



HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF BALTIMORE COUNTY



NEWSLETTER

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2013 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS & DONATION PLEA

At HSBC, we keep all our members on a calendar-year schedule for the sake of simplicity. So, if you're a member and you haven't already received a renewal notice in the mail, you will see one soon.

If, however, you've already renewed your membership for 2013, or you recently joined the organization, you will *still* get the mailing. And, while you can certainly disregard it at your convenience, we hope you don't!

The reason we send notices to *all* our members is that it's more than just membership renewal—it's also a donation plea! Last year, the Historical Society of Baltimore County's budget was comprised of 17% membership dues and 33% private donations. Because your membership dues and donations combined make up 50% of our budgets, you begin to see how important your on-going support is in whatever fashion you provide it. Notably, donations are an unpredictable element of budgeting every year, so this mailing is simply another means to help us meet or exceed last year's benchmark. Thank you for your renewals, donations and understanding!

You can renew your membership and/or make donations online through the society's website or with the remittance envelope enclosed in the renewal mailing.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

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RECENT EVENTS

The society recently hosted three big events that we'd like to share with you.

- (1) **Dickenson-Gorsuch Farm Museum Open House** - On October 28, 2012, for the first time in many years, HSBC reopened its farm museum located in the barn adjacent to the HSBC Almshouse for this special one-time event. The society provided apple cider, cookies, and free pumpkins (courtesy Valley View Farms). We saw approximately 65 attend despite the impending doom of Hurricane Sandy, slated to hit the east coast less than 24 hours afterwards. Thank-you to all our visitors and volunteers! (The historical society successfully weathered Hurricane Sandy without incident or power loss - we hope you were just as fortunate!)



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- (2) **Glenn L. Martin Maryland Aviation Museum & Planned Communities Tour** - On November 3, 2012, HSBC took registered guests on a bus tour to Middle River, the Glenn L. Martin Maryland Aviation Museum, and the planned communities the aviation industry inspired there. Approximately 38 guests were in attendance and interpretation was provided by the museum's docents and John Breihan, Professor of History at Loyola College. HSBC would be happy to share a link to the 55 page tour booklet upon request. E-mail us at info@hsobc.org or call 410.666.1878.



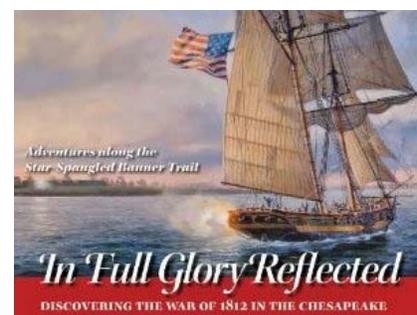
- (3) **Baltimore County, Baltimore City: Separate but Together** - On November 18, more than 75 registered guests attended this event, jointly sponsored with the Baltimore City Historical Society, and featuring Matthew Crenson, Professor Emeritus of Political Science at Johns Hopkins University, and Garrett Power, Professor Emeritus at the University of Maryland, School of Law. Partial funding for refreshments was provided by Wegmans of Hunt Valley. This two-hour event provided a glimpse into the origins of both Baltimore County and City, and a offered a review of



the tumultuous and shared histories of city and county. It was video recorded, and you can view clips online through our YouTube site. To get there, simply click on the YouTube link at the top or center of the Historical Society of Baltimore County website. The Baltimore City Historical Society and Historical Society of Baltimore County are planning additional joint programs such as this in the near future. Stay tuned! (Pictured: Matthew Crenson, left, and Garrett Power, right.)

IN FULL GLORY REFLECTED: DISCOVERING THE WAR OF 1812 IN THE CHESAPEAKE

The society purchased a few copies of the beautiful, full-color new book, *In Full Glory Reflected: Discovering the War of 1812 in the Chesapeake*, by Ralph Eschelman and Burton Kummerow, President of the Maryland Historical Society. Please stop by to purchase a copy for yourself (\$27 each— price includes tax). Sure, you might find it on Amazon a bit cheaper, but please know that by purchasing it locally from the society a small portion of the proceeds directly support our mission to collect, preserve and interpret the rich history of Baltimore County for present and future generations!



