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## The Historical Society of North College Hill Newsletter

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### MESSAGE FROM THE SOCIETY

Winter's here. We are in the middle of January. It's cold and snowy. Time to read the newsletter with a cup of hot cocoa by the fire or furnace if you don't have a fire.

Also it is time to renew your membership so we can keep mailing you the very informative newsletter for you to be up-to-date with all of the current happenings in the city. We also have a new Treasurer (Linda Braunwart).

And please visit the Goodman School Historical room and museum. Our new Archivist is Clyde Ankenbauer. He is taking over for Rick who did a fantastic job. However we are moving on and we are lucky to have Clyde taking over the Archivist job. We know Clyde will do a great job for the society. He already has many new ideas.

Or you can take a brisk walk doing the 30 minute "Walking Tour" of NCH. (following the Walking Tour Guide). Or you may want to drive the dummy line tour in your warm car with a few friends. We have tour papers in the historical room. Our Historical Society has so much to do, and we want you to be part of the history. We also have Historical Society Shirts for sale. It would make a great gift for that hard to buy for person in your life. Could be your first Christmas present for next year.

**Who Remembers Deming's Drug Store & soda fountain?**



## It's Time

It is time to renew your membership for 2012 if you have not already done so. If you do not have a membership, you will not receive a newsletter. Membership runs per annum from January 1, and expires on December 31. If you wish to continue as a member and receive Society newsletters, please pay your dues. There is a member application attached to the newsletter. If you are a business, please include your business card, and we will promote your business. We want to thank all members who have paid their dues and are always happy to have new members. You are keeping the Historical Society alive and Well. And we appreciate it.

## Wanted:

Do you have stuff in your attic. Anything and everything that concerns North College Hill. If you have any such items, please donate them to the Society for safe keeping. Our room is filling up fast. Please come and visit us. We have wonderful, old things to look at. These items will spark your memory and make you happy.

July 28 – Two members of the Historical Society passed away, Bonnie Stapleton Taylor, a new member and also longtime member, Everett Hardy. May you both rest in peace.

Rick and Clyde were not present. Claudia gave the Treasurer's report. We have \$561.37. We also added an additional \$90.00 in membership.

August 26 – Clyde read minutes and Claudia read the treasurer's report. A motion was made to put a new and larger sign up at Isaac Wise Park. This will be brought up again at the September meeting. An idea was put out to clean benches in front of Goodman School. Maybe a project for the Boy Scouts.

## St. Margaret Mary Festival

The festival was held September 1 and 2. Carol Rutz put out all the pictures of children who have gone through St. Margaret Mary School. We also put out many pics and old information regarding North College Hill. This event was held in the cafeteria along with a chicken dinner. After dinner many strolled down memory lane to see all the old pictures from the historical society and old pictures from St. Margaret Mary.

Car Show is planned for September 3. This is always a great event. If you get chance to see it, please go.

Mark you calendar for May 25. The parade will be making lots of noise. And the Historical Society will be part of it. Wave to us and show your red, white and blue colors. You might want to join the Society so you can ride in the parade with us. We are tons of history fun .

**September 15** – The NCH class of 1962 visited our historical room. They enjoyed looking at everything.



**Linda brought a group to visit the Historical Room on Thursday, October 18. Linda brings many groups and solo people to visit the room. If you have an interest to visit, please give Linda a call.**

**October 27** – Clyde read the minutes. Claudia gave the treasurer's report. Isaac Wise sign was brought up again. But put on the back burner for now. Clyde brought up a Christmas walk. We will bring the walk up again in the fall. By the way mark your calendars for the “Open House” next November the Saturday after Thanksgiving. It was a Big Hit last year and we hope to have an even bigger crowd next November. It is a time to visit old friends during the holidays and renew old acquaintances.

**November 10** – Kathy Dahl, a Cincinnati Park employee, (Laboiteaux Park) gave a power point regarding the “Road to Freedom” map that she is working on. Northside, College Hill, North College Hill and Mt. Healthy came together to view the power point information at the meeting. She gave everyone a map of the “Road to Freedom” also known as the Hamilton Avenue Road to Freedom. On the back of the map is information telling whose houses the slaves visited for safety that were Underground Railroad sites.

After the meeting, we visited the home of Ed Lloyd, President of College Hill Historical Society to view the unveiling of the Cary Portraits (aunt and uncle of Alice and Phoebe Cary) and other historical items. Ed gave us a wonderful tour of his historic home built in the 1860's. The wallpaper in the living room which he is having restored took 2 years to come across the ocean. After the tour, Ed spoke of his home and the Cary's and how they impacted College Hill. The unveiling of the portraits was a moving moment. Also thanks to Ed for including a terrific luncheon after the tour.



**Ed's beautiful living room. He is restoring this wall mural wallpaper from the 1920's. It originally took two years to get to America from Europe.**

**Hamilton Avenue was the second most popular route for slaves to travel the rivers and ravines as roads to the north. The Laboiteaux and the Cary's played an important part of that history during the 1840's and 50's. No one knows but the Cary house probably did play a role. We do know the house on the corner of Compton and Hamilton in Mt. Healthy was an underground railroad house and place of safety. Currently Kathy is working on grant funding for printed versions of this map.**

**This map called the " Hamilton Avenue Road to Freedom" is a collaboration between the residents of Northside and College Hill Historical Society, both located in the City of Cincinnati; the North College Hill Historical Society, City of North College Hill; and the Mt. Healthy Historical Society, City of Mt. Healthy. Our communities are along this route and we share a common goal in preserving our unique histories and passing on our stories.**

**November 16 – We had a group of 7 ladies visit us from St. Paul Church. Claudia told stories of what it was like growing up in NCH which everyone seemed to enjoy. The ladies also participated in the storytelling. Afterwards everyone looked at all the things in our room that had been collected over the years.**

**If you have a group that would like to visit our museum, let someone in the Historical Society know, and we will set up a date to visit. It is incredible and we have lots of stuff to see. It will bring back memories for sure. There's always room for memories and fun.**

**November 24** – About 50 people attended the “Open House”. The event ran from 1:00 to 4:00. The turnout was terrific. Light refreshments were served. A highlight was when one attendee brought a yardstick with printing from the NCH Fire Department that he found in the attic of his garage that was once owned by Teddy Weber. Teddy Weber mortgaged his home to get a new fire truck in the 1920's. Another great day for the Historical Society.



**January 26** – Clyde read the minutes and Claudia gave the Treasurer's report. We have \$744.01 in our treasury. It was noted that Rick resigned his post as Archivist and Linda has taken over as the Treasurer.

### **Did You Know**

**Peter Laboiteaux, Sr. owned land on the west side of Hamilton Avenue stretching from present day Galbraith Road to Compton Road.**

**The Laboiteaux family was among the original settlers of Mt. Healthy and many landmarks including Laboiteaus Woods a local park , were named after them. Also Laboiteaux Avenue in North College Hill.**

**There is a self-guided tour to follow the Underground Railroad from Northside to Mt. Healthy**

**\_\_\_ Quaker youths and the faculty at Farmers College hid slaves in the bell tower.**

**The ravine at Twin Towers ending at the stone wall and driveway was used to hide the escaping slaves during the day and moving them through College Hill at night.**

**During the Revolution almost all the male members of the Laboiteaux family served n the Army.**

**William Howard Taft was the only president to swear in a president.**

**The Ladies Repository, a popular magazine, first noticed the talents of the Cary sisters.**

**Harry Truman was the first televised inauguration.**

