

The Vintage

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Finishing up our 45th year with a bang, beginning with a program presented by our own Jay Adrick. Jay grew up in Indian Hill spending many exciting days hanging out with his grandfather at the Depot, back then a working Railroad Station. Jay will be presenting a program “The Cincinnati Columbus Street Railroad” at the Madeira Branch, Hamilton County Library on November 18th at 1 PM. Please attend, bring your friends for this very special program and support the society and our guest speaker Jay Adrick. The program is free. An open meeting of the society precedes the program beginning at 12:30 PM.

The Miller House Museum will be decorated for the Christmas Holidays, ready for your enjoyment. The last four dates to visit this year are November 4th and 19th, December 2nd and December 17th. We have invited our senior citizens to visit on December 17th. Our museum closes for the winter beginning on January 1st 2018 and reopens in April 2018.

Our annual Christmas Dinner will be held at the Kenwood Country club beginning at 6 PM on Wednesday, December 6, 2017. Our dinner and business meeting is open to Madeira Historical Society members, friends and neighbors. We were able to contain the cost, \$40.00 per guest, the same cost as last year’s dinner. Our evening includes entertainment provided by Madeira High School Choir Students, election of officers and board members, and the presentation of this years “Florence V. Hoffmann Award” presented to a person every other year that has made a special contribution to the society or our community. We hope to see all Madeira Historical Society members, your guests, friends and neighbors at our Christmas Dinner.

Your help will be appreciated as we begin the many activities planned for the year 2018. The Madeira Historical Society spends approximately \$10,000.00 each year operating the Miller House Museum. Expenses include utilities, insurance, maintenance and repairs, office supplies, printing cost (in house), cleaning supplies, Clothes Pins (every Madeira 1st grade student is gifted a clothes pin) and miscellaneous expenses. The society is dependent on volunteers, no one is on a payroll. The society now has investments exceeding \$190,000.00 due to a recent gift left in the estate of Florence V. Hoffmann. The society is restricted to the use of only dividends and interest derived from our investments. Financial gifts (tax deductible) of any amount will be appreciated and used wisely. Gifts can be brought to the dinner or can be sent to our Treasurer, Donna Lienhart, prior to the dinner.

The Chicken Coop restoration is progressing as expected, including securing the walls, a new concrete floor, new wall paneling, electric receptacles, lighting and much more. Boy Scout Nathan Born expects to show off the completed project next spring. Madeira Historical Society member Liz Frederick has been an adviser to Nathan's Eagle Scout project, and will announce a special community event when Nathan completes his Eagle project. Nearly a dozen Boy Scouts from Troop 209 have earned their Eagle Scout Medals completing projects at the Miller House. Liz is planning that we will have chickens residing in our completed **Coop**.

Madeira 1st and 3rd graders are special visitors at the Miller House each fall and this year was no exception. This program began more than ten years ago and provides hands on learning for both grade levels. Madeira's 1st grade school teachers created a program more than a decade ago with the help of society members Dona Brock and Shirley Seeger. The program was given the name, "Then and Now" The Miller House is well equipped with ample examples of what was "Then" and the teachers provide what is "Now". Our current Miller House Museum Director, Dianna Davis has continued to improve the visit for the 1st graders, assisted by many volunteer members of the society. The 3rd grade students are treated as more grown up, (they were the 1st graders two years earlier) they visit the cemetery and learn about chickens from "Farmer Liz". The students are fortunate that the society is able to provide highly qualified Madeira Historical Society members assisting in teaching the students important lessons in history. Go to our Website www.madeirahs.org to view pictures of their visit.

The First Watch Café fundraiser with a "Breakfast for Dinner" buffet was enjoyed by many of our members and guests. Thanks for everyone that participated and many thanks to the Madeira First Watch Café management for their generosity supporting our organization.

Serve the society as board members, officers or volunteer to help maintain the grounds, work with our docents, assist with the newsletter, become an assistant to our Museum Director, or be a volunteer when the students visit the Miller House. Call and leave a message 561-9069, email madeirahistoricalociety@gmail.com or talk to any Madeira Historical Society board member.

"The Last Word" from your President – As we wrap 2017 I want to thank everyone that has supported "your" organization. The Madeira Historical Society would not exist to preserve the history of Madeira, educate our visitors (especially the young Madeira students) and provide a wonderful Museum in the heart of Madeira without the thousands of volunteer hours contributed and your financial support for the Madeira Historical Society. We sincerely appreciate your continued support with membership, donations, Miller House Museum visits, volunteering and spreading the word about our organization.

Bob Bartlett,

President