

The Vintage

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Here we are, 46 years since we began, with just a handful of Madeira residents and their dream, an organization, the Madeira Historical Society, created to preserve the history of our community. Our responsibilities have changed, we have the Miller House Museum, an acre and a half of landscaped grounds, and we are providing educational programs for residents of all ages. We are the depository for Madeira historical documents, photos, the history of individuals, families, schools, churches, present and past Madeira businesses. All this, still with volunteers.

Recap of 2017, our 46th year was another excellent year for the Madeira Historical Society, beginning with the hundreds of volunteer hours provided by many residents living in our community. Our volunteers, served as museum greeters at the Miller House, “teachers” of history when the Madeira 1st and 3rd-grade students visited the Miller House, students and adults volunteered to help keep our grounds presentable, Boy Scouts from Troop 209 worked on the restoration of our chicken coop. We became more financially stable last year and are optimistic that friends of the society will continue to be supportive as we begin 2018. Special thanks to our outgoing president Bob Bartlett and outgoing vice president Tom Frietch, both will continue to be active society members.

We ended 2017 at the Kenwood Country Club another well-attended Christmas dinner and business meeting. As in other years, we were grateful for the donations from our local Kroger store, entertainment by the Madeira Senior Choir, and the outstanding dinner and service provided at the Kenwood Country Club. A highlight of the evening was the election of officers and board members. Doug Oppenheimer, President, Morgan Smith, Vice President, Donna Lienhart, Treasurer, Suzanne Floyd, Corresponding Secretary, Board members, Bob Bartlett, Tom Frietch, Todd Woellner, Jan Smith, Liz Frederick, Dianna Davis, and Les LeFevre. Thanks to all in attendance.

A gratitude of thanks, goes out to Dianna Davis, serving as our first Museum Director. She volunteered for this position which required an untold number of hours. Dianna has resigned as Museum Director spending more time with her grandchildren but is looking forward to continuing as an active member of our board and has agreed to help The Society as we begin the process of finding her replacement. Dianne

exemplifies the quality of people involved in The Society. If you are interested in the position of Museum Director, please call Doug Oppenheimer at 513-240-4348.

2018 Previewed, included with your newsletter is the 2018 Madeira Historical Society Calendar. Your board is looking forward to your participation as a volunteer, serving on a committee, assisting the society with a financial contribution or attending or even helping with our various events. We especially hope to see you on March 25th at Ferrari's Little Italy from 4-9 PM. Ferrari's is always generous donating a percentage of the dinner proceeds back to the society. We need many volunteers at the Miller House on Saturday, March 17th from 9-1 AM helping with the annual grounds cleanup, bring your leaf rake and gloves. Jim Labarbara will present our first "Hosbrook History Files" program at the Madeira Public Library, "The Music Processor" on March 10th beginning at 1 PM, one of four programs this year in cooperation with the Madeira Branch Hamilton County Library. Our first membership meeting will precede the March 10th program, beginning at 12 PM. We will present our nominee for Recording Secretary Steve Ballman. Please attend. Our first Miller House Museum "open house" Saturday, April 7th from 1 PM until 4 PM.

Our Website, if you have a computer and access to the internet, please visit our Website, madeirahistoricalsociety.org. This website is your place to go for upcoming events, Madeira stories by Regina Villiers, Treasurers reports, newsletters, photos of recent Society events and much more. If you don't have access to our Website, please let us know, call 561 9069 and leave a message. We will make sure that all of our members remain informed of Society events and everyday society news.

Save the date, April 7, 2018 - Miller House greeter training, two sessions. If you have ever thought about volunteering as a museum greeter at the Miller House, but thought that you weren't qualified to think again, now is your chance! Dianna Davis our first "Volunteer Coordinator" along with Doug Oppenheimer and Les LeFevre will conduct greeter training. Dianna will provide you with fact sheets and all the pointers needed, all you need is enthusiasm, interest, and desire, telling the Miller House story. To sign up for one of the training sessions or to learn more, please contact Dianna Davis at 513-235-1576. We are looking forward to spending a fun afternoon in your company at the Miller House.

Thank You for Supporting the Madeira Historical Society, 46 Years Strong!