

HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

NEWSLETTER

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HSBC ELECTS NEW DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

From the former President...

As my term as President of the HSBC Board of Directors ends, I would like to thank the staff, members, volunteers, and Board for your strong support, your dedication to the HSBC mission, and your willingness to take on any challenge. I feel blessed to have worked side by side with such a devoted group of people.

It is with great enthusiasm that I introduce the recently elected officers, and directors.

The HSBC's new Board President, Glenn Johnston, Ph.D., is an Adjunct Professor of History at Stevenson University (formerly Villa Julie College). Glenn has worked with the National Park Service at Manhattan's Federal Hall, and with Richmond Town Restoration, Staten Island, New York. He holds a B.A. in Middle Eastern Studies, a M.A. from SUNY Buffalo in Geographic Information Systems, a M.S. in Secondary Social Studies from Niagara University of New York, and a Ph.D. in Education from the University of North Texas. Glenn is also a former U.S. Army cavalry officer.

Newly elected Vice-President Phyllis Bailey is retired from Baltimore County Public Schools where she served in a variety of positions including Coordinator of Planning and Outcomes, Associate Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, and Executive Director of Special Programs. During that time she was also an active member and chair of the education committee of the Maryland Historical Society.

In addition to these new officers I would like to welcome Diedra Beck, Ann Kolakowski, and Mary Katherine Scheeler to the Board of Directors.

Barbara Yingling
Board President 2006-2008

Message from the President...

Few historical society presidents are lucky enough to preside at a time which includes the 350th anniversary of their county as well as a major anniversary of the historical society itself. Following in the footsteps of a president who did so much for the historical society, and blessed with a board which is as dynamic as it is committed to success, I consider HSBC well positioned for the coming year. Our ultimate success, however, will depend in great part not on the president or the board but, instead, on our Society's members. We need your help, we need your understanding, and we need your thoughts.

We need your help in terms of support for our fundraisers, relocation needs, and requests for volunteers. We need your understanding in terms of our diminished capacity to serve the public as we pack and prepare for our move. Finally, we need your thoughts both in terms of the membership survey we will be sending to each of you this year and your individual thoughts regarding the programs you believe we should be providing for your continued interest and enjoyment.

With your help, understanding, and thoughts, we can put the Society on a sounder financial footing, successfully move our operations to their new location, keep the public informed of our operations, and develop a program which is representative of the entire County and second to none. In the end, our success will largely be determined by you. I look forward to working with you and our board in order to make this year—our County's 350th—a fun, exciting, and memorable experience.

Glenn T. Johnston
Incoming HSBC Board President, 2008 -

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- *New Board President and Vice-President*
- *Shrimp Feast Fundraiser*
- *HSBC's 50th Anniversary*
- *Moving and Library News*
- *New Volunteers*
- *History Trails Praise*
- *New Members*

GOOD TIME FOR ALL AT THE UPCOMING SHRIMP FEAST

Come join us at the second annual Shrimp Feast on Friday, September 12, 2008. There will be wonderful food, great music for dancing, a silent auction with a wide variety of items, raffles, and door prizes. Bring your family and friends. It's a great way to start off the fall season and you'll be helping to support HSBC (a 501(c)3 non-profit organization.)

Shrimp Feast tickets are \$35.00 per person. Reserved seating is available for tables of 10.

Again this year, we are offering a raffle for two domestic Air Tran tickets as well as a 50-50 raffle. The cost for either raffle is \$2.00 per ticket or 3 tickets for \$5.00. Call Adam at 410-666-1878 or email bchistory@verizon.net to get your tickets.

We welcome any donations for the silent auction from individuals or businesses. Suggestions – tickets to sports events, theater productions, BSO tickets, dinners at local restaurants, gift certificates, getaways at area resorts, jewelry, etc. Our website lists donations to date, and is regularly updated (www.hsobc.org).

Please ask your local businesses if they would help support a local nonprofit by becoming a sponsor, or buying a table for 10, or making a donation for the auction. Adam can provide you with a form letter on HSBC letterhead to use when requesting donations. For more information, call Jane Michael at 410-689-6895 or email jwmichael@verizon.net.

HSBC TO MARK 50TH ANNIVERSARY IN 2009

On 13 January 1959, three women interested in local history met with representatives of the Maryland Historical Society to discuss forming a local organization to collect and preserve items of historical interest to Baltimore County. Following this preliminary discussion, 28 people attended the first formal meeting of the Baltimore County Historical Society (as it was then known) on 7 February 1959 at the Fire Department Headquarters in Towson. (Visit www.hsobc.org/charter.html to see the names of the Baltimore County residents attending that first meeting.)

To celebrate this significant milestone in our history, we need a volunteer to chair the HSBC 50th Anniversary Committee. The volunteer would be responsible for recruiting additional Committee members and planning an anniversary event and related activities. The Publicity and Program Committees will provide assistance and support.

We can't have a celebration without an anniversary committee—please volunteer today! Call Ann Blouse at 410-661-8629, email blouse@earthlink.net, or call Adam at HSBC.

THE MOVE

Tim Dugan and Bud Cornell are gathering cost estimates for work to be done in the East Wing that is the responsibility of HSBC (e.g., lighting, window coverings, carpeting, paint) and plan to have all work estimated by the August 12 Board meeting. We have not yet heard from Baltimore County regarding their timeline for completing their work in the East Wing, which must be completed before we can begin our work.



