

Heritage Campaign Update – A Barnard Benefit

by Ward Randol

The evening of Saturday, March 31, 2007, was very special in the annals of the Troy Historical Society. Thanks to the Kona Grill, some other very generous friends of THS, the hard work of Troy Museum & Historic Village Director, Loraine Campbell, and Troy Community Affairs Director, Cindy Stewart, the THS has raised well over \$100,000 in new gifts and pledges (from March 31 through April 20!) toward the move of Harriet Barnard's historic 1837 home to the Historic Village in 2008.

Kona Grill is the Hawaiian-Polynesian themed group of restaurants that has built a new building at the southeast corner of Big Beaver and Livernois, just north of the Post Office. This is its first restaurant in Michigan. Early in March, well before its new building was completed, Kona Grill's national representatives approached City of Troy representatives about contributing to the community by hosting a benefit for a Troy-based non-profit charity, before the restaurant's public opening. After considerable discussion, the Kona Grill and the City decided that the THS Heritage Campaign, and in particular our efforts to raise funds to move Harriet's house, would be Troy's designated charitable beneficiary. In three short weeks, A Barnard Benefit was put together for 150 invited friends of the THS!

Kona Grill donated all of the food and drinks consumed during the evening, starting with pre-dinner cocktails in the light of the restaurant's colorful, 2,000 gallon salt water aquarium above its sushi bar. After cocktails we sat down to full table service, ordering dinner and dessert individually from Kona Grill's extensive menu. (This gave the restaurant's staff a great opportunity to tune up for its April 10 public opening.) Kona Grill General Manager, Steve Morowsky, National Training Manager, Lauren Barth, and communications consultant, Loretta Carroll, were especially helpful in making the evening so enjoyable for our mutual guests. The in-kind donations of the Kona Grill enabled the THS to apply all of the purchase price for tickets to A Barnard Benefit toward the THS Heritage Campaign!

Before dinner we were able to announce....

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THS By-Laws Revision

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At the March meeting of the THS Board, THS Secretary and Board member Cathy OGawa made several suggestions for updating and improving our By-Laws. The By-Laws can be found on our THS website, www.troyhistory.org as the result of the good work of THS Heritage Campaign Co-Chairman, John Lavender.

The Board welcomes your review of our By-Laws and suggestions for further changes, before our THS annual meeting in September when the revised By-Laws will be presented to the membership for adoption. Please call Cathy with your comments at (248) 879-9615 or email her at cathymogawa@aol.com or wikiiki@aol.com.

April

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|--------|---|--|----------|--------|---|
| Workshop for Antique Owners "How To Ruin An Oil Painting" 1 | 2 | 3 | Story Time for preschoolers 10:30-11:15am 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
|  8 | 9 | Society Board Meeting @ Museum 7:30 pm 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 14 |
| 15 | 16 | 17 | Winter Lecture Timeline: 1899 18 | 19 | 20 | Museum Tour and Candle Dipping 1-3 pm 21 |
| Jim Bizer: Kaleidoscope of Musical Styles 2-3:30pm @ Museum 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 28 |
| 29 | 30 | | | | | |

May

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6 | 7 | 8 | Society Board Meeting @ Museum 7:30 pm 10 | 11 | 12 | 12 |
| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27 |  Celebrated Memorial Day 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | |

June

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| * Means registration & prepayment required | | | | | | |
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| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 10 | 11 | Society Board Meeting @ Museum 7:30 pm | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| Harriet Barnard's 90th Bithday Open House @ Museum 1-3pm | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24 | 25 | 2 pm Video Lecture Gunter's Chain & the Erie Canal | 10:30 am Craft Demonstration 1 pm Cabin & Candles* | 1 pm Log Cabin Day | 11am Make a Patriotic Hat* | 30 |

July

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--------|--------|---|---|----------------|----------------------------------|---|
| | | 2 pm Video Lecture Whistle Stops & the Polar Bear |  | 1 pm Patriotic | 11am Games on the Village Green* | |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |  2nd Annual Motoring Memories |
| 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
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...over \$52,000 in new gifts to the Campaign, including ticket purchases over \$5,000, \$10,000 from Harriet Barnard (in addition to her previous gift of her 1837 home itself), and \$25,000 from Bill McKee's three daughters in memory of their father. Harriet and her sons, Fred and Richard, along with several Barnard grandchildren and other relatives including THS President Cheryl Barnard, and Jean McKee McDonald's husband, Doug McDonald, were there to receive the applause of our friends and members for their generosity.

Also announced at that time was a dollar-for-dollar match, from another THS member, of all gifts and pledges made during the month of April and paid by the end of 2007 up to \$100,000. In the three weeks since then, over \$32,000 of post-March 31 gifts and pledges qualifying for the match have been received. The Barnard Benefit really kicked off our five-year THS Heritage Campaign as a delicious appetizer (and this writer can enthusiastically recommend the Kona Grill's cuisine for your dining pleasure at dinner or lunch).