SEPTEMBER 2012'S SHRIMP FEAST & AUCTION FUNDRAISER WAS A SUCCESS

This past September's shrimp feast, bull roast, and silent and live auction fundraiser saw more than 200 people in attendance and grossed more than \$14,000 to support the society's mission. Thank you to all our members and friends who attended, purchased raffle tickets, and bid on items!

HSBC particularly wishes to thank the following businesses who contributed to our silent and live auctions. Please show them your appreciation by patronizing them or by thanking them directly on our behalf.

Residence Inn of Hunt Valley, Barrett's Grill, Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, Black Eyed Susan Gift Baskets, The Treasure Chest, Christopher Daniel Restaurant, Candle Light Inn of Catonsville, Delmarva Shorebirds Baseball, Michael's Café of Timonium, Wockenfuss Homemade Candies, Radisson Plaza Lord Baltimore, The Pepper Mill Restaurant, Bluestone Restaurant, Victorian Charm, Barnes & Noble of Pikesville, Hampton Inn Baltimore—Downtown Convention Center, Gramercy Mansion, The Milton Inn, Baltimore Marriott Inner Harbor at Camden Yards, Bowie Baysox Baseball, Patrick's of Cockeysville, Boordy Vineyards, Basignani Winery, Green Turtle of Towson, Baltimore Coffee & Tea, the Baltimore Ravens, the Baltimore Orioles, Wyndam Baltimore Peabody Court, and the various HSBC board members who also donated or solicited donations on our behalf.

Special thanks goes to Karen Hoffman and Vicki Young, HSBC volunteers who organized all these contributions and the silent and live auctions.

ADDITIONAL MEANS OF SUPPORTING HSBC

- 1) **RMDS - Required Minimum Distributions.** If you're required to take a RMD from your IRA, and you don't necessarily need the funds, you have an opportunity to make a twofold gift to the society. A recent Tax Act extended your ability to donate all, or a portion of your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) to a charitable organization and avoid paying income tax on that distribution. The donation must move directly from your IRA to the society. Simply notify your brokerage where you would like to send your RMD, or call 410.666.1878 for more information.
- 2) **Matching Gifts.** Does your employer provide matching gift incentive programs to charitable giving? Many do! Employers like Verizon, Exxon, and many more may match, dollar-for-dollar, every donation you make. Please consider this option when giving this holiday season.
- 3) **Bequests!** One of the easiest ways to leave a legacy of history preservation and education is to leave a bequest to the Historical Society of Baltimore County. Many bequests are unrestricted with the understanding we will use your gift to the best extent possible, or others may be targeted for particular purposes. Contact us for more details and we can put you in touch with a professional estate-planning attorney who can advise you specifically how to accomplish this with regards to the Historical Society of Baltimore County.



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NEW COLLECTIONS ITEM & OTHER NEWS

- **Collections Addition** - Jack Kelly, of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), conveyed a manuscript and correspondence collection of the now defunct Powhatan Mining Company to the society. The Powhatan Mining Company engaged in the mining of asbestos for the majority of the 20th century in Baltimore County's Gwynn Oak, MD. The EPA and Maryland Department of the Environment partnered to assess and clean-up the site in recent years. The collection contains original company correspondence, as well as financial and advertising materials for their asbestos products.
- **Around the Almshouse** - Our board of directors generously provided the funding necessary to upgrade all of our computer monitors to larger LCD and widescreen versions for the sake of our volunteers and visitors (they're much easier on the eyes).
- **Picture Rail Molding** - The society purchased and will soon be installing new picture rail molding to beautify our public spaces. It will feature and market photographs and artwork related to the history and heritage of Baltimore County.

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