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## The Historical Society of North College Hill Newsletter

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### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

**Our NCH Historical Society is a small group of dedicated officers and members but it is growing and visitors are always welcome. We meet on the last Saturday of almost every month at 11am at the Hilltop United Methodist church.**

**We often have speakers or take tours of local historic places or businesses. Many times throughout the year we have received phone calls from someone seeking information about something they remember from their NCH childhood. Often we receive pictures or other memorabilia that someone has come across while cleaning. Please remember us if you are downsizing. When you clean the garage or the attic and come across things that no one knows what to do with, please set them aside for us. You never know that thing that means nothing to the younger generation might mean the world to us.**

**We do get excited about some of the "finds". Anything from the schools, military uniforms, advertisements from local businesses or drug stores or doctors offices.... a manual typewriter, old fashioned dial telephone, household items.... pictures of earlier clothing and hair styles, grocery and gas prices.... all of this may be something you'd throw away but it would be a treasure to us.**

**Many, many thanks to those who have spoken to us and shared their experiences. We appreciate the time and information you have given us. It is a joy to know that others love this small community as much as we do. It is a very special place to raise children and to know your neighbors. Bless each of you. Please come to a meeting and get to know us better.**

**Reminder:** It is past time to renew your membership if you have not already done so. Membership runs per annum from January 1, and will expire on December 31. If you wish to continue as a member and receive Society newsletters, please pay your dues. There is a member application attached to the newsletter. If you are a business, please include your business card, and we will promote your business.

**FYI** – The Historical Society is doing well with new members coming in every month. We have knowledgeable speakers being enlisted to give talks on many topics of interest. Talks about WWII, old North College Hill, old police cases, talks from the Mayor, etc. We always have something to say and have new audience members every month.

**Wanted:**

We are growing and in need of a new place to meet. Word has it we have a new place! It is a room in the new Goodman School. We will have our own larger, handicap accessible room to accommodate everything we have in the old room plus much more. We will be able to hang old and new pictures in the hall and in our room. This is very exciting. Now our room will have a door with a lock to keep old and new stuff safe. Of course this will not happen until 2011. But we are excited because we are bursting out of current quarters since we have accumulated so much new stuff and more members. It is an exciting time to be a member of the Historical Society. Also we want to thank the Hilltop United Methodist Church for being so kind to give us a place to stay when we needed it. Our hats off to them!!!

Old newspaper clippings, pamphlets, leaflets pertaining to carnivals, festivals, school events, etc. are needed. If you have pictures or other memorabilia or just plain old stuff to share and no one in your family is interested, please think of us. If you have pictures and want to keep them, please let us make a copy.

Pictures, memorabilia and inquiries can be left for the NCH Historical Society at City Hall Post Office c/o Sue Benzinger.... or bring them to the next meeting at the historic Methodist Church (and find out why it is historic)!!

**Schedule of Events - Mark Your Calendars:**

May	29	11:00	Memorial Day Parade
June	12		NCH Community Yard Sale
	27		13 <sup>th</sup> Annual Fishing Derby
July	10		Cruise In
	23		NCH Day Florence Freedom
Aug.	15		City Picnic
Sept.	6		Labor Day Car Show
	18		NCH Craft Show
Oct.	2		Corn Hole Tournament
	31		Halloween Parade
Dec.	4		Breakfast with Santa

## What's Been Happening

**Did you know the Sisters of the Precious Blood marked the 175th anniversary of their founding with a Mass and reception on Sunday Nov. 15, 2009, at St. Margaret Mary Church. The Sisters began ministry in the Cincinnati area in 1892 at St. Rose Parish. Their educational ministry has included 80 years at St. Mark, 60 at St. Margaret Mary, 30 at St. Rose and 49 at Regina High School which the sisters founded and staffed. They also served at St. John Deer Park, Sts. Peter and Paul, St. Gregory and St. Mary seminaries, the cathedral, the Archdiocesan Chancery and the archbishop's residence. Today they continue to work in the archdiocesan service and outreach to the sick, poor and marginalized. (this info is from the Cincinnati Enquirer 11/12/09)**

