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THE PRESIDENT'S NEWSLETTER

Greetings Friends:

Permit me to greet you all again by means of this newsletter. Here is some late news about your Society, its hard working Officers, Board of Directors, and Committee Chairmen.

Our excellent Librarian, Mrs. Elsie Wilson, will not be able to fulfill her duties as librarian in the future because just recently she became a guest in the Greisenheim German Home located in the Catonsville area. She will be greatly missed by all her friends. Not only was Mrs. Wilson an excellent librarian, but her zeal and energy made her a valuable committee chairman and an integral part of our society's structure. It now becomes my task, as President, to name her successor and I am open to suggestion from the membership. Do not hesitate to write or phone me (VA 3-4686) if any of you have a nominee or suggestion.

Our Society has again been asked by the management of TIMONIUM FAIR to participate and to operate a booth. You will remember that last year was our first as participant and we won first prize and the blue ribbon. Not bad for a starter. It is an honor to be asked again, and your Board has accepted. We will have a booth at Timonium AUGUST 31 to SEPT. 9 in a first rate location - right in the center of the Exhibition Hall (as last year). We will concentrate on the drive for publicizing our efforts to save FORT GARRISON; have a farm implement display with the good help of Mr. Ross Pearce, Chairman of our Farm Museum; and a display of archeological material from Fort Garrison under the supervision of Director John Sprinkle.

The following is the format of general membership meetings of our Society for 1964-65 season:

SEPTEMBER - This will be Sunday afternoon (2:30 PM) SEPT. 20. Your President who is a professional lecturer, radio & TV commentator, as well as symphony orchestra conductor will (with your permission) be the speaker. I'll be telling you some interesting facts about the HISTORY OF MUSIC IN MARYLAND. This should be a fast moving, breezy, afternoon which will afford our members a cultural and educational delineation of some of Maryland's musical history.

OCTOBER - Delighted to report that Mr. Wilson Herrera will be chairman of the TOUR. Mr. Herrera has always guided us expertly on the many tours we have taken - this one will be to MY LADY'S MANOR. Plans will become definite soon and all will be notified we hope to have lunch on tour day (SAT. OCTOBER 10) at St. James Episcopal Church Hall.

NOVEMBER - A marvelous meeting is in store - Chairman will be Mrs. Mary Dorsey Leonard one of our talented members. Mrs. Leonard is not only a superb penwoman but also a magnificent artist. This will be a ONE WOMAN SHOW of Mrs. Leonard's art. She is busy getting together examples of her paintings from her many friends (who now own the pictures) and there should be an exciting group of her best artistic efforts for us to see and enjoy. Mrs. Leonard will also secure an interesting guest speaker for the afternoon. Toulouse Lautrec's father always discounted his son's ability - it was only on Lautrec's deathbed that his father said to him that he "supposed he had some talent " since some of his works were to hang in the Louvre. So many fine artists go through life without the opportunity to show their wares that it gives me great pleasure to say not only to Mrs. Leonard but also to our other fine members whose talents need not be hidden that your Society is delighted to be a sounding board for the exposition of talent.

DECEMBER - Sunday DEC. 6 - Christmas OPEN HOUSE - our beautiful annual affair with decorations - and we hope as in the past - hundreds of guests. Now this year those guests will be asked to join - MEMBERSHIP DRIVE in the hall will take place.

JANUARY 1965 - Director Miss Frances Offutt, Chairman. This interesting program, under Miss Offutt's direction, will concern itself with SOLDIER'S DELIGHT PARK. It will be on a Sunday afternoon and an interesting GUEST SPEAKER will be invited by Miss Offutt to tell us about the happenings concerning SOLDIER'S DELIGHT.

MARCH - Sunday March 21 - Miss Matilda Lacey, Chairman. Miss Lacey, one of the hardest working members, has done a tremendous job with the SITES Committee and our markers. She informs me that her guest speaker on this day will be Dr. Wilbur M. Hunter and his topic will be "PRESERVATION FOR WHAT?" I'd like to know his answer as would many of us so we'll remember to be present.

APRIL - Tuesday April 20 - an evening meeting - We hope to have a served dinner at a restaurant to be decided. Installation of new officers (I will exit as President then). Mr. Charles Beasman will show his beautiful slides of Baltimore County. President's annual report will be given (in an interesting manner, I hope) and all should enjoy the meeting.

MAY - To raise money for the society - we hope to have an AUCTION SALE. This should be very very interesting. We hope to have a professional auctioneer and some good material to auction off - more about this as time goes along.

JUNE - Dr. Mary Braun, Chairman. Guest Speaker will be from the National Society of Colonial Dames of America (in Maryland). Dr. Braun always works so diligently for us as chairman of refreshments (with Miss Lillian Braun and others) and she has told me that this guest speaker should prove to be worthy of our attention. We look forward to it.

NOW - 2 final thoughts -

1) Help us SAVE FORT GARRISON - by now you have the folder which explains what we are trying to do. We have no professional help - no big time Charlies with Madison Avenue offices in New York directing fabulous monetary campaigns - all donations will be returned to you if we do not make our quota which is \$50,000 by mid OCTOBER.

2) Secure a new member for the Baltimore County Historical Society today. Keep us in your thoughts always. Soon our museums will be open to the public on a regular basis. A paid guide will be on duty to see that things run smoothly. We need funds to operate. Over and beyond your dues paying - please donate a little extra RIGHT NOW and mail your check to BALTIMORE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, Cockeysville, Maryland. (Tax deductible you know !)

Drop in to see us at Timonium Fair - attend the general membership meetings as outlined above and help us in thought, word and deed.

Sincerely yours,

William Sebastian Hart