

HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

"The Historical Society of Baltimore County collects, preserves, and interprets the rich history of Baltimore County for the education and enjoyment of present and future generations."

*HSBC Mission Statement
Revised November 13, 2007*

The year of 2008 will bring the HSBC change, challenge, and opportunities as we work to achieve our mission with our very limited resources. The biggest change, and challenge, will be to move all of the HSBC's collections and operations that are now in the "library" wing of the Almshouse into the "museum" wing. As mentioned in the May 2007 *Newsletter*, Baltimore County asked the HSBC to consolidate its space in exchange for County payment of all utilities, maintenance, and repairs to the building—which had been a horrific drain on our limited financial resources. Fiscal prudence necessitates our agreement to move. Moving to a smaller space is difficult for anyone, but it is especially challenging for the Society because

our collections and library have expanded over the years.

We received the suggested space plan from the County's consultant in November. We then used a 16-point checklist to examine each of the rooms assigned to the HSBC in the "museum" wing in order to document which of our items need to be moved from their current locations to interim storage. Melissa and her volunteers have been working steadily to record and pack the collections for storage.

We also began identifying the modifications necessary before the spaces can be put to our future uses (e.g., new wiring and/or electrical outlets, lighting, painting, floor coverings, etc).

Late last year we had a clean-out day of items in the basement and filled the on-site dumpster and arranged for another dumpster or pickup by the County. Some useless office furniture and other non-collection items were marked for discard. We sold many of the holiday

decorations from past years at the Timonium flea market and took in \$115. Finally, we donated all of the children's books and toys from the Gift Shop to the 2007 Toys for Tots campaign.

Currently, we are working to revise the floor plan submitted by the County consultant for the optimum use of available space and developing a comprehensive, detailed work plan for sequence of activities preparatory to and including the actual move. The County must resolve several facility problems (e.g., an above-floor pipe in the basement outside of the elevator) before we can finalize the schedule.

We could not have done any of this planning work without the lead efforts of one particular member of our Board of Directors—Tim Dugan. He has prepared numerous detailed planning documents, including a comprehensive list of specifications for our space needs (submitted to the County prior to the consultant visits); the 16-point checklist mentioned above; and the

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *President's Message and Library relocation plans.*
- *Financial Summary*
- *New Books!*
- *Wish List*
- *Register Correction*
- *Plea for E-mails*
- *New Members*
- *Calendar of Events*

detailed work plan for the move. Most importantly, however, he prepared a new set of floor plans after discovering that the measurements used by the consultant were not always reliable and the proposed layouts not always functional. This involved measuring all the rooms, windows, radiators, etc, as well as all of our furniture, etc. He has also agreed to carry primary responsibility as liaison with the County. Thanks, Tim!

At some point in the spring, we anticipate closing the library for at least one week to facilitate the move to the other wing of the building.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

Future newsletters will keep you updated on plans and our needs for volunteers and other resources.

We remain optimistic about the future of the HSBC. We are transitioning from a dual

-purpose organization into one that will feature, at least for the immediate future, our broad Research Center function. We will, however, still have a good amount of floor space available for future mu-

seum exhibits. We are carefully retaining all of the historically important objects donated to the Society during the past half-century. As our energies are renewed after the exertions of The

Move, we will be able to shift to considering—and asking for members' ideas on—how best to resume our museum functions.

Barbara Yingling
HSBC Board President



FINANCIAL SUMMARY REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2007

We have just received our independent auditors' report for fiscal year 2007. The summary is as follows:

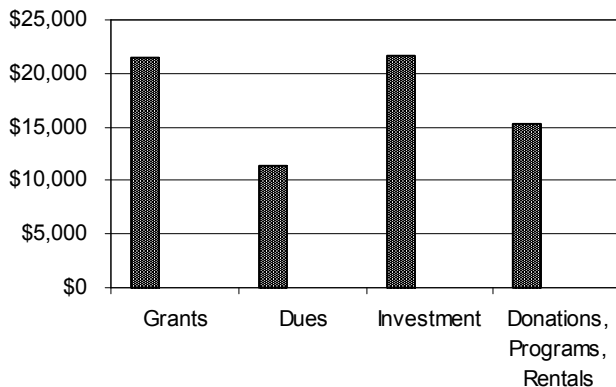
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Total Expenses = \$112,635

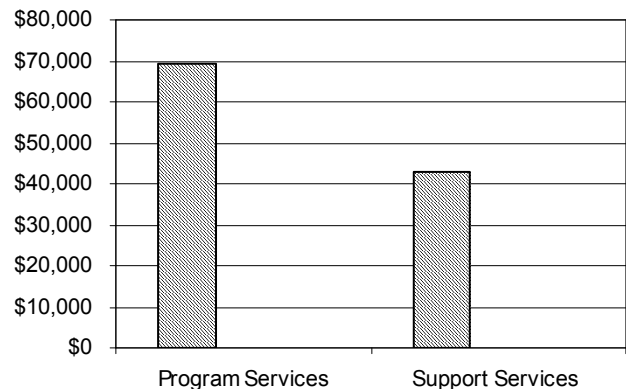
Comparable figures from 2006 were Total Support and Revenue--\$79,462 and Total Expenses--\$181,896. We have reduced our expenses by 38 percent but continue to operate at a deficit.

