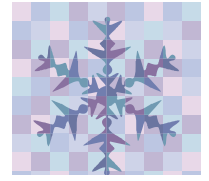


NEWSLETTER



The Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument Support Group

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NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ARRIVES: The Cuyahoga County Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument Commission is very pleased to welcome Regina A. Costello, who will serve as Executive Director of the Commission as well as the Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument Support Group. Regina is a professional librarian who previously served as the Associate Curator of the Irish-American Archives Program at the Western Reserve Historical Society. She started work on February 11, 2008. Her temporary telephone number at Hahn Loeser + Parks is (216) 274-2329.

As soon as the new computers and printers arrive, she will be relocated, along with the President, to offices at the Cuyahoga County Archives (the "Rhodes House"), located in the Tremont neighborhood at 2905 Franklin Boulevard, Cleveland, Ohio 44113, (216) 443-7250. Regina brings a fresh breath of Irish air, which inspires us all!!

MONUMENT REHABILITATION MOVES SLOWLY: The Monument interior rehabilitation project is 8 months behind schedule; the delay has been caused by the difficulty in resolving the problems of the bent marble tablets, finding the most appropriate cleaning products and methods, developing a palette for interior coloration based on what was done originally, with three different stone surfaces (most honed; some polished), defining the coloration technique (tinting, marbleizing and decorative ornamentation for each of the surfaces), figuring out how (i) to repair cracked and displaced marble moldings and (ii) to stabilize and repair the mosaic patterned sandstone floor and where and how to install the new HVAC equipment and duct work – including a brand new fin-tube hot water system, which will replace the steam radiators. The Monument stone roof, copper gutters and flashings were all fully repaired in 2007. **THE LEAKS ARE GONE!!!** Thanks to the Cuyahoga County Commissioners Jimmy DiMora, Timothy Hagan, and Peter Lawson Jones who authorized this very critical project.

Detailed design drawings and specifications are just about complete. Approvals are needed from the National Park Service ("Save America Treasures Program"), the Ohio Historic Preservation Office, and the Ohio Cultural Facilities Commission. The best guess for a start date is June 1st.

COUNTY BICENTENNIAL: Cuyahoga County is celebrating its bicentennial, in part, by doing the rehabilitation of the Monument. **July 4, 2009**, save the date, will be a re-dedication day and, most likely, the last and hopefully the best event of the bicentennial.

NEW MONUMENT SHOWCASE TO OPEN!! The Monument Support Group has been offered and has accepted space at 200 Public Square, formerly BP Tower, for a small office and Monument Showcase; only utilities to be paid; occupancy will start in March; the Executive Director, together with Trustees, Ted Prasse and Dave Stashower, are putting together a design for the space. Trustee Dr. Kenneth R. Callahan has indicated his willingness to help develop displays, which will be located on the second floor on the south side of the Atrium looking down on the waterfall. The initial exhibits will consist of Monument art and architectural renderings of the rehabilitation; Tim Leslie will be on site as needed to help answer questions from visitors.

The Support Group is indeed grateful to Harbor Group Management Company for making this all possible.

FUNDRAISING: The original Support Group fundraising target was \$1,048,500. On hand, pledged or committed to date is \$1,193,061.40. The fundraising target has been raised to \$1,425,000 to meet the estimated total project costs approximately \$1,500,000. The Support Group has been challenged by the Fred J. Lennon Charitable Trust to raise \$50,000 to match their pledge of \$25,000 by October, 2008 and \$25,000 by October, 2009. \$32,485 has already been raised; only \$17,515 to go to make the match. The total of the unraised funds is \$231,938.60.

The Support Group has pledged and has on hand \$15,000 for the rehabilitation. The Support Group's Board will be asked to raise another \$5,000 in 2009 for a total of \$20,000. This will place the Support Group at the same level of fundraising as the Abington Foundation.

ONE GREAT TARGET: ONE GREAT ACHIEVEMENT!! HELP NEEDED!!!

Solicitations for rehabilitation funds will be sent out this spring to foundations, veterans' groups and businesses who have not previously given; a second solicitation will be made to those who have already given this summer and fall as the work progresses.

