



# The Village Press

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**YOU'RE INVITED TO  
THE TROY HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S  
ANNUAL MEETING AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL**

**It's that time of year again; Tuesday, September 10th is our Annual Meeting which will be followed by an Ice Cream Social and a look at the archival collection.**

**We will also be adapting the by-laws and welcoming new Board Members.**

The proposed By-Laws revisions will be mailed to THS members before the annual meeting. The By-Laws can also be found on our THS website, [www.troyhistory.org](http://www.troyhistory.org).

# Heritage Campaign Update

By Ward Randol

The results are in from our March 31 Kona Grill benefit dinner honoring Harriet Barnard. The donations announced that evening plus additional gifts and pledges received through May 31 were matched dollar for dollar by a member of the Troy Historical Society, as follows:

Pledge payments received	\$70,787.35
Pledges outstanding	<u>\$14,300.00</u>
Total gifts and pledges	\$85,087.35
Dollar for dollar match	\$85,087.35
Kona Grill tickets sold @\$50	<u>\$5,750.00</u>
Total donations March 31-May 31, 2007	<u>\$175,924.70</u>

Thanks from our Heritage Campaign Committee to the Kona Grill and to all of you generous individual donors! We now have a firm financial base on which to build for moving Harriet's house to the Museum, and complementing it with a historic barn.

A list of our March 31 – May 31 donors will be published in the next issue of the Village Press.

Included in the above totals are over \$1,500 in gifts in memory of Jack Stine, a member of the Troy Historical Society who died on May 4, 2007. These gifts were also matched dollar for dollar. Thank you, Jeanne Stine, for naming the Heritage Campaign as a recipient for your husband's memorial gifts. Jack was an avid student of Troy's history and an active community volunteer, and we very much appreciate both of you, Jeanne and Jack.

Not included in the above totals are our first two checks received from [www.shopformuseums.com](http://www.shopformuseums.com) totaling \$47.33. Thank you for shopping online through this website for the benefit of the Museum, and please continue to do your online shopping there, naming the Troy Museum & Historic Village as your designated museum!

## **Lots of Antiques Appraised in May**

by Ward Randol

Our 2007 Antiques & Collectibles Appraisal Fair took place the afternoon of May 5. The weather cooperated so that fairgoers could bring their items for appraisal from their cars into the church without getting wet. Our four professional appraisers were kept busy by a steady stream of customers, and we were able to collect nearly \$1,000 in appraisal fees for our Heritage Campaign through their efforts and the good work of our volunteers.

Thanks to appraisers LaVere Webster, John Wanat, Fred Fleming and Bill Lynch for donating their time and professional skills! In preparation for the fair, LaVere, Fred, and appraiser Joe Kuechle held workshops at the Museum on many aspects of collecting. Thanks also to Lisa Head and Donna Klungle at the church for helping make the afternoon a success.

Next year the fair will be held on **Sunday** afternoon, May 3, 2008, again at the First United Methodist Church of Troy. Please save the date – we want to see you there with your treasures!





## New Faces

On June 4 Cathy Russ began her tenure as the new director of the Library and Museum Department for the City of Troy. Cathy commented that she immediately felt at home as she began her career as a Troy Library Aide. Since graduating with a MA in Library Science, Cathy has served as the library director in Centerline and Chelsea and as the Asst. Director at the Macomb County Library. The new director is full of energy, ideas and enthusiasm and is committed to continuing the strong, positive relationship the Historical Society enjoyed with her predecessor Brian Stoutenburg.

On April 17, the staff of the Troy Museum welcomed a new Historic Interpreter, Laura Bunting. Laura is a Troy resident who earned her BA in History from Central Michigan University and who worked previously at Greenfield Village. She has very quickly become an integral part of the museum team and is developing and conducting programs.

We welcome both of these dynamic ladies!

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### 100 W. Wattles Bought for Museum

By Ward Randol

Next time you visit the Museum and park in its west parking lot, walk over to its western edge, through the opening in the cedar trees, and view the acreage that has been added to the Museum's grounds. Now that the house on the 100 W. Wattles lot has been demolished – it came down on June 29 – it is easy to visualize the Niles-Barnard house somewhere on that land after its future move there from Livernois south of Square Lake.

Our Troy Historical Society (THS) purchased the property at 100 W. Wattles and gave it to the City for the Museum. Our check for \$162,668.69 to complete the \$180,000 purchase was presented to City Council at its June 18 meeting, from money raised by the Heritage Campaign.

Together with the Lange Avenue lot purchased last year for the Museum by THS, this new land will add another acre to the Museum's Village Green for future expansion of the Village. We have already begun the process of finding an architect to prepare a site plan for the expansion. Exciting times lie ahead at the Museum as we build it into the area's leading cultural destination! Your participation in the process is invited.

#### 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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](http://www.ci.troy.mi.us/parks/museum)

### **Society Board Officers:**

President: Cheryl Barnard

Vice President: Sherrill Jackson

Treasurer: Fred Rounds

Deputy Treasurer: Ward Randol

Secretary: Catherine Ogawa

### **Board members:**

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