, Janet Heywood, Kathy Hoelscher, Ann King, Beverly Robinson, Sonia Shively, and Lou Trent (chair). If you would like to help with some of the activities, please contact Lou Trent (513-231-3015) or e-mail him at maysvillelouis@gmail.com.

- Lou Trent, ATHS Property Chair



George Scheper (left) and Lou Trent (right) replacing the plastic covering outside the screened opening at the north end of the Log House barn, July 8, 2014, working along with Don Perry and Bob King. Photo by Janet Heywood.

Mark Your Calendars

Date	Event	Start Time
August 6	Annual Picnic	6:00 p.m.
August 20	Board Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 3	Member Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 17	Board Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 27	Country Store	10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sept. 28	Country Store	Noon to 5 p.m.
October 1	Member Meeting	7:30 p.m.
October 15	Board Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 5	Member Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 19	Board Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 3	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.

“Dine-out Fund Raiser” Results, May 15

ATHS had a fundraiser at T.G.I. Friday’s at the Anderson Towne Center on May 15 and earned \$198.38 for ATHS. Thank you to **Ann King**, who organized the event, and to all who participated.

Member Meetings Snacks

Thanks to the following “snack donors” for the previous month’s meeting treats: Helen Fehn, Kathy Hosking, Bob King, Bev Robinson, and Lyn Scheper. If you are interested in “treating” us, please contact Sharon Perry at 231-4304.

- Sharon Perry, Refreshments Chair

Thanks for Your Service

Sue Liggett for replacing the gate at the memorial garden west of the Log House.

Bob King for bringing his lawn mower and cutting the grass at the Log House just in time for the first Open House of the season.

Many special thank yous to **George Scheper** for all the critical repairs he has made in recent months including fixing the basement light at the Brick House, repairing the flashing around the chimney at the Brick House, cementing the loose stone in the stairs at the parking lot, and cleaning and mending the gutters of the Log House and Brick House.

Kathy Hoescher, Lucy Moore, Don & Sharon Perry, Lyn Scheper, Diane Schneider, Lou Trent, Sue Wettstein and **Connie Whitaker** for contributing to this issue.

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