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*The end of 2019 is fast approaching and what a year it's been, thanks mostly because of a great group of Board Members, Officers, our Museum Director, our new Librarian, and a supporting cast of hundreds, (Madeira Historical Society Membership). Next year 2020 will officially be the end of our 48<sup>th</sup> year as a society and the beginning of year 49. From our humble beginnings, managing the Madeira Depot, monthly meetings in the Sellman School Library, providing the Bronze Markers in front of the three historic properties in Downtown Madeira, and protesting the tearing down of the Muchmore Barn. Beginning in 1998 the society looked toward new horizons, Elizabeth Miller gave us her home and most of the surrounding acreage. She had a vision that the Society would convert her home into a Museum that would be for the benefit of our community, and beyond. If Elizabeth were here, I am certain that she would be wildly surprised, and pleased that an organization with mostly amateurs, sometimes without all of the necessary funding, could create a museum so appreciated. The "Miller House" was the most appropriate name for our Museum, **Thank You, Elizabeth!***

***Our Annual Business Meeting and Christmas Dinner** will be held on December 18<sup>th</sup> at the Kenwood Country Club beginning at 6:30 PM. Invitations have been sent out to members and other friends of the society. Our dinner and meeting are open to the public, so we encourage you to invite your friends and neighbors. The cost for the entire evening per attendee is only \$44.00. If you did not receive your invitation or would like to add attendees, please call our office at 513-561-9069.*

***Elections To be Held At Our December Meeting**, you are encouraged to vote when attending our December meeting, but your Board and Officers have decided that those not able to be at the December meeting can instead vote by U.S. mail. Enclosed is a ballot, and a return envelope allowing all paid members to participate in our election. The Nominating Committee has nominated the following candidates, (TBE-to be elected).*

*President, **Steve Ballman** TBE / Vice President, **Tim Brock** TBE / Treasurer, **Donna Lienhart** / Communications Secretary, **Suzy Floyd** / Recording Secretary, (in need of) / Board Member, **Douglas Oppenheimer** TBE / Board Member, **Bob Bartlett**, TBE / Board Member, **Liz Frederick** / Board Member, **Tom Frietch** TBE / Board Member, **Les LeFevre** / Board Member, **Todd Woellner** TBE / Board Member, **Carol Heck** TBE.*

***Bit of information**, our next President and Vice President both grew up in Madeira and were Madeira classmates all through school. Tim Brock is the son of Roscoe and Dona Brock, Dona*

was an Ayers and also went through Madeira Schools. Dona was our second Miller House Curator. The Madeira Historical Society will be in "GOOD HANDS".

**Reminder**, please keep the society in mind if you are considering any end of the year "giving", our current investments are wisely invested providing annual dividends.

**You don't want to miss this**, "The Siege of Cincinnati" presented by Chris Burns. The program will be held at the Madeira Library on Saturday 11/16/19 beginning at 1 PM. Following our open meeting that begins at 12 PM. There is no admission charge but donations are welcome. Chris Burns is a Civil War Historian and lifelong Cincinnati resident. Since 2000, Mr. Burns has been conducting research for an upcoming book about Ulysses S. Grant with noted Historian Dr. James A. Ramage. Chris has a passion for linking the past to the present and bringing history to life.

**Photo**, left, for more than a decade Madeira First Graders have been at the Miller House participating in the, Then & Now History Classes, Members of the society assist, teaching the children about past and present history. Society member Carol Heck is standing with one of six first grade classes, in front of the Miller House.

**Photo**, right, the society hosted for the second time since 1972 a program, in October, where members of our community could share their Madeira memories, growing up and attending school in Madeira. The event was recorded and is expected to be posted on our Website [madeirahs.org](http://madeirahs.org). Left to right, Les LeFevre, Bill Case, Jim Schmid, Bob Wick, Jim Decatur, Richard Meyer, Joe Witschger, and seated is Carol "Klenk" Heck.



*For the past 48 years it has been my pleasure and honor serving the Madeira Historical Society, and I'm looking forward to next year when the torch is passed on to a new generation. That means that my role may be one of mentoring and helping others learn what I have learned over the past 48 years. The society and membership has much to look forward too.*

*Douglas Oppenheimer, President*