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A R O U N D T H E S O C I E T Y . . .

An update on our educational outreach:

In November two of our members gave a presentation to the third-graders at South Elementary on early businesses in Mt. Healthy. The students got to see photographs of the town from the late 1800s and early 1900s, and were excited to recognize buildings that house businesses familiar to them, such as Aquatics and Exotics. They also got to see some artifacts from our general store display and an authentic Mt. Healthy brick.

In February we went again and presented a program on transportation and communication. This time they got to see pictures of the old train and the traction car line that once connected Mt. Healthy with Cincinnati. The children always enjoy the historical artifacts we bring for them to see, such as the antique candlestick telephone we took when we talked about communication as it existed 100 years ago.

We're hoping that the classes will be able to visit the museum in May. We have worked with the teachers to make sure that our programs align with the goals and learning objectives required for the third-grade curriculum.

We will also be welcoming a home-school group to our museum in May.

- Historical Society president Penny Huber

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The museum will be open May 30 after the Memorial Day parade and on Sunday, July 3, from 7 to 9 p.m., before the fireworks. Please come see us.

Bicentennial planning

The committee planning the festivities for Mt. Healthy's upcoming 2017 bicentennial is working on the calendar of events. Among the plans so far:

- a Bicentennial Year Kick-off Gala on Dec. 31, 2016 at Kolping, featuring dinner, music, and dancing
- a Meet & Greet at the Mt. Healthy Jr./Sr. High School in March, allowing everyone to come and share memories, information, and celebrations of life in Mt. Healthy past and present
- a Mt. Healthy Reds' game outing in the spring
- a golf outing in the spring
- a vintage baseball game, sponsored by the Historical Society
- a 5k run/walk
- a summer concert series in the Mt. Healthy Park
- all-year class reunions for Mt. Healthy High School and Assumption in June
- an extra-special Alumni Band concert at the High School in June
- fireworks, an arts and crafts show, and a photography contest on July 3rd
- Celebrate Mt. Healthy, with classic car show, beer tasting, and the Historical Society Ice Cream Social in September

Exact dates of many events are still being determined, but there will be something for everyone.

In addition to these events, lots of Mt. Healthy souvenirs will be available: hats, T-shirts, the Historical Society's vintage DVDs (and possibly a newly edited DVD?), a new book on the early history of Mt. Healthy, and much more.

For more information, you can visit <http://www.mth2017.org/>.

You can also sign up for email updates—visit the Bicentennial website for details.

We're looking forward to an exciting 2017.



We send a sad Goodbye and Good Luck to Monica Lubiani, who has been doing our newsletters for over a year now. Monica will be moving away from Ohio this summer. She's been a great help to Historical Society and a huge asset to our city. She will be missed.

DON'T YOU WISH WE STILL HAD THIS?

Did you know that between 1897 and 1939 Mt. Healthy had an electric streetcar, and that for years it was part of a regional streetcar system?

Included among our artifacts relating to the streetcar we have a 1910 flyer for an annual excursion on the Cincinnati, Hamilton, and Dayton line to northern Michigan.

Riders could take the trolley to various Michigan resorts, including Long Lake and Bay View, for just \$8.00. Those who wished to visit Mackinac Island could catch a boat at Cheboygan for just an additional dollar.



Above left: flyer for the 1910 excursion to northern Michigan.

Above: 1887 railroad pass for the Cincinnati, Hamilton, and Dayton, line.

Left: the "traction car," as it locals called it, in Mt. Healthy, probably 1910s to early 1920s.

Building upgrades

Our buildings are getting some important maintenance.

The tollhouse was recently fitted with new gutters. The old ones were a bit too small, and tended to overflow, which was making the paint deteriorate. We now have larger gutters, and they're round, which is more appropriate to the age of the building.

The Free Meeting House/Museum will soon be getting updated electrical wiring, which will make the building safer for the storage of our artifact collection.

Our thanks to the city for providing these important preservation upgrades.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Historical Society president, Penny Huber, who has been named Mt. Healthy's 2016 Alumnus of the Year!

The Alumni Association chooses one outstanding alumnus to honor each year. Penny will be given this award at the High School during the Jr./Sr. High School Awards Night, May 10.

Penny's lifelong devotion to our community and to our Historical Society makes her an excellent choice for this honor.

Come visit the museum and see our new quilt and coverlet display. We have a variety of old quilts and woven coverlets featured in our center case, as well as other needle-arts objects in our flat-top display case.

Our museum has many wonderful artifacts that have never been displayed. Now we're trying to update our center case a few times a year so that we can share these pieces of Mt. Healthy history.

If you haven't visited us in a while, you might want to come see what's changed.



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