**The order was originally started in 1834 in Switzerland by Maria Anna Brunner.**

**September 26 This Saturday we met 6-year-old K9 Niko and his owner and trainer Officer Schrand. Niko is a 110-pound German shepherd from the Czech Republic. He is trained in narcotics detection and patrol (includes tracking and apprehension. Niko is the first official K9 that the City of North College Hill has ever had in the Police Department. Niko is owned and handled by Officer Schrand. Niko has been trained by officer Schrand since he was a pup. It takes about 4-6 months to train a police dog. Niko is quite a celebrity as he has been on the Fox Morning News Show**

**Niko has dual purpose – narcotics detection and tracking criminals. Niko helps the police by sniffing out drug narcotics and tracking criminals. Niko sniffed out over 5 lbs of marijuana from January to September 2009, and he had apprehended 15-20 criminals. He also protects his finds i.e. if he finds money, he will lie down and protect the money so it is not lost in the raid.**

**Niko will probably retire after another 1-½ years. Niko is also a family pet. He fits in very well with Officer Schrand's two other dogs. When not on duty Niko plays fetch and is a very loving and loyal companion.**



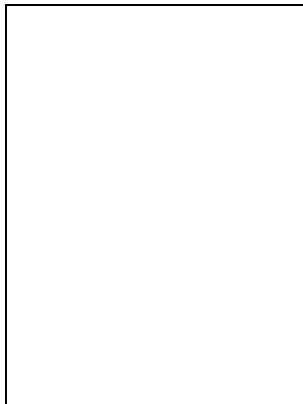
**October 28** - The North College Hill Historical Society had a short meeting followed by a program with Ned Heeger-Brehm, Groesbeck Head Librarian and Retiree Clare Pancero.

Ned spoke about the upcoming levi on the November ballot. Claire stirred up memories about the early days of library life. In the early days the library came to NCH by way of a "delivery station" which was in a general store in the "outlying village" of NCH. Books were deposited there for a time and could be taken on the honor system; later the selection of books was changed. A Braille Library was installed for the blind at Clovernook in Cary Cottage. Finally in 1941, NCH had it's own branch across the street from St. Margaret Mary and later was moved to Goodman School. When the more spacious Groesbeck library was built, the North College Hill library was closed. For a time a bookmobile served the schools and stopped at Ontario's parking lot.

In 1802 the first public library opened. At first you could only borrow one book and the Library was open on Sunday. Frederick Pool was a library pioneer. He lived from 1821-1898.

A public library (also called circulating library) is a library, which is accessible by the public and is generally funded from public sources (such as tax money). Public libraries typically are lending libraries allowing users to take books and other materials off the premises temporarily. Public libraries focus on popular materials, fiction and nonfiction, computer and the internet.

Andrew Carnegie had the biggest influence in financing libraries in the United States of America, from the east to the west coast. From just 1900 to 1917, almost 1,700 libraries were constructed by Carnegie's foundation, insisting that local communities first guarantee tax support of each library built



The establishment of circulating libraries by booksellers and publishers provided a means of gaining profit and creating social centers within the community. The circulating libraries not only provided a place to sell books, but also a place to lend books for a price. These circulating libraries provided a variety of materials including the increasingly popular novels.. Circulating libraries also charged a subscription fee, however the fees were set to entice their patrons, providing subscriptions on a yearly, quarterly or monthly basis, without expecting the subscribers to purchase a share in the circulating library.

The first town library was established in [Boston, Massachusetts](#) in 1636. The [Boston Public Library](#) (a distinct institution, founded in 1852) still operates today. The first publicly-funded library opened in 1833 in [Peterborough, New Hampshire](#).

**Frederick** Poole, a library pioneer was librarian of the Boston Athenaeum (1856–69), of the public libraries of Cincinnati (1871–73) and Chicago (1874–87), and of the Newberry Library (1887–94). A pioneer in theories of library administration, he assisted in organizing many libraries, including the Chicago Public Library, the Newberry Library, and the Library of the U.S. Naval Academy. A founder of the American Library Association (1876), he was later its president. He compiled the first general index to U.S. periodicals.

