

North Baltimore Area Historical Society Newsletter

Bits & Pieces

Pam Seiler – President
Bill Cameron – Vice President

Phyllis Mercer – Secretary
Gwenn Mauk – Treasurer

Officers

A continuation from our last newsletter regarding current officers, many of you may know our secretary Phyllis Mercer. Retired and residing with her husband Carl on North Third Street, they raised NBHS graduates Terry; Otto; Carla; Debbie and Bobbie Jo. They operated the former Wirt's Market, a youth center and Carl served on the local police department. Phyllis is currently on the board of trustees at the Wood County Historical Museum, and has been busy creating accession sheets for all the items located here at the center. This is a method of assigning a number to each item for proper identification and history. We are hoping to some day put all this information on computer, but after attending a seminar, we discovered it costs over \$1,000 for the basic program. This data is what is used by other Ohio historical centers, and is another one of our future goals.

After retiring as a physical education teacher in North Baltimore, our treasurer Gwenn Mauk, has also retired from the office of Holy Family Catholic Church on East Cherry Street. Gwenn is a very busy lady, as most of us retirees have turned out to be, and yet still finds the time to stop into the center and help us keep going. We could not ask for a more accurate and yet humorous treasurer, even if we were able to afford paying for one. Thanks a million Gwenn and we can't love you enough for doing this job! She was also very kind to donate her childhood school desk several years ago to the society. It is on display in the School Room.

Past President

In September 2007, we held an open house following our regular meeting to honor the past officers and newly elected ones. A framed certificate was given to outgoing president Bonnie Knaggs as follows:

North Baltimore Area Historical Society

On behalf of the members of the North Baltimore Area Historical Society, of North Baltimore Ohio, we are pleased to pay tribute to

BONNIE KNAGGS

for your efforts in the charter formation of the North Baltimore Area Historical Society and the establishment of their Center. Throughout your years, serving as President of the Society from 1998 thru 2007, You have spread the necessity of preserving our heritage and area history on to many others.

Your knowledge has provided a vital service to all of us and we thank you. Thus, we wish you the best of health and happiness in the years to come.

Bonnie has not strayed far from the society. Even though she's not active with the Tuesday Crew, she tries to attend our regular monthly meetings. Whenever anyone of us needs an answer, she's just a click away from her cell phone and vice-versa, as we are for her.

Anyone knowing Bonnie over the years is aware she has collected more memorabilia regarding our community history, than probably anyone else who has ever lived here. As time eventually creeps on all of us, Bonnie has recently moved into the senior Westhaven apartments here in town. What does a person part with when downsizing is a question all of us, or our families, will also face sometime in our lives. Bonnie has chosen to donate many of her pictures and papers to the society. Tom Boltz has been reviewing these items and relocating them here for future reference and preservation.

The Tuesday Crew will be holding a one day sale in the center's garage, during the community garage sale days in June. We will be helping Bonnie sell many of her personal items and she has generously offered to donate half of the profit to the society for helping her. Any items unsold that are not of historical value to the center, will be donated to area charities.

Everyone here at the center wishes to thank Bonnie in advance for her donations and hoping she not only is enjoying her new apartment, but continues to do so in the best of health.

Upcoming Election

Later this summer, ballots will be mailed to all current members for the election of new officers. Nominations made in advance will be printed on the ballots, with write-in's also being considered. Election is held by secret ballot, with the outcome announced at our September meeting. Anyone wishing to cast a vote must be a 2009 member or a Life member. Please note your membership's expiration date on the mailing label.

Condolences

The Crew would like to express our condolences to the families of Lydia Hutchinson and Sharyn Vandersall, who recently passed away. Both of these women will be remembered by many in our community, as they were a part of it. Lydia was the mother of society member Sally Halstead and Sharyn was the mother of society member Lindy Vandersall. With Mother's Day approaching, they will not only be in their daughter's hearts, but also in ours.

Life Members

We want to welcome two new Life Members into the society, who joined in 2008, Pam Seiler and Donna Apple Cacavio.

Pam was a 1965 graduate of NBHS and is married to Don Seiler, also a NBHS grad. They have three beautiful daughters, who also reside with their families in the area. She has been a member for many years and is currently serving as society president. Her love is for keeping the building clean and organized, while preserving our past. There is no limit to the many extra jobs she does around this house. The Tuesday Crew thinks she's the energizer bunny with an extra set of batteries. Keep up the good work, Pam and many thanks!

