

Museum Muses

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A Word from Acting President

By Mike Rector

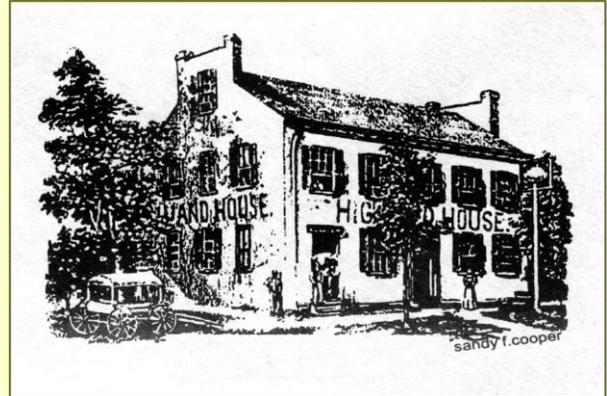
Please let me give you a quick update on happenings of the Board of Directors for the Historical Society. With the resignation of Kevin Bruce as President, I will serve as "acting President" until the nominating committee selects a candidate to serve as your President. If you would like to serve or have someone to suggest, please advise Margaret Van Frank and she will relay the information.

Recent activities include a 2009 budget, reinstatement of our 501(c)(3) status with the Secretary of State's office and Margaret Van Frank registered as our Agent of Record.

Our investments have been transferred to Merrill Lynch under the guidance of Andrew Cimis. He will be providing counsel and updates to allow the Board to make better investment decisions in during this current turbulent market period.

As always, if you would like to become more involved in YOUR Historical Society, please contact Margaret.

Mike Rector
 Acting President



VOLUNTEERING IN THE UNITED STATES

About 61.8 million people, or 26.4% of the population volunteered through or for an organization at least once between September 2007 and September 2008. (Bureau of Labor Statistics). The volunteer rate of men was 23.2% and women, 29.4%. Women volunteered at a higher rate than did men across all age groups, educational levels, and other major demographic characteristics. Persons age 35 to 44 continued to be the most likely to volunteer (31.3%), while persons in their early twenties were the least likely (18.6%). The only group with a significant change was the 16-19 year olds whose rate rose 1.4%, essentially offsetting the 1.9% decrease that occurred in the prior year. Individuals with higher levels of educational attainment volunteered at higher rates than those with less education. Among persons age 25 and over, 42.2% of college graduates volunteered, compared with 18.1% of high school graduates and 9.4% of those with less than a high school diploma.

The number of hours volunteered during the year was 61,803. Comparing data from previous years, however, we find in the year ending September 2005, 65,357 hours of volunteering!

"Everyone can be great because anyone can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't even have to make your subject and your verb agree to serve... You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love..." Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

MUSEUM INFORMATION

Recent acquisitions to your Museum:

IRON BASE AND CHIMNEY (base made by C. S. Bell)– displayed in Pioneer Hallway.
Donated by Margaret Van Frank

WW1 ARMY STRETCHER– displayed in Military Room. Donated by Ron Hughes

HISTORY OF LADIES GOLF ASSOCIATION– located in the Library. Donated by Betty Wilkin

1908 SEARS & ROEBUCK CATALOGUE (used as a scrapbook by Ed Ayres)– located in the Library. Donated by Ron & Gay Gilliland

HILLSIDE PLOW– located in outdoor display area. Donated by Allen Stacy



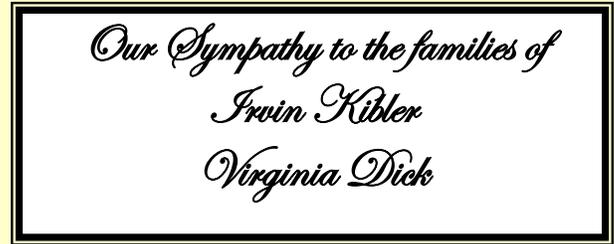
Located in the meeting room at the Highland House Museum in Hillsboro is a two position switchboard, the last cord board used in Highland County. It had been installed on the second floor of the Ohio Bell Telephone Company building on West Beech Street in 1959 by Western Electric.