**November 28** – We had a short meeting. Attendance was 15. We have \$464.33 in the Treasury. On December 5, we will tour City Hall and eat lunch at Van Zandt's.

Everett and Roy gave a short talk about their experiences in the service during the war. Everett mentioned if you wanted to talk about the queen in England you had to go to a certain specified place. Roy was deployed to North Africa and Naples, which was pretty much destroyed by the enemy.

The speaker this month was Vince Costello Director of International Services at the Cincinnati Area American Red Cross. Costello reunites families. He was one of only 3 Red Cross Personnel permitted into Macedonia during the Kosovo refugee conflict. Costello is a tracing expert finding family members. Traditionally, this has had been done by ICRC Swiss Citizens. There were about 350,000 refugees that came through Macedonia. When the refugees first started coming into Macedonia at the border it was mass confusion.

Vince Costello has 28 years of tracing experience and is considered an expert. The DWI is also a Disaster Welfare Inquiry Officer on several disasters, i.e. hurricanes, floods and California fires in 1991. He is responsible for locating and determining the health and welfare of family members affected by the disaster. He does this by providing a communication link between family members who are separated by the disaster.

The Badge of the Red Cross is a red cross on a white background. The Red Cross was founded by Swiss humanitarian and businessman Henri Dunant in 1863 as a humanitarian way to help people in conflict and disasters. He organized emergency services for the Austrian and French wounded in the Battle of Solferino in 1859

The Red Cross also gives swimming lessons and first aid training. In 1881 Clara Barton started the American Red Cross. She was originally a teacher from Massachusetts. The Red Cross also collects blood and trains volunteers in their organizations. Everything has to have the approval of the Board of Governors. The local aid has a \$10 million budget.

**December 5** – Mayor Brooks gave us a tour of City Hall, Chambers, the Police Department and the Water Works. He also gave a talk about how the city operates. It was very enlightening and educational. We learned just how city hall came about and how long it took to move into its current residence after the contamination of the grounds and sidewalks were cleaned up.



The owner of VanZandt's is 3<sup>rd</sup> from right

**January 30** – A regular meeting was held. Clyde read the minutes and Claudia read the treasurer's report. Claire Pancera wrote and read accounts from an old city ledger. This was very historical and interesting. There were about 10 people who attended this meeting. Dues were also collected for the New Year. We also received a patron membership from R.J. and Marianna Kuhn. Thanks to them for this wonderful membership. We adjourned the meeting at 1:00.

**February 27** - The Historical Society met for it's monthly meeting. It was a cold snow covered day but we carried on with the meeting. Only about 5 people attended. We also had a guest from the Colerain Historical Society. Bob Huelsmann, a Trustee from Colerain. We had a nice exchange of ideas. We also talked about drafting ideas for a booklet on the history of North College Hill. We will come in upcoming months with outlines on ideas. There is also a re-do in the works for Cary Cemetery, on the corner of Hamilton and Galbraith. Spring Grove will be helping.

**March 27** - No speaker. The historical group of 11 people met to discuss the history of NCH and the future business. Carol Rutz brought in a WWII Marine uniform worn by Ralph Loehlo during the war. Also included with the uniform were medals and patches and other memorabilia given to the Society. This sparked conversations of memories past.

Rick Dickeman is putting together a booklet for a walking tour of North College Hill. The tour is about 25 minutes in time and 1.3 miles in duration with sights of interest listed in the book.

We are always looking for speakers. Lois Roll who lives in California became a patron member of the Society. Thanks to Lois.

We also talked about printing a booklet of NCH. This would include pictures and captions. The booklet would sell for \$20. And the book would be put in various businesses for purchase. The history would start from 1916.

May 2 is the last tour of the high school. Auctions for the Clovernook School are May 29 and June 5 for the High School.