Donna was also a graduate of NBHS and now resides in California. She doesn't get back to Ohio too often, but still enjoys hearing from old friends. If anyone is wanting to chat with her about old times, Bonnie Knaggs may still have her email address. We want to give a special thanks to Donna for thinking of us with her membership.

Hours of Center

Hours of the Center have not changed. We are open every Tuesday morning from 9:00 until 12:00 noon. We do open for special occasions and requests. During March, special requests were made to use the center for a birthday party; Questette's Club meeting; Garden Club meeting; an area Genealogical Society meeting and several one on one persons requesting various information.

Budget

A budget has been established for the 2009 calendar year for the first time. Even though it is quite small, we still need to allocate monies for various areas. We needed to look at ways to improve our income and where to save money being spent. The society is totally run by volunteers on donated money.

Board Meetings

Regular board meetings, open to all members, are held the first Thursday of every month. Meetings begin at 7:00 pm, here at the center, unless rescheduled due to a holiday conflict. There are no meetings held during January.

Thank You

The society wants to give a great big thank you to Dr William H Roberts. He most generously donated \$300 for the purchase of voice recorders. We hope to start using them very soon in recording the many stories area residents have about the history of our community. Many people have special stories, will tell a friend or family member, but they never get preserved for others and future generations to enjoy and learn something they never heard before.

School Tour

Each year all the third grade students from Powell School have been touring the center. They have also decorated the School Room's Christmas tree for the past two years with their very creative ornaments. The kids really enjoy it and many stop to tell a short story about their own "old grandparents", that are not really that old yet to us. Seeing their faces look at many of the items on display can only be appreciated to the fullest while looking at each of their faces. Their eyes grow and questions of wonder pop out of their little mouths asking how anyone could or would use something like that, when some displays are shown and explained to them.

We could not be blessed with a greater set of teachers than the ones bringing these students on the tours. These children come very well mannered and tour the building almost as quiet as church mice. A big thank you must be given to our school system for permitting these tours, helping to educate our children by letting them see a part of our community's past. Many have said thank you, because now they know what's really inside that big white house across from the library.

Memorials

Donations have been given to the society In Loving Memory Of:

Lydia Hutchison
Given by Janice Emahiser

Sharyn Vandersall
Given by Janice Emahiser

Thank You

Another thank you must be given to Bob Hamlin and his son Rob. They have been mowing our yard and doing such a super good job. Also spraying the weeds and doing all the trimming. Volunteers like these are hard to find, so we all thank them both, very, very much.

Books for Sale

North Baltimore native and local graduate, Tom Boltz has written two small paperback booklets regarding the history of our area. We want to give him a super big thank you for not only doing the time consuming research in preparing for these, but then, very generously donating the sale of both to our Historical Society. Words on paper cannot express how grateful we are of him.

The first is titled "Black Swamp Soldiers; Henry Township Men in the Civil War". It contains interesting articles regarding the war and also has a listing of names; regiments; dates and other information of all soldiers that served from Henry Township. Some of the names listed include Beaver; Bishop; Boyer; Davis; Evilsizer; Grant; Hough; McMahon; McKinzie; Norris; Peters; West; Wilke and Wilson. Only a few copies of this edition remain available at the Historical Center, for a donation of \$5.00.

Tom's second is titled "North Baltimore's Great Fire of 1891". It tells how on the night of October 30, 1891, in the space of three hours, much of the Main Street business district of North Baltimore, Ohio was destroyed by fire. This is the story of the fire and how it affected the town. This is chocked full of pictures and stories about being an oil boom town and railroad hub. How a raucous atmosphere sets the stage before the fire, with rowdy oil workers being able to drink at any one of the 23 saloons. One saloon keeper served after hour's beer in mugs labeled "milk" and the "painted" women on the streets and brothels gave a bad impression of the town. As all of us remember the story of how Mrs. O'Leary's cow kicked the oil lantern and started the great Chicago fire, how many of us have ever heard the story about the gambling shed behind Anna Bracy's Saloon here in North Baltimore?

It includes articles about the fire spreading from one side of Main Street to the other; our unreliable firefighting capabilities back then; citizens' efforts to save their goods from looters and saloon owners versus church leaders trying to save their kegs and whiskey bottles. Also, a downtown map and listing of businesses lost and saved; insurance payments and estimated losses and how the town rebounded with new growth.