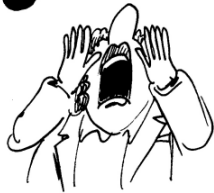
LIBRARY NEWS

Don Ruhl and his son Mark recently built and donated a wooden book cart to the library. This wonderful gift has already been useful for our cataloging project and will be a great help when we move.

The library needs volunteers to assist in the reorganization of the vertical files in preparation for indexing their contents in our searchable database.

WELCOME NEW HSBC VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers!



- Jackie Charrier (Library - Imaging and Digitalizing)
- Nina Chollet (Library - Genealogy Files)
- Miles Cole (Library - History Files)
- Sharon Leggin (Library - Genealogy Files)
- Rhett Murphy (Collections - Cataloging)
- Leanna Richardson (Collections - Cataloging)
- Phil Kadis (Administration - Bookkeeping)

PRAISE FOR HISTORY TRAILS

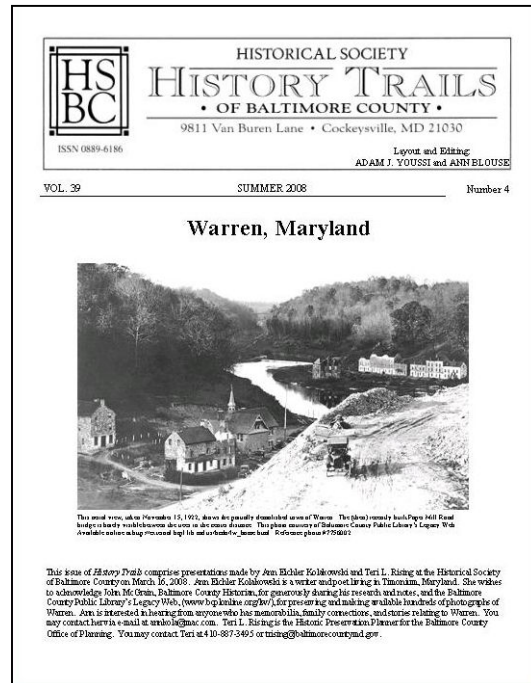
John Schmidt, a member living in Tallahassee, Florida, wrote us this note after reading volume 39, number 4, on the town of Warren, MD.

“I just received the HT issue #4...I have never heard of Warren, Md and had not [a] particular reason to be interested—but once I started I could not put it down. A very fascinating history piece of Md and the folks there in Warren. I guess it is just that so much of what I read on Baltimore County history is fascinating because there is “always” some family name in the article. This one on Warren had—Ensor, Lemmon, Talbott, Todd, and Cole. ALL names of folks on my mother’s family that lived in that area—Chilcoat, Yeatman, Benson and all the marriages into those in that area.

Thanks again for your fine work at the BCHS. I appreciate being a member.”

John says that anyone with information on any of the family names mentioned above can contact him at jeschmidtjr@comcast.net.

(Additional copies of History Trails are only \$5 each.)



NEW HSBC MEMBERS

- Ms. Kathleen Toskes of Baltimore, MD
- Mr. Jack Dillon of Towson, MD
- Mr. William M. Cole of Cockeysville, MD
- Mr. Bill Barry of Baltimore, MD
- Mr. Chris Tallevast of Baltimore, MD
- Mr. Glenn C. Spamer of Baltimore, MD
- Ms. Diedra Beck of Baltimore, MD
- Mr. Steve Turnbaugh of Timonium, MD
- Mr. & Mrs. David Ettinger of Timonium, MD
- Ms. Betty Lou Michelman of Fort Myers Beach, FL
- Mrs. Betty Hohlbein of Las Cruces, NM
- Mr. David M. Smith of Monkton, MD
- Ms. Joan Gumprich of Lynchberg, VA



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PRESENT AND FUTURE

CALENDAR OF EVENTS (NEXT 3 MONTHS)

August 2008

Tuesday, August 12, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. HSBC Board meeting - members are welcome to attend.

Saturday, August 16, 2008 from 1:30 - 4:30 p.m. "How Historians 'Do' History." Workshop limited to 8 participants. \$15 for HSBC members, \$25 for non-members.

Sunday, August 17 through Monday September 1, 2008. The HSBC will be closed for a summer recess.

September 2008

Tuesday, September 9, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. HSBC Board meeting - members welcome.

Friday, September 12, 2008 from 7 p.m. to midnight. Second Annual HSBC Shrimp Feast and Fundraiser. Enjoy a buffet, open bar, silent auction, games of chance, raffles, music, and dancing. \$35 per ticket.

Sunday, September 28, 2008 from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. "The History Expedition: A Blueprint for Teaching History By Doing History." Learn how to run successful

community-based, cooperative, group investigations in history. Free to HSBC members, non-member are \$5 per person.

October 2008

Tuesday, October 13, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. Board meeting - members welcome to attend.

Saturday, October 18, 2008 noon to 4:00 p.m. Maryland Miniatures Unlimited Exhibit. Free for HSBC and MMU members, and children under 12. Non-member are \$5, children 12-18 are \$2.

Sunday, October 19, 2008 from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. "Current Historical Research in the Greenspring Valley." Find out about the history of Greenspring Valley as well as recent scholarship regarding the area. Free to HSBC members; non-members are \$5 per



All events are held at the Almshouse in Cockeysville, MD unless otherwise stated.

Hours: Tues. - Sat. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.