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Chesterfield Township Historical Society

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Euchre Tournament

Sunday

March 19th

New Baltimore VFW
Hall (in the Cove) on
23 Mile Road.

Advance Tix-
\$10.00

At the door-
\$15.00

Light lunch and
refreshments will be
served!

25 cents per Euchre

Doors-2:30 pm

Cards-3 to 6 pm

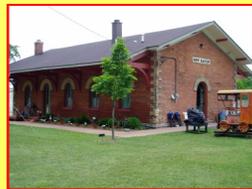
*\$10 gift donations
needed! (Bring to
March meeting)*

Next Meetings:
March 7th
April 4th
May 2nd

Chesterfield Township Historical Society 2006 Programs

Future programs for
the Chesterfield Histor-
ical Society in 2006 in-
clude:

March 7th-Billie Hen-
ning of the Macomb
Historical Society will
present a program on
the Interurban Rail-
roads, which connect-
ed all of Macomb's
small towns and villag-
es during the late



1800's and early
1900's. (See page 2 for
more information!)

April 4th-Marilyn
Kaake, George Drake,
and new member Jo-
anne Johnson will pre-
sent the book reprint
"Reflections of a
Unique Village" as well
as discuss New Haven
history in general and
in particular talk about
the restoral of the New
Haven Depot.

May 2nd-Bob Mack
will feature a local his-
torical slide show from
his collection.

June 6th-Michael Dix-
on will present a pro-
gram based on his
book "Motormen &
Yachting." He will dis-
cuss how early marine
engines were instru-
mental in Detroit's au-
tomotive revolution of
the late 19th and early
20th centuries.



Last Chance to Pay Dues at Old Rate!

It was decided at the
January meeting to up-
date our dues schedule
for the Chesterfield His-
torical Society. This fol-
lowed a report by the
Membership Committee.
They recommended that
we instill a system to

reward businesses that
support us. The addi-
tions and changes in-
clude:

Membership Rates

Student-\$5.00

Individual-\$15.00

Family-\$25.00

Business-\$30.00

Individual Life-\$100.00

Family Life-\$150.00

We have also estab-
lished levels of recogni-
tion for businesses who
contribute to the socie-
ty. (Cont'd on pg. 2)



Euchre on Sunday!

It was a varied and festive crowd that met at the VFW hall last Sunday, February 19th for the society's euchre tournament. Thanks again to Dolly who did a lot of publicity for the event. Everyone had a great time-check out the next one Sunday, March 19th!

Name the Newsletter!

It was suggested at the January 3rd meeting that we have a contest to name the newsletter! We have had a few entries so far, but will keep it open until March. I am sure we will have some kind of valuable prize to award to the winner!

Some suggestions would be to perhaps use something nautical, as befits our location on Anchor Bay, or something to do with history. Perhaps a name that celebrates something local is out there. Anyways, send your entry to:

chesterfieldhistory@yahoo.org or phone (586) 948-0604 (Alan's number) or (586) 949-3230 (George F.) with your entry. Be sure to tell us who is making the suggestion. We wouldn't want to give the valuable prize to the wrong person!

New Membership Rates (cont'd from page one)

These levels include:

- \$500.00 to \$999.99-Bronze Level Plaque**
- \$1000.00 to \$2499.99-Silver Level Plaque**
- \$2500.00 +-Gold Level Plaque.**

Dues can still be paid before (and during) the March meeting at the old rates. Also, you can pay your dues by dropping off your check or cash to George Furton's office, Furton Realty, on Gratiot at 22 Mile Road. If you have any questions, please call (586) 949-3230.

DUR-The Interurban Railroad

Billie Henning of the Macomb County Historical Society will be talking to the Chesterfield Historical membership at the regular meeting next March 2nd. Her topic will be the interurban railroads of Macomb County. If you wanted to go to Richmond or Port Huron, wouldn't it be nice to just jump on the train to get there? Well it was possible way back in the early 1900's to do just that! Most of the early interurban railroad cars looked like streetcar vehicles. Many of us have probably seen old interurban tracks, either out in the middle of nowhere, or in the middle of an old street.



Chesterfield Historical Society News and Notes



We were very happy to receive many items from Tom and Marla Friedeman, including a stove which has already been put into the log cabin. It is from the farmhouse at 25 Mile and Bates which has been condemned by Chesterfield Township. We of the his-

torical society are doing our best to preserve the property. The house contains many antiques and treasures that members George Deeby, Deb Walsh, and Roy Rivard are trying to save. At the side of the house is an old building that Mr. Friedeman told us was

once a blacksmith shop! Inside there is equipment including anvils, hammers, and horseshoes that indicate its past. More on this to follow...