Reading about the fire department and seeing pictures of the equipment used at that time in history, will give anyone reading about this Great Fire, much more of an appreciation of the hard work our current volunteer firemen provide for our village. These may be another place in time referred to as some of the "good ole days", but after reading the true happenings; we must never let our fire department fall into despair with lack of volunteers or proper equipment. Copies are available at the Historical Center and the village clerk's office for \$8.00 each.

Web Site

Our web site is in the process of being developed. We ran into a few snags, but hope to have it completed later this summer. We will then be more able to keep news items more current and want to include articles of history; listings of donations made to the center; events and many other items of interest.

Our e-mail address will not change and we are more than happy to help anyone with questions. Feel free to let us hear from you by using our address: nbahs@wcnet.org

Christmas Displays

This past Christmas we had every room decorated for our annual open house. The Foyer was done by the NB Business Women with Leslee Thompson, chairman and helpful husband George. Parlor was decorated by NB's Literary and Lyric Circle with Laura Damon as chairman. Dining Room was done by the Rocky Ford Red Hat ladies with Theresa Ferguson chairman. The Tuesday Crew also did some decorating downstairs. Pam Seiler decorated the Front and Back Porches; Phyllis Mercer and her family decorated the Banking Room and Janice Emahiser did the Kitchen and Utility Rooms. Bonnie Knaggs donated items for the first floor Bathroom we used.

On the second floor, NB's Child Conservation League with Cheryl Kimmell as chairman decorated the Military Room; the Ladies Landing was done by the NB Garden Club, with Phyllis Mercer chairman. The School Room was done by the Third Grade Students from Powell School, with a host of their super teachers; the larger upstairs Bathroom was decorated by Caprice Cheney and the Juvenile Room was decorated by the NB Library, with Cheryl Heilman serving as chairman.

We had a good crowd again this year during our open house. Some had never been here before and said how much they enjoyed it. Others say how nice it is to have someplace local to tour. Our center is another nice thing about living in our small home town. Several of the groups have already put in their bid for a room to decorate next year.

Raffle

Our Historical Society is selling raffle tickets on a vintage side table. Pam Seiler has restored the table with a walnut finish and graciously donated it to us as a fundraiser. It is 36" wide and 22" deep, standing 29" tall. It also has a beautiful inlay in the center of the top and unique table legs. We will be drawing the lucky winner at our regular meeting in August, after the town's Summer Fest. Tickets are \$5.00 each and can be purchased at the Historical Center any Tuesday morning or from society members. Be sure to stop in to admire this table on display and purchase a ticket. It would make a great gift!

Fund Raiser

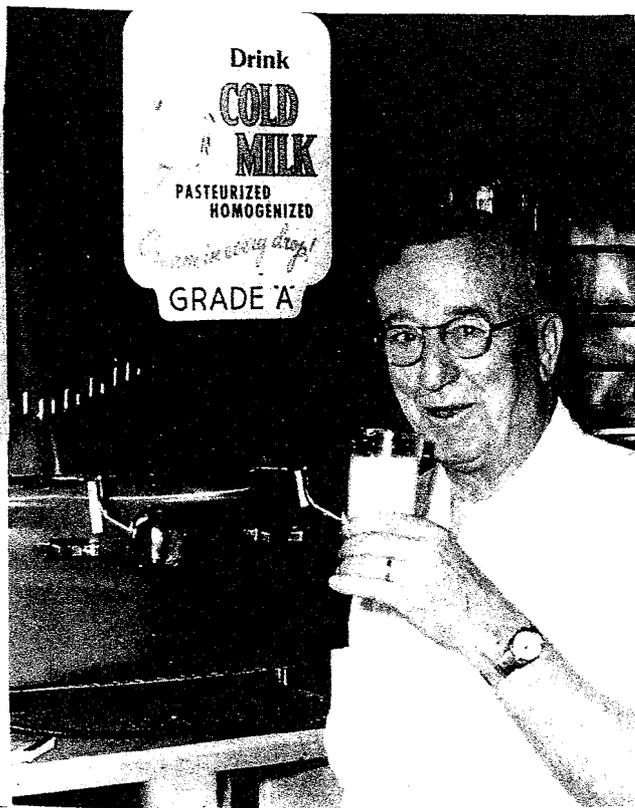
The Friends of the NB Library are hosting a community book sale May 14-16 in the Wolfe Community Room. Their goal is at least \$2,500 to help with some library projects. Drop off those extra books, dvds and videos by April 30th. Stop in for a complete listing of what they will be accepting. Do some spring cleaning and help out your library!