**April 22**– Ginny Kissell of the United Church of Christ Women's Club scheduled Claudia Nieman and Sharyn Speckman to speak. There were about 20 members present. Claudia spoke of her days growing up in North College Hill and all her memories of people and businesses. After her talk we had a question and answer period. Sharyn gave an overview of the Dummy line and left four papers for the group. The group also treated us to an excellent lunch.

**April 24** – 15 members attended the Historical Society meeting. We started the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance as we did last month. Clyde read the minutes and Claudia gave the Treasurer's report. Claudia talked about bringing a flag bracket to hang the flag. Several people paid dues.

Claire read a history regarding police going to the Clovernook Theater to check for hold-ups. Apparently Clovernook was robbed several times during its existence. Clovernook Theater at 6905 Hamilton Avenue opened its doors in 1940 and closed around 1950 or 52. It had a single screen and held 585 people. Unfortunately the theater could not compete with the new invention of television and had to close its doors. Clovernook had movies, talent shows and various other entertainments especially during the holidays. Harris Rosedale, who did entertainment and talent shows for the theater passed away August 4, 2006, in Florida where he resided. He was 97.

Originally it was to be called the Globe Theater because of the globe on the roof. Although the theater was converted to a furniture and appliance rental center, it is still recognizable as a former theater.

The Historical Society will have 4 cars and several walkers in the Memorial Day parade on May 29. We also talked of participating in the Reds (Findley Market) Day parade.

## Did You Know

**Did you know - Sue Benzinger's picture was in the Hilltop News for doing a stained glass project.**

**Did you know - Former Bengal Jim Breech and morning voice Janeen Coyle, Married with Microphones on WGRR hosted the Celebrity Bartender, an event from 6-8pm, November 19 at Clovernook Country Club. This event benefited the Clovernook Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired.**

**Q: Did you know that the "college" in "(North) College Hill" refers to several different schools?**

**A: In the early nineteenth century, the area north of Cincinnati along what is now Hamilton Avenue became a wealthy suburb called Pleasant Hill. It later adopted the name College Hill because of a number of schools that were established there through the nineteenth century. Cary's Academy for Boys opened in 1832 in the Hamilton Avenue home of Freeman Cary. An expanding student body quickly led to a new building the following year at the corner of Hamilton and Colerain (now Belmont) Avenues with a new name, Pleasant Hill Academy. The assembling of a notable faculty led to the formation of Farmers College in 1846. The Ohio Female College operated in the area from 1849 until 1873. Following the Civil War, declining enrollment forced Farmers College to become co-educational, a move aided by the closing of the girl's school. The school was renamed Belmont College in 1884 but soon evolved again into a high school academy, the Ohio Military Institute, which operated until 1958.**

**Did you know – Mark Fitzgerald will become the city's new administrator. Mark has been doing this job since Jerry Thurmann resigned the post in September. He will have a one-year contract.**

**Did you know - Clovernook Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired received re-accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) for the maximum three-year period, which runs through Nov. 30, 2012. (info from Cinti. Enquirer) To get this accreditation Clovernook had to undergo a self-study and an on-site review by CARF. Clovernook first earned accreditation in 2003. Since then, it has grown with more varieties of services accredited. It assures the Community that Clovernook is dedicated to providing quality services that meet or exceed best practices.**

**Did you know -- The Clovernook Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired has been awarded nearly \$700,000 in contracts to perform printing services for the federal government? This will help secure jobs in the community and provide support to those with disabilities. (This info. Is from the Cincinnati Enquirer)**

**Did you know - the Trojan Football Team had their first ever-undefeated season in 2009.**

**Did you know – Miller Novak an exhibiting artist and instructor at Northern Kentucky University is collaborating with NCH School to put an art gallery at Goodman elementary School.**

**Did you know – Sue Benzinger organized a book club that will meet the last Friday of each month at the North College Hill Senior Center.**

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- 6. Patron..... 150.00

Annual memberships run from January 1 to December 31. Membership fees are deductible for income tax purposes. Membership cards will be mailed.

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