The HSBC investment account totaled \$112,563 as of June 30, 2007, compared to \$152,912 on June 30, 2006. It is from this account that we draw cash to make up our operating deficit.

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NEW BOOKS

Thanks to everyone who donated books to the library since the November Newsletter. Of special note is the donation of Jim Holechek's newly published book, *Henry Perky: The Shredded Wheat King*, which he donated along with all of his research materials.

Divided Loyalties: The Border States of the Upper South: Delaware, Maryland, West Virginia, Kentucky, and Missouri: Their Cultural Heritage and Divided Civil War Loyalties / by Jack T. Hutchinson. **F217.B67 H88 2005**

Plantation to Mill: The Gambrill Family in Maryland History / Tracy Matthew Melton. **CS71.G192 M24 2007**

Sidelights 1950, 51, 53-1960 (Towson High School Year Book) **LB3620.26.T58**

The Past and the Promised: A History of the Alumnae Association, College of Notre Dame of Maryland, Baltimore, Maryland / by Anne Scarborough Philbin. **LD7251.B265 P5 1959**

Donnybrook Fair 1930, 36, 45, 47, 48, 70 (Goucher College year books) **LB3621.67.G6**

Cardinal and Gold 1976, 77, 78 (Calvert Hall Year Books) **LB3620.26.C147**
Greenwood Tree 1938, 40, 42 (Greenwood School year books) **LB3620.26.G62**

Henry Perky: The Shredded Wheat King / by Jim Holechek. (In cataloguing.)

CORRECTION TO DECEMBER 2007 REGISTER

Two photographs in the December issue of *The Register*—*Finding Steel Stories*—were attributed incorrectly. The bungalow photo was from Archie Thompson, Sr. and the photo of the three steelworkers was from Joe Ed Lawrence. The HSBC regrets these errors/omissions.

HELP THE HSBC SAVE TIME AND MONEY

Send us your email address so that we can send you news and announcements by email. Please call Adam at 410-666-1878, or email him at...
bchistory@verizon.net.

WISH LIST

Equipment

- Book carts
- Atlas stand

Books

- *The Index of Baltimore County, Maryland Wills 1851-1919* compiled by Carol L Porter (BCGS 2007) \$16.00
- *Germans to America: Lists of Passengers Arriving at U.S. Ports, volumes 1-50* Edited by Ira A. Glazier and P. William Filby (Wilmington, DE : Scholarly Resources, 1988).
- *Merryland : Two Years in the Life of a Racing Stable* / Josh Pons Lexington, KY : Eclipse Press, 2007.
- *History of the Seventy-Ninth Division A.E.F During The WW 1917-1919*, compiled by History Committee 79th Division Association, published by Steinman & Steiman, Lancaster, PA. 1922.
- *German Immigrants* / Gary Zimmerman. Volume 3: 1863-1867 (1988). Volume 4: 1868-1871 (1992)
- *Baltimore County, Maryland, Wills, 1802-1803* / Keddie. \$14.95
- *Baltimore County, Maryland, Wills, 1804- October 1805* / Keddie. \$14.95
- *Baltimore County, Maryland, Wills, 1805-1807*, by Keddie. \$14.95
- CD: *United Methodist Historical Society Closed Church Records Series*. 2007.
- Vol. 1, East Baltimore Station Methodist Episcopal Church, 1801-1885 \$19.95
- Vol. 2, East Baltimore Station Methodist Episcopal Church, 1886-1908 \$19.95
- *Trinity Lutheran Church Records: Baltimore, MD* / Gary B. Ruppert. 2002. \$44.00
- *Baltimore [Maryland] City Jail War Docket* / Jerry M. Hynson \$15.00
- *Polish Heads of Household in Maryland: An Index to the 1910 Census* / Thomas Hollowak. 1990. \$6.00

NEW HSBC MEMBERS

- Ms. Phyllis Bailey of Cockeyville, MD
- Mr. John Mutchner of Terre Haute, IN
- Ms. Noreen J. Goodson of Baltimore, MD
- Mr. Robert Hanson of Glen Arm, MD
- Mr. & Mrs. James Kelly, Jr. of Towson, MD
- Mr. Glenn Johnston of Lutherville, MD
- Mrs. Beverly Bryant of North East, MD
- Mr. & Mrs. Howard Miller of Lutherville, MD
- Mr. & Mrs. Sean Carton of Baltimore, MD

THE HSBC
ACQUIRED 54
NEW
MEMBERSHIPS
IN 2007



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PRESENT AND FUTURE

CALENDAR OF EVENTS (NEXT 3 MONTHS)

January

No programs scheduled

19th -Closed in recognition
of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s
birthday.

February

No programs scheduled.

16th through 18th - closed
in recognition of President's
Day.

March

16th - Warren talk 12:30
p.m.; Warren bus and walk
2:00 p.m.



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

**Regular Operating
Hours:**

Library - 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Tuesday through Saturday.

Museums - temporarily closed
for renovations.