

North Baltimore Area Historical Society
229 N Main St – PO Box 174
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“Bits & Pieces” - - - Winter 2011 Newsletter

2011 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Our annual membership drive is currently in progress for 2011. We are hoping past members and area residents won't forget to donate to our society. Every membership helps to keep our historical center open to the public for meetings, special events and tours. We are very fortunate to have such a beautiful asset on our downtown Main Street.

NEW LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

We want to welcome the three new life memberships. The North Baltimore Business Women; the John W. Sterling Aerie No. 2633, Fraternal Order of Eagles and Dr. Kevin and Mrs. Susan King. All of their donations, along with a donation from Larry and Joyce Boudrie of Florida, have been put into a special account. This money has been set aside for the purchase of a computer and various historical museum programs as used at the Wood and Hancock County museums. They are standard programs used by many of the other counties throughout the state. It will let us keep track of the numerous items at the center including the donor's name, item, location at the center and date of donation. When someone donates a family heirloom or pictures than other family members do not want, they can always come back at any time and view the item donated and we will be able to confirm and locate it for their viewing without great searching. We want to say thank you to each of you, not only for your generous donations, but also for your desire to help preserve North Baltimore.

CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

Our annual Christmas open house had a house full of guests coming to view the beautiful decorations. Many remarked how nice it was inside and said they came away with some new ideas to decorate at home. The Foyer was decorated by the Rocky Ford Red Hat Ladies Club; the Parlor by Helen Swope; Banking Room by Janice Emahiser; the Dining Room by the NB Business Women; the Kitchen and Utility by Phyllis Mercer; the Juvenile Room by the NB Garden Club; the Military Room by Pam Cheney; the Ladies Landing, both Baths and Back Porch by Pam Seiler and the School Room by the Powell School Third Grade Classes. After the teachers decorated the School Room with their student's decorations, they all came for their annual tour before Christmas break. We love it as much as the kids! The Front Porch was decorated by Caprice Cheney and she has been very graciously changing her beautiful wreaths with each season. We want to thank everyone who was involved. You each created an inspirational area. The center is a very beautiful building on our Main Street and all the volunteers make it come alive and even more attractive during the holidays. It's an inspiration for others to take pride in something; by those who take pride in something they were proud to be a part of.

HOST OF MEETINGS

The Historical Center has been host to many local organizational meetings this past year. Different groups who have taken advantage of using the facility were: NB Garden Club; NB Questette Club; NB Business Women; NB Firemen; Daisy Scouts; Cub Scouts; the Good Shepherd Women; Ohio Children's Conservation League; various Red Hat Ladies clubs and the Crossroads Quilt Club. This center is open to any organization, without charge, to host a meeting by simply contacting us to set up a date and time.

FUNDRAISERS

We were able to hold two bazaars this past year. A "Spring into Summer" was held in May and a "Fall into Christmas" was held in October. Each bazaar helped provide the center with enough donations to pay a month's phone bill. It was also our way of giving back to the community. We wanted to give area local crafters another chance to sell their creations. Renting table space out of town can be expensive and we requested only a small donation. Many were able to mingle with friends; be close to run home, make some sales and still help out their historical center. The events have also encouraged persons to come to the bazaars that had not been into the center before. Our next bazaar is scheduled in mid-April. Forms will be mailed to past crafters and anyone that has suggested interest.

IMPROVEMENTS

There are two stairways in the center with the back one coming from the Juvenile Room down into the kitchen. It had an old cabinet that hindered passage where the staircase turned near the bottom and had not been painted in years. Many thought it was dark, dirty and creepy. The cabinet is now gone thanks to Bach Reddin's superior supervision. Paint has since been donated and applied. What a great improvement! Just one more way to make others aware we are trying to do our best.

NEW MEMBERS AND VOLUNTEERS

New members and volunteers are always welcome. We will continue to be closed to the public during January and February (always open by appointment) but a full crew should be here after the 1st of March to show you around the place. Everyone has some kind of talent they might want to share in volunteering once a week, once a month or at home. The choices are unlimited, but your accomplishments rendered are priceless to so many.

THANK YOU

A well deserved thank you must be given to Carol Reddin. Her donation was used to purchase ten chairs from the library for our dining room. Not only were the chairs greatly needed and much appreciated at the Historical Center, but the money was also greatly needed and appreciated by our local library. Thanks, Carol for helping so many others.

ANOTHER THANK YOU

Another well deserved thank you must be given to Gwenn Mauk, our treasurer. Through thick and thin this dedicated lady has went above and beyond to be an outstanding treasurer for the society. We all thank you very much!

2011 BUDGET

Our Treasurer's Report for December 2, 2010, ended with a balance of \$2,147.77. A breakdown of accounts allocated with this amount is as followed:

* Phone bill account	550.00
* Internet account	107.00
* Ohio Historical Society Membership dues account	35.00
* NB HS Yearbook ad account	90.00
* NB HS Yearbook purchasing account	50.00
Dr Wm Roberts purchasing of voice recorders account	219.10
* Lawn maintenance account	50.00
* Extra Christmas tree lighting account	50.00
* Post Office box account	50.00
Postage stamp account	30.00
Acquisition computer/computer programs account	900.00
General incomes/expenses account	9.97
TOTAL ALLOCATED FOR 2011 BUDGET	
\$ 2,141.07	

Notes:

- 1) The 2011 Budget is based on the 12/2/10 ending balance and is allocated to various accounts.
- 2) All accounts (*) allocated set amounts are known expenses that will occur during 2011, with any remaining amount listed as part of the General account.
- 3) Incomes and Expenses after the 12/2/10 date are not included in any of the allocations.
- 4) The entire Budget is based solely on donations, membership dues and small fund raisers.
- 5) An outside audit is conducted annually to ensure proper handling and accountability of all funds donated to the society.

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Dear members and area residents,

The North Baltimore Area Historical Society is currently holding their annual membership drive for 2011 and we are asking for your help.

We have been fortunate because of your past donations to retain this valuable asset in North Baltimore. It has been the host of many local organizations, events and tours this past year along with numerous donated items of interest for future preservation.

This organization depends solely on donations and volunteers to maintain our historical center. We are hoping we can count on your donations once again this year.

Details of our 2011 Budget, along with other bits of information regarding the center, are included in another are of our "Bits & Pieces" newsletter. This can also be found posted on our website and the NBXpress website under the Historical Center tab.

Thank you in advance for helping to preserve our past for our future.

Phyllis Mercer, President
Paula Miklovic , Secretary

Tom Boltz, Vice-President
Gwenn Mauk, Treasurer

2011 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ e-mail _____
(optionals)

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

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