SUPPORT GROUP ACTIVITIES:

Past Year: During the past year the Support Group has (1) welcomed the Sons of Union Veterans Camp 142, (James A. Garfield) to the Monument in both 2007 and 2008 and each time received a significant contribution for Monument rehabilitation; (2) participated in the Memorial Day re-dedication ceremonies at Woodland Cemetery involving the eagle headstone monuments of Col. William R. Creighton and Lt. Col. Orrin J. Crain of the 7th Ohio Volunteer Infantry; (3) conducted tours of the Monument on Orchestra night at Cleveland Public Square; (4) held Descendants' Day on September 8, 2007 at the 103rd OVI Campground in Sheffield Lake, Ohio; (5) conducted very successful "tunnel tours" for about 600 people at the Monument in late October; and (6) installed holiday displays at the Monument and furnished guides at the Monument on the day after Thanksgiving.

Future – 2008/2009: Another "tunnel tour" program is scheduled for April 12, 2008 (see page 4). A Memorial Day ceremony will be held at the Woodland Cemetery in conjunction with the Woodland Cemetery Foundation; concert night at Public Square is July 2; a summer get-together is being planned at the home of John Whipple, 187 Nobottom Road, Berea, Ohio 44017; Descendants' Day will be held again at the 103rd OVI Campground at 5501 East Lake Road, Sheffield Lake, Ohio 44054; and re-dedication ceremonies are being planned for July 4, 2009 (the Monument's 115th anniversary).

MONUMENT PEOPLE – OUT AND ABOUT:

1. **Jerry Young**. Jerry is still doing research on the Ohio sharpshooters and Lt. Col. Gershom Morse Barber, 197th OVI; many thanks to Jerry for his wonderful donation of 13 discs containing the Ohio Official Roster of the Civil War; numerous carte de vistas of soldiers whose names are on the wall (that’s putting a “face” with a “name“), one “official admission ticket” to the Monument for the Dedication Ceremonies of July 4, 1894, and many other carefully gathered objects.
2. **Tim Dailey**. Tim completed his Master’s Thesis at John Carroll University entitled, “Meet Me at the Fair: The Northern Ohio Sanitary Fair of the Cleveland Chapter of the United States Sanitary Commission” (2008).
3. **Neil K. Evans**. Neil was appointed by Governor Ted Strickland to the Ohio Humanities Council; and
4. **Michelle A. Day**. Michelle organized a new 501(c)(3) entitled “Woodland Cemetery Foundation of Cleveland, Ohio.”

MEMBERSHIP AND NEWSLETTER: Support Group Membership in 2007 dropped to 112 members: 104 individuals, 4 lifetime members and 4 institutional members. This happened because of the lack of follow up in member solicitation; the 2008 membership goal is 200; so please do fill out the enclosed membership form and return it with your check.

This is the first Newsletter in more than a year. There should be at least 4 per year. The shortfall of these Newsletters was because the President did not have the time to write them. Fundraising, historical research for the rehabilitation, working with the architects, and hiring the new Executive Director took priority. We will do better this year. Promise!!

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Thanks for all your great support; the shortfalls last year will be more than made good this year, even though the Monument Memorial Room will be closed from about June 1 until the end of the year. A new executive, the start of Monument rehabilitation and a revived spirit will indeed make 2008 a Memorable Year!!

Soldiers’ and Sailors’ Monument Support Group

Neil K. Evans, President



Cuyahoga County Soldiers' & Sailors' Monument

You are invited to join us for

TUNNEL TOURS

**Come see the
Cuyahoga County Soldiers' & Sailors' Monument
on Cleveland's Historic Public Square
Inside and Underneath**

**Saturday, April 12, 2008
10:00 AM – 4:00 PM**

History and Fun for the entire family

*This Monument honors those men and women
of Cuyahoga County
who served their country during the Civil War (1861-1865).*

*Come and see inside and beneath
the 114 year old Victorian Monument.*

*Come and understand how it was constructed,
learn a story or two about some of its not so everyday features,
and learn about its future renovation and rejuvenation.*

**For more information call the Monument
at (216) 621-3710**