Bits and Pieces

The past couple of years, NBHS members being inducted into the 50 Year Club has been stopping by for a short tour. A class member schedules a time to do so, following their lunch. Since everyone doesn't play golf or want to drink a beer at the legion, some will come here for a break and reflect on memories of their past. Most everyone who graduated in the class of 1959 from North Baltimore High School should be able to remember a story or two about the following favorite hot spot in town:

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RED'S RESTAURANT
 AND
M. R. RESTAURANT
 North Baltimore, Ohio
 PHONES 3652 OR 2304
 MR. & MRS. RALPH WOLFE

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29	30	31	F M 4th	L Q 11th	N M 18th	F Q 25th	



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Meals with Pop or Milk 5c Extra

ROAST CHICKEN (Potatoes, Two Side Dishes, Bread and Butter, Drink)	\$1.25
SWISS STEAK (Potatoes, Two Side Dishes, Bread and Butter, Drink)	\$1.25
BAKED HAM (Potatoes, Two Side Dishes, Bread and Butter, Drink)	\$1.25
ROAST BEEF (Potatoes, ONE Side Dishes, Bread and Butter, Drink)	\$1.25
COLD HAM and POTATO SALAD (Two Side Dishes, Bread and Butter, Drink)	\$1.25
VEGETABLE PLATE (Four Side Dishes, Bread and Butter, Drink)	90¢
BREADED VEAL (Potatoes, Two Side Dishes, Bread and Butter, Drink)	\$1.25
RIB-EYE STEAK (8oz.) (Potatoes, Two Side Dishes, Bread and Butter, Drink)	\$1.35
SIRLOIN STEAK (8oz.) (Potatoes, One Side Dish, Bread and Butter, Drink)	\$1.60
MUSHROOM STEAK (Potatoes, Two Side Dishes, Bread and Butter, Drink)	\$1.35
FRIED HAM (Potatoes, Two Side Dishes, Bread and Butter, Drink)	\$1.25
TWO GRILLED PORK CHOPS (Potatoes, One Side Dish, Bread and Butter, Drink)	\$1.35
BERMUDA GRILLED STEAK (Potatoes, TWO Side Dish, Bread and Butter, Drink)	\$1.35
CLUB STEAK (Fried to Your Taste) (Potatoes, One Side Dish, Bread and Butter, Drink)	\$1.75
FRIED HAM STEAK (Potatoes, One Side Dish, Bread and Butter, Drink)	\$1.50
T-BONE STEAK (Fried to Your Taste) (Potatoes, One Side Dish, Bread and Butter, Drink)	\$2.25
HAMBURGER STEAK (Potatoes, Two Side Dishes, Bread and Butter, Drink)	\$1.25
21 SHRIMP-IN-A-BASKET Side Dishes Extra	99¢
SHRIMP DINNER (Four Large Shrimp) (Potatoes, Two Side Dishes, Bread and Butter, Drink)	\$1.35
FISH FILLET (Potatoes, Two Side Dishes, Bread and Butter, Drink)	\$1.25
FRIED OYSTERS (Four Large Oysters) (Potatoes, Two Side Dishes, Bread and Butter, Drink)	\$1.50
FRIED HALF-CHICKEN (Disjointed and Breaded) (Potatoes, One Side Dish, Bread and Butter, Drink)	\$1.50
CHICKEN LEG and THIGH (Potatoes, Two Side Dishes, Bread and Butter, Drink)	\$1.25

SIDE DISHES		
Bean Salad	fruit jello	Baked Beans
Cottage Cheese	Applesauce	Potato Salad
Head Lettuce	Macaroni Salad	Cole Slaw
Noodles	Pickled Beets	Dressing
Beverages		
Coca-Cola	Orange	Hot Tea
Pepsi-Cola	Coffee	Milk
Hot Chocolate .. 15¢ & 20¢		7 Up
Pie 20c		
FRESH DAILY FROM OUR OVEN		
Apple	Graham Cracker	Coconut
Banana	Cherry	Raspberry
	Custard	Lemon
		Peach
		Butterscotch
From Our Fountain		
Chocolate Sundae .. 25¢	Pineapple Sundae .. 25¢	Strawberry Sundae .. 25¢
(with Nuts 30¢)		
Strawberry Soda .. 25¢	Chocolate Soda .. 25¢	Vanilla Soda .. 25¢
Cherry Soda .. 25¢		Pineapple Soda .. 25¢
	Milk Shakes (Chocolate, Vanilla, Strawberry) .. 25¢	
Ice Cream Flavors		
Vanilla	Chocolate	Strawberry
		Lemon-Lime Sherbert
Sandwiches		
Roast Beef	Ham (Hot or Cold) .. 40¢	Fish
Beef and Gravy	Hamburger	Egg
Grilled Cheese	Jumbo Hamburger .. 35¢	Breaded Veal
Cheeseburger	Fried Ham	40¢
Beef, Potatoes and Gravy	60¢	Sliced American Cheese
	Bacon, Lettuce and Tomato	45¢
Soups		
Heinz Canned Soups - All Kinds	25¢	Home-Made Chili
	Home Made Vegetable Soup	25¢
A la Carte		
Cottage Cheese	30¢	Applesauce
Baked Beans	25¢	Potato Salad
Jello	20¢	Tossed Salad
		Head Lettuce
Mashed Potatoes	25¢	French Fried Potatoes
Home Fried Potatoes	25¢	French Fried Mushrooms
		French Fried Onion Rings
		30¢
WE HAVE AN EXCELLENT VARIETY OF CIGARS AND CANDIES!		
Please Pay Cashier		

