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A Farewell to Harriet Barnard

By Loraine Campbell

By now most Historical Society members have read the obituaries and tributes for Harriet Barnard, who passed away peacefully on Sunday, October 5 at the age of 91. Her daughter Sandra was with her when she died.

I only met Harriet ten years ago so I do not have the numerous, vivid memories shared by family members and long-time friends. They remember Harriet as the wife of Judge Norman Barnard; their Sunday school teacher; their Brownie and Girl Scout leader; or the 4-H Leader who raised sheep in the pasture behind her home. I never saw Harriet ring the bell to alert the volunteers at Fire Station 2. I only heard about her terrific brownies from her children.

No, I met Harriet when she was 80 years old, an age when most volunteers start to resign from their favorite clubs and service activities. But Harriet was different. At eighty she was still the active President of the Troy Historical Society. Most of our conversations were focused on the future. We worked together on the relocation of the Old Troy Church and Parsonage. When those buildings rolled down Livernois and past her home on August 20, 2003, Harriet did not sit back and reflect on the success of that project, which had been discussed for a decade, she thought about the future and decided that her home, a tangible and important link with Troy's past, should be preserved in perpetuity at the Museum.

Harriet Barnard was a gentle woman with a strong will and great vision. The City of Troy and the Museum staff are grateful for her years of service. We will complete her vision and relocate her home, the Historic Niles-Barnard House, through the efforts of the Heritage Campaign Committee and with your financial support.

Harriet will remain a wonderful example of a life fully lived. We will miss her. I will miss her.

Hanging of the Greens Gets A Makeover!

The Museum's annual holiday event will be brighter than ever this year as the traditional Hanging of the Greens is transformed into Santa's Village on December 6 from 1-4 PM. Elves will be on hand throughout the Village making toys and singing Christmas Carols. The Bellissima Hand Bell Choir will perform a special concert at 1:15. In Town Hall, elves, who closely resemble ladies from the Troy Garden Club, will provide wonderful holiday punch and Christmas Cookies. Of course Santa Claus will arrive at 2:00 PM in a special horse-drawn carriage. He will visit with children all afternoon and each boy and girl will be able to sign his Naughty or Nice List. Finally, U.S. Marines will be on hand to accept new unwrapped toys for the Toys for Tots program. So come to Santa's Village! Feel that special holiday glow straight from the North Pole. If you'd like to volunteer as an elf in Santa's Village, please call Debra Newby at 248-524-3598 to sign up.

Holiday Shopping

Just a reminder that all THS members get a 10% discount at the museum shop. Come check out our array of unique gifts! Bring in this newsletter as proof of membership.

December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						Hanging of the Greens 1:00pm
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	Merry Christmas 	25	26
27						
28	29	30	31			

January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				CLOSED		
				1	2	3
4	5	6	Cheddar's Story Hour 10:30am	8	9	Museum Tour and Candlemaking 1:00pm
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	THS Lecture: America During Tough Times 7:30pm	21	22	23
24				Thursday Tea at Two: Diva Tea 2:00pm		
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Heritage Campaign Planning Update

by Ward Randol

The months of October, 2008, and November so far, have had a profound impact on our Heritage Campaign to complete the Troy Museum & Historic Village.

Harriet Barnard's death on October 5 at age 91 saddened us all. We were hoping that she would be able to witness the move to the Village Green of her historic Troy home that she had so generously donated to the City. We shall work all the harder to see that her vision is realized in the summer of 2009.

Our architects, Hopkins-Burns Design Studios, have produced a proposed site plan that will place the 1837 Niles-Barnard house to the west of the Museum, facing Wattles Road and utilizing our newly acquired property there. Behind the house there will be a farmstead that will resemble the land that Troy pioneer, Johnson Niles, cleared and farmed after his 1822 arrival in what was soon to become Troy Township. In addition, there will be a farm pond, to serve the dual function of a pleasing vista for Museum visitors and storm water management on the Green! We are also close to acquiring a nineteenth century barn to complement the house. Preliminary reaction to this site plan from Troy's Planning Commission at its October meeting was very positive.