The ten position switchboard had been previously used in an Ohio Bell office in Northern Ohio before coming to Hillsboro. The positions were refinished by my future husband, Lester and his father, Bert Wallis, with the help of Dean Hill, who was at the time in charge of the Sherwin-Williams paint store in Hillsboro. Dean mixed the finishes in the various colors used in refinishing the switchboards.

The switchboards were used for the next twenty years (1979) by a number of telephone operators including myself.

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In 1979, through the efforts of Ray Krumn, the Ohio Bell Telephone Company donated the two position switchboard to the Highland County Historical Society, and paid to have it moved.
Jean Wallis, Historian



Museum Muses Writing Contest

That's right! A writing contest for adults! This is a short story contest. Here are the guidelines:

1. Story can be factual or fictional, but should be a "Christmas Story."
2. This is a SHORT story contest.... nothing the length of "Gone With The Wind" or "War and Peace," please!
3. Winner will be chosen on originality and writing style by a panel of judges.
4. When submitting your story, please do NOT include any information within the story or on a cover page that would indicate in any way your identity. Your name and address should only be included on the envelope in which you mail or deliver the story. Each work will be identified to the judges only by a number. If identity to a person which would link you to the story is key to the story, and you are the winner, you will have opportunity to change this information before the story appears in Museum Muses.
5. All stories become the property of Highland County Historical Society and none will be returned. The winning story will, and selected others may be included in future editions of Museum Muses as well as being available for perusal in the HCHS Museum Library.
6. We are a low budget show—sorry, the only prize is the celebrity you will receive as the GRAND PRIZE WINNER!
7. Stories should be mailed or delivered to: MUSES CONTEST at the HCHS address. Entries must be postmarked or delivered to the museum no later than SEPTEMBER 1, 2009.

Notes from the DIRECTOR'S DESK

By Margaret Van Frank

We apologize for not sending our usual quarterly newsletter; we are in the midst of a governing transition. We have several new board members in addition to planning changes in our meetings and programs schedule. Naturally we will keep you informed.

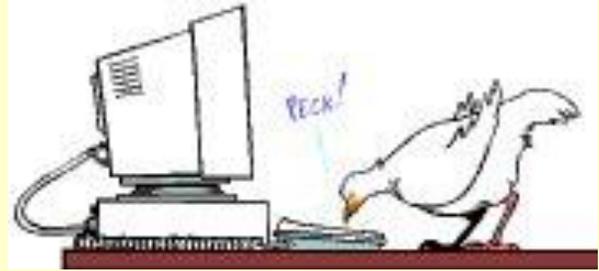
One of the changes will be involving the Christmas Gift Shop. The gift shop committee has decided to have primarily juried consignment items along with various Christmas items. Many years ago we had this type of Christmas Shop and it was very well received. This advance notice will give those of you who are interested in submitting any of your handiwork, paintings etc. to have the time to create many more. If you are interested in being included please call Sharon Huffman (466-2535) or Arlene Huffman (393-3934).

We also wish to thank Arlene on her efforts to enlist excellent volunteers when the Museum is open.

Bob Dunlap has made and donated a small Log House to be raffled as a fund raiser for the Museum. Tickets are \$1.00 each, 6 for \$5.00 and an arm's length for \$10.00. Please come purchase your tickets each weekend before and during the Festival. Also, Kirby Stanforth with his chain saw exposition will also be with us during the Festival.

The Highland House Museum will be open additional hours during the Festival of Bells-- Friday, July 3rd and July 4th from 10:30 to 5:30. The Hillsboro Women's Club members will serve as volunteers. **Please join us and also support the fund raiser---the log house is very realistic!!**

Margaret



Sorry for the slow newsletter----we have a new volunteer doing the work.

Welcome to our newest members!

Dwight and Becky Crum

Jane Cameron

M/M Kevin Bruce

Max Petzold

Carol Reid

M/M Ronald Rose

M/M Larry Taubenheim

Rob Snively



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