Displays

In April, May and June, various displays will be set up celebrating some local anniversaries. The North Baltimore Area Historical Society is celebrating 10 years; the Ohio Child Conservation League, Rhymes and Reasons are celebrating 40 years and the North Baltimore Garden Club is celebrating 75 years.

The North Baltimore Public Library is observing their 90th anniversary this year. Local businesses celebrating are Kettle Run Concrete, 10 years; The Equity Group, 35 years and Birch Run Golf Course, formerly Briar Hill Golf Course, 45 years.

Please feel free to stop in and view the different displays of these organizations and businesses. Maybe you were a member of one of the organizations; an employee of a business or just a patron. Older pictures and articles are a nice way to brighten your day, stir your memory and remember some good times in your life.

Summer Fest

Summer Fest has replaced the community's "Good Ole Summertime" festival. We will be having a military display set up in different rooms. Plans are also being made to have local veterans speak throughout the day for a half an hour about their tours of duty. We are planning to use the voice recorders Dr Roberts has purchased for us to help preserve these stories. Tom Boltz has agreed to tell of his tour in Viet Nam. He and his wife recently returned from a vacation trip there. If anyone would like to tell a little bit about your tour of duty, please contact the center, as we would love to hear from you. We're also hoping Tom's latest book will be published by then, so we can host a book signing that day also.

Front Porch Teas

During June, we are planning to host several Front Porch Teas. It's always nice to set on your front porch with some friends; a glass of ice tea (or a cup of your favorite hot) with a few cookies and watch the world go by. Many of the ladies in town live in apartments or homes without a front porch or a side street with little traffic. We want to let them enjoy a lazy summer day, chatting with friends, while enjoying a whole new view. If the afternoon turns too hot; too cold; too windy or it rains, the center will be open for them to still enjoy another day with friends.

Membership

We had planned to have the newsletter and membership forms in the mail earlier, but volunteer time and the weather didn't cooperate. Please take the time to renew your application and remember, the society is operated by volunteers and donations only.

Please note your membership's expiration date on the mailing label.

Thank you very much. We appreciate your continued support.

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ e-mail _____

Make checks payable to:

North Baltimore Area Historical Society (aka NBAHS)

PO Box 174

North Baltimore OH 45872

_____ \$ 10.00 Individual
_____ \$ 50.00 Patron
_____ \$ 200.00 Single - Life membership
_____ \$ 300.00 Couple - Life membership

Tours and Meetings

Any person or group wishing to take a tour of the Historical Center and/or hold a meeting, should feel free to contact the center. During the month of March we were open for five different occasions, in addition to our regular hours scheduled.

WCOGS Meeting

The Wood County Ohio Genealogical Society held an area meeting at the center. Library Director Lesley McKinstry described the library genealogical holdings prior to the members coming across the street to the center. Tom Boltz discussed historical documents and the photo archives available for research at the center and Bonnie Knaggs showed a video of North Baltimore. Coffee, tea and cookies were served to the 28 members attending along with the four volunteers.

Lighter Side

Some refer to the Historical Center as the "Hysterical" center, but all the volunteers get a big laugh out of it. We have to keep a sense of humor, while being unpaid employees! Needless to say, some days are so busy around here, it really can get hysterical. It brightens our days knowing many people appreciate how much we have done for the preservation and educational areas of our community. These benefits are priceless. If you don't think so, stop in on a Tuesday morning and see what all has been accomplished. After all, we are volunteering our time for each of you.

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