Not so positive for our Campaign have been the economic and stock market crises of October and November. Nevertheless, our fundraising efforts are continuing without letup (see accompanying article), so that the move of Harriet's house can take place as planned next summer.

Our Heritage Campaign Committee is counting on the continuing 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, 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.

Heritage Campaign Fundraising Update

by Ward Randol

Since our last report to donors in early July, 2008, we have had major contributions to the Campaign from the corporate sponsors of Troy's August 10 car show (the Troy Traffic Jam at the Columbia Center on Big Beaver) – Kelly Services, Kirco Associates, and the Suburban Automotive Collection. Together, their leadership contributions added \$45,000 to our Campaign funds, for which we are extremely grateful! Another \$6,000, net after car show expenses, came in from show registrants and the Henry Ford Health System. The sponsors have generously offered to repeat this car show in 2009, and we look forward to working with them.

Individual donors have contributed over \$2,000 so far to the Campaign in memory of Harriet Barnard, and other recent generous individual gifts to the Campaign have exceeded \$70,000. These gifts have pushed our total Campaign receipts to date past \$650,000. (\$460,000 has already been spent to buy land to add to our Historic Village.) A full report will be mailed soon to Troy Historical Society members and other donors.

Even in this difficult economic climate, year-end is a great time



Trick-or-Treating on the Green, Joey Barnard, Olivia Essebaggers, and Madison Essebaggers.

A Knight at the Museum: A Memorable Day!

Since 2002, the staff, THS members and volunteers of the Troy Museum have welcomed hundreds of new visitors for a special afternoon of Trick or Treating on the Green. The theme of this year's event held on October 25 was "A Knight at the Museum." The Village was filled with lords, ladies in waiting, a queen or two, jesters, a knight in armor, and Merlin the Magician. Volunteers from Oakland Community College's Fencing Club provided great fencing demonstrations that entertained the parents as much as their costumed children. We were also delighted to have the Minstrel recorders, a group of elementary and middle school students perform Renaissance music on the Gazebo. Another big hit was a miniature catapult built by Lynn McClean. Kids had lots of fun catapulting objects of different weights towards markers set up in the grass between the General Store and Poppleton School. Costumed members of the Troy Garden Club handed out 200 miniature pumpkins while volunteers from Project LEED distributed cider and donut holes. Additional costumed staff and volunteers handed out candy and small treats from their stations in front of each building. 640 people attended the two-hour event.

www.shopformuseums.com

Do you shop online? Now in addition you can donate a percentage of your online purchase amounts into our Troy Historical Society's Heritage Campaign without costing you an extra cent! Let me explain.

Late last year the non-profit American Association of Museums (AAM) contacted our Museum about becoming a participating museum in an online shopping donation program endorsed by AAM. Over 200 retailers have joined the program. They contribute percentages of online shopping purchase amounts to participating museums.

There are no fees or other requirements for shoppers using the program. The Troy Museum & Historic Village was thereupon added to the AAM-endorsed website www.shopformuseums.com as a designated "Museum Partner." Under this arrangement, all money received from this designation will be paid directly to the Troy Historical Society for our Heritage Campaign.

If every THS member were to go through www.shopformuseums.com to spend \$100 over a year at amazon.com the cost of four hardcover books - that would generate about \$500 in donations for our THS Heritage Campaign. Using www.shopformuseums.com to buy big-ticket items will produce proportionately bigger contributions to our THS Heritage Campaign.

So please use this free AAM service for as many of your online purchases as you can, and tell your friends and relatives about it. Give them copies of this article! We will keep our THS membership advised about the amounts received, as soon as the donation checks start to arrive.

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"/> \$15 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

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Or e-mail us at:

thevillagepress@troyhistory.org

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 2008, you can extend your membership to September 2009.

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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