We have also received from Keith Pionk:

5 wooden entry doors from the Trinity property.

A 5-shade, operational cor-

Late breaking FLASH! Due chiefly to the efforts of George Deeby, the Friedeman farm has been given a 6-month reprieve from being torn down. Secretary Deb Walsh is presently helping to catalog the many historical items within the farmhouse.

Chesterfield Archive Group Forms

On January 7th of 2006, a group of historical society members met with representatives of the Chesterfield Township Public Library to discuss the possibilities of having an archival storage area in the library for historical documents and artifacts of the Chesterfield Twp. Historical Society. We have accumulated a number of items which are presently being stored in George's garage, Don Howitt's basement, and Burr Tucker's extra room. Of course these are not the ideal storage areas since 1) we are unable to monitor deterioration of the items and otherwise preserve them in the best way possible, and 2), the items are not able to be used or otherwise viewed by researchers, historians, or the general public.

The library has very graciously allowed us space to store the materials-everyone with items that have been donated to the historical society are asked to take them to the library. We will be getting a special cabinet as well as archival storage boxes. The humidity in the area where we will be storing things is the ideal 35 relative humidity! We will also be able to put together a catalog of our items for easier reference.

Attending the meeting were Library Director Midge Lusardi, Kathy and Duane Vosburg, George Furton, Mary Darden, Deb Walsh, Joanne Johnson, and Alan Naldrett. Also discussed was digitizing photos to be used in the "Digital Library" contained within the library book catalog online. Alan, Deb, Duane and probably Lynn Minor will look into taking the digital photo training provided by the Suburban Library Co-op.



Welcome New Members!

We'd like to welcome our newest members, Joanne Johnson and Tom and Marla Friedman! Joanne Johnson, as many are aware, is a librarian at the Chesterfield Twp. Public Li-

brary, and she has in the past been associated with the Detroit Public Library as well as the library in New Haven. She will be helping with our archiving projects in the society.

Tom and Marla Friedeman have recently donated a number of items to us including a stove and other antiques. There will be more on this in the coming months as we are trying to save and preserve the historical farm that they own.

Upcoming Historical Events

March 25th-**Motor Cities Heritage** event-at the John Lewis Bldg. at Macomb Community College from 9am to 3pm. Admission is \$10.00, public invited.

St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance

Benefiting the Clinton Grove House Preservation Project-Friday, March 17th (St. Patrick's Day). Partridge Creek Banquet and Conference Center at 43843 Romeo Plank Road (South of Hall Rd. in Clinton Twp.) Open Bar 6 PM and Dinner at 7 PM-Family Style Irish Meal Provided by Andiamo's with Corned Beef and Cabbage, Cod and Potatoes, Salad and Dessert. Festivities include a silent Auction and a disc Jockey. Tickets are \$50 each and are available at the Clinton Twp. Supervisor's Office, or by calling 586-677-7069, Ext. 3. Visit www.ctwphc.org or www.clintontwphistory.org . Donations welcome for silent auction. Ad space available in event program. Tax Deductible.

Octagon House

Mad Hatter Magic Tea
Saturday, March 11, 11:30
Enjoy a 4 course tea, wear your favorite hat, our Magician will visit your table, browse our Gift shop and tour the historic Octagon House. by reservation only-cost \$18.00 adults, \$15.00 Members and children, Call 586-254-0989 for reservations profits to benefit the "Save the Barn" campaign.

Antique Pedal Car display
Sundays, March 12 and 26,
noon-4:00
\$4.00, Members and 4 and under FREE
Vintage pedal cars on display on all floors of the Octagon House tour the House, browse our gift shop. Refreshments available.

Please send all submissions, additions, and corrections to
Chesterfieldhistory@yahoo.com

Whatever Happened to Heart, MI.?

Hart, also known as Heart, was one of the earliest settlements in the Chesterfield Township area and was located in "section 7" off Chesterfield Rd. Virtually no buildings or ruins exist from what was Hart except Hart Cemetery, aka Chesterfield Cemetery on Chesterfield Rd., pictured below. Most of the graves, especially near the back of the cemetery, are from the very early days of Michigan statehood, the 1830's (Michigan became a state in 1835). This settlement had a post office from March 21, 1837 until September 22, 1838, with Jenison F. Glazier as the postmaster. Little else is known about this rural village once located in our township-if you have any other information, please e-mail it to chesterfieldhistory@yahoo.com.



So which one is it?

**Chesterfield Twp.
Historical Society :**
President-
Eileen Rivard
Vice-President-
Roy Rivard
Recording Secretary-
Kathy Vosburg
Correspondence Secretary-
Deb Walsh
Treasurer-
Mary K. Darden
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George Deeby
Janine Smith
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Deb Walsh