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
MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

We have had a busy summer, with our involvement with Bexley's Centennial celebration and moving the majority of our collections from the Jeffrey Mansion to the cottage. The move was a group effort. Not only did we have help from our membership, but some of our local teens helped as well.

The Centennial gave us additional opportunities for visibility. Hopefully many of you saw the outstanding Centennial display we created at the Bexley Library. As a fundraiser during the City's Independence Day festivities, we actually sold every single ice cream product we had.

Coming up, we will host our Pancake Breakfast on December 13 at the Jeffrey Mansion, with the Bexley Recreation Department. Bring your appe-

tite and support BHS. It's one less meal you have to prepare at home.

I am excited about the direction of this organization. The ball is rolling forward and gaining momentum. But remember, the success of the Bexley Historical Society depends on the efforts of volunteers. The history of our community is very interesting, and believe it or not, our activities are quite enjoyable. I invite you to get involved as little or as much as you would like. At least, please come check us out a little closer by visiting our museum and website and calling or emailing us to find out how you can get involved or to just ask questions. Good things are happening! 

David Baker
President
BHS



Moving crew: (left to right) Edie Mae Herrel, Nancy Beck, Barbara Hysell, Jean Babbitt, Barbara Hauser, and Connie Ostrove

HIGHLIGHTS

- *The Pancake Breakfast is on December 13th.*
- *Contribute your stories and photos for our publications, exhibits, and collections.*
- *Help us seek and apply for grants for special projects.*



All are invited to attend our annual **PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

Saturday, December 13

8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Jeffrey Mansion

The Bexley Historical Society and the Bexley Recreation Department are again sponsoring the Annual "All You Can Eat" Pancake Breakfast. This event, a pre-holiday favorite, has become a community tradition. See you at Jeffrey Mansion on Saturday, December 13. Adults, \$5. Children, 12 and under, \$3.

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COTTAGE MUSEUM DIRECTOR'S REPORT



Russ Pollitt, a genealogist, and Andy Miller, Columbus Metropolitan Library staff, meet with Nancy Beck and Edie Mae Herrel to discuss partnering with the BHS.

Your Bexley Historical Society's office and museum have been experiencing a hubbub of activity this year with visitors, small group tours, the Building Doctor program and other projects.

We have transferred to the cottage most of the artifacts, furniture, memorabilia, and files from the Jeffrey Mansion, where they had been stored for many years.

The office files are in the process of being reorganized. We now have a computer, scanner, and other equipment. The board of trustees is investigating the best software to keep

track of our collections and archives.

The second phase of the museum displays is being designed, with plans that it will be installed in time for Independence Day in 2009. The new exhibits are slated to include the story and artifacts of the Adena Indians who lived along Alum Creek, over 2,000 years ago, and photos, drawings, stories, and artifacts from both the Village of Bexley, which was founded in 1908, and Camp Bushnell, which was located near Drexel Circle in 1898.

We have received artifacts, photos, stories, and donations


from several people. Some of these generous donations are:

Photos, wedding dress, painting, yearbooks, and a scrapbook, from Ellen Klages.

Microwave oven for the cottage kitchen, from Jack Knauer and Barbara Hysell

Video camera for our interview projects, from Chris Pedon

Community photos and memories, from current and former Bexley residents.

Please enjoy the stories in this newsletter provided by Bernard Yenkin and Mayor John Brennan and .

Edie Mae Herrel

MEET OUR NEW TRUSTEES




Chris Pedon and Barbara Page Hauser

I am Barbara Page Hauser. I was born and raised in Bexley. I attended and graduated from Bexley. Following high school, I graduated from OSU with a degree in elementary education. My four children all went through the Bexley school system. Two of my children are raising their families here and my grandparents and parents were early residents of Bexley. Through the years, our family members, myself included, have served on many boards, committees, and organizations. The Bexley Historical Society offers me another opportunity to serve our very special community.

I am Carol Rich, a freelance writer who has lived in Bexley since 1980. I majored in history at George Washington University and have always been interested in learning about the past. I joined the Bexley Historical Society Board so I could help Bexley residents become more knowledgeable about their city's history and, as a result, see Bexley in a new way.