Please remember – Ours is a FIVE-YEAR campaign, and we need your continuing gifts and pledges after April as well.

Our Heritage Campaign Committee is counting on the generosity of members of both the Troy Historical Society and the wider Troy community to help make moving the Niles-Barnard house to the Museum in 2008, the historic barn acquisition and the campaign's other Museum projects a reality. Offers to help the campaign financially or in other ways will be gratefully accepted. Please contact Loraine Campbell at the Museum for referral to a committee member.

Music in the Air 2007

Sponsored by:

The Troy Historical Society

Troy Museum & Historic Village

60 W. Wattles Road, Troy, MI (248.524.3570)

\$2.00 Suggested Donation per Person

Sundays from 2:00-4:00pm

July 8: Boogie Woogie Babies - 40s Swing

July 14: Rich Eddy's Rockin Oldies Band - 50s/60s R&R

July 22: Matt Watroba & Robert Jones - Folk Music

July 29: Reed Works Saxophone Quartet - Jazz

Aug 5: The Gratitude Steel Band - Calypso

Aug 12: Not For Women Only - Broadway

Aug 19: Work In Progress - Original Music

Mark Your Calendars Now!

Novemeber 17th: Hand & Eye Show 2007

Be sure to mark your calendars for the upcoming Hand & Eye show, if you know of any interested crafters have them send photos of their crafts to:

Hand & Eye Show
PO Box 6
Troy, MI 48099

(Please enclose return postage if you wish to have photos returned)

Anyone interested in volunteering to help with the show please contact Cheryl Barnard at: 248-879-6305, and leave a message with your name and contact number.

Brian Stoutenburg Retires

A special friend of the Troy Historical Society has retired. Brian Stoutenburg, the Director of the Troy Library stepped down from that position on April 19 to tributes from his friends and colleagues.

As many of us know, the Troy Museum & Historic Village is a part of Troy's Library Department. When Brian became Library Director, one of the first things he did was to become a life member of the Troy Historical Society. He attended most of our monthly Board meetings. His support of the THS and the Museum has been strong and unwavering, enabling the Museum to flourish during his tenure.

As for the Troy Library itself, Brian led it to its ranking as the best library in the State of Michigan in 2005 and runner-up in 2006. His successor will be able to build on that success but will have a hard act to follow!

As a token of our esteem, the THS Board and Museum staff chipped in to buy Brian a good pair of birding binoculars, just in time for this spring's migration at Point Pelee.

Brian will stay in the area (he grew up in neighboring Rochester). After a suitable period of rest and relaxation, he has promised to help the THS with our Heritage Campaign. We will be looking forward to having Brian back with us soon.

Troy Historical Society Membership Application and Renewal Form

Name(s): _____

E-Mail: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone #: _____ Birthday (D/M): _____

Enclose payment for membership in the following categories:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$10 Single membership | <input type="checkbox"/> \$25 Family (children under 21) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$25 Couple | <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 50 Non-profit Institution |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$200 Individual Life | <input type="checkbox"/> \$100 Business |

Memorial contributions and bequests are welcome.

Your interests or personal collections/Your history in Troy: _____

Help preserve Troy's history. Send this form and your payment to:
Troy Historical Society, P.O. Box 6, Troy, MI 48099

We care about our members and would like to keep updated on any cares or concerns. Please feel free to call Gerry Young at 586-802-1225.

How do you like our new look?
Any questions or comments please send to:

The Village Press
Attn: Alison Iceman
P.O. Box 6
Troy MI, 48099

We welcome any members' articles for the newsletter, subject to content and space limits.

Join the Historical Society Help Preserve the Light

The Troy Historical Society was organized in 1966 to promote the appreciation and awareness of the rich heritage of the citizens of Troy, to encourage preservation of records, pictures, structures, and other objects of local historical significance, and to sponsor programs to carry out these purposes.

You can become a member by mailing in the membership application on the back page of this newsletter.

Society board meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month (except summer) at 7:30 p.m. at the Troy Historical Museum. All Society members are welcome to attend.

Please check the expiration date of your current membership which is on your address label. Those membership dates that are highlighted are in need of being renewed before our next newsletter. For example, if your expiration date is September 2005, you can extend your membership to September 2006.

Enjoy the past by visiting and taking advantage of the outstanding lectures, festivals, and displays at the:

Troy Museum & Historic Village

60 West Wattles Road
(248) 524-3570

Hours: Tuesday-Saturday
9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, 1:00-5:00 p.m.

www.ci.troy.mi.us/parks/museum

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