I am Chris Pedon, a Bexley person through and through, I was born here in 1963 and have lived here all my life, except for a short journey to The Ohio State University, where I graduated with a degree in Real Estate Finance in 1987. I married my High School sweetheart, also class of 1982,

Tammy Diehl. We have been married for seventeen years and have three boys now attending Bexley Schools—Logan, 14, Anders, 12, and Noah, 7. I am a believer in the Woody Hayes philosophy of "Pay Forward," which has kept me involved with our local community, through committee work, with the Bexley Celebrations Association, the Bexley Alumni Association, and now the Bexley Historical Society. I believe a community rich in history like Bexley deserves to have that history preserved. I hope to be an asset to the group and community through my service.



Carol Rich

I REMEMBER. . . BY BERNARD K. YENKIN

(Excerpts from Bernard K. Yenkin's The Little Main Street School)

In 1935 when we moved to 2188 Bryden Road, I started school at the Main Street School . . . a very special place—a fact that I did not comprehend until much later. While I was there, I did not think it was at all unusual that there were only three teachers for six grades, using just three classrooms. Nor did I think it was out of the ordinary to be sharing a desk with another pupil. These were the old fashioned desks with the bench seat. The desk top had a hole where the ink bottle fit. I will admit that double seating could get a bit

cramped if one's seat mate was a bit on the chunky side and perhaps sweaty after recess, but since I was always little, it mostly worked all right for me.

My first teacher, Mrs. Karch, taught 1st and 2nd grade and was a very nice lady. One day our class was told that she had died. Our new teacher was Miss Householder, also very nice. Miss Hummel taught 3rd and 4th grades and Mrs. Craig taught 5th and 6th. There were probably just 80 or 90 kids in the entire school. The Main Street School was one of Bexley's first schools but by the time I attended, it was the smallest

in the Bexley system.

You can imagine what a shock I had when the news came during the summer after 5th grade that the Main Street School was being closed. It was eventually torn down to make room for Capital University housing. There was not much thought to historic preservation at that time. The 6th grade for those kids who lived north of Main Street—that included me—would mean transferring to Cassingham School. ☞



Main Street School

I REMEMBER. . . BY MAYOR JOHN M. BRENNAN

My Uncle Buddy was employed by a downtown shoe factory. Every summer he would invite my family to his work party. The event took place at Norwood Amusement Park at Alum Creek and Main Street. I remember a

fun day of games, rides and food. Now, fifty years later, the site is Pump House Park.

Norwood Park had little cars, boats, a Ferris wheel, Dodge 'em, and a little train that ran into the wooded area. It also had games of chance, includ-

ing BB guns, Skee-ball and a Tilt-O-Whirl. The lower area, near the creek, had picnic tables and a shelter. ☞



Our mayor before he entered politics.

VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH GRANTS

Many of the Historical Society's projects are highlighted in this newsletter. Projects like a centennial history of Bexley, enhancements to our museum displays, and preserving, organizing, and providing access to our collections and

archives have one thing in common. They require an adequate, sustainable source of funding. For a non-profit membership organization like the Society, grants can be an important source of funds.

The Society needs volunteers to help seek and apply for

grants for our projects. If you have grant writing experience, please contact Connie Ostrove at costrove@yahoo.com or 614.507.9795. ☞

Do you have a memory to share?
 Download forms to send us your stories and photos from www.bexleyhistory.org
 or call our office at 614.559.4360.

The Bexley Historical Society

Museum at the Jeffrey Estate
Caretaker's Cottage
Open second Monday of each month
6:30 P.M.—8:00 P.M.
and by appointment

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Mission Statement

The Bexley Historical Society is an educational association. It seeks to promote interest and pride in the historical development of the community and in the accomplishments of its citizenry. It endeavors to research, assemble, preserve and publish a valuable storehouse of materials including artifacts, memorabilia, photographs, and genealogical records relevant to the heritage of the Bexley community.

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Senior Citizen \$15.00

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Name _____

Address _____ Year Home Built _____

Telephone No. _____ Email _____

Maiden name or family names with generations in Bexley* _____

I have a photo or other Bexley memorabilia to share* _____

I would like information about volunteering opportunities _____

*If needed, please use a separate sheet of paper to include your information

Make checks payable to: The Bexley Historical Society
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Thank you for your support.