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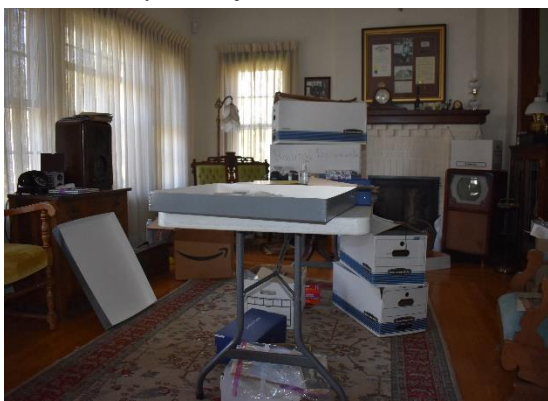
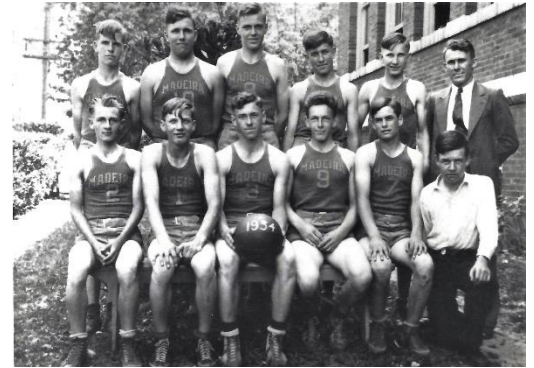
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Miller House Museum

It is now 2023, the Madeira Historical Society is beginning the 51st year as an organization, and the Miller House Museum is beginning year number 19. The society has made it through the pandemic, and Joseph Biden has just completed two years as president of the United States. Our membership is intact and we still have money in the bank. We are looking ahead to a bright future for the Madeira Historical Society.

Some wonder what happens when the Museum closes from January through March, first I can say that your board members and officers are busy meeting and planning for 2023. Several members of the society, led by Museum Archivist Carol Heck, have been working two days each week attempting to finish a 51-year effort, sorting, identifying, organizing, and preserving thousands of photos, documents, and other important artifacts. This effort began in 1972 soon after the society was founded. Carol has said that recent



discoveries include boxes full of B&O Railroad papers dating back to the 1800's, that were left at our Depot when it discontinued providing rail service. Other interesting discoveries include a box left for the society when Elizabeth Miller moved from her home. Another box was from Nelson and Florence Hoffmann after they moved from their Madeira home. Some material was donated from Doctor Clifford Crull, brought to the museum by his widow several years ago. Doctor Crull was a local dentist and historian. The

photo included in this paragraph (basketball team) is from Doctor Crull. This work was delayed while the society, in recent years, finished returning the Miller House kitchen back to the 1922 look, and the second-floor restoration project. See our website for photos taken of past winter projects completed at the museum, www.madeirahs.org.

***Madeira Historical Society Board Meeting,** the Madeira Historical Society board met in a very productive January meeting, that included approval of the 2023 budget. The budget includes replacement of the downstairs toilet, the 10-year-old water heater, and the outdated security system. Despite the ups and downs in the American economy, our investments are still acceptable, supporting our basic cost of operations. The society still must raise funding for capital projects outside of operations.*



***Completing 2022 Projects,** the new greenhouse door was installed in late December and the chicken coop fenced in area for our future resident chickens is expected to be completed this April. It was decided that museum volunteers will build the "chicken run" using fencing material that will include a floor, sides, a roof and a gate. The chicken run has been designed to protect our future residents from Coyotes, Fox, Possums, Hawks, and all of the*

other Miller Property critters. The funding for this project was provided by Mary Anne Christie and Tom and Peggy Frank. The photo above shows Madeira first grade students visiting the Miller House, last year.

2022 Christmas Dinner and Annual Meeting, our December dinner and annual meeting was again held at the Kenwood Country Club. After dinner and before the election results were announced the attendees were entertained by the Madeira 4th grade Choral Group. The children did a really great job, led by Jennifer Welland.



The election results are as follows, President, Bob Bartlett, Vice President, Doug Oppenheimer, Treasurer, Donna Lienhart, Recording Secretary, Robin LeFevre, Board members, Tim Brock, Carol Heck, Liz Frederick, Tom Frietch, and Les LeFevre. Both Liz Frederick Museum Director and Carol Heck Archivist / Librarian will continue in their respective positions. A special thanks to

management at our Madeira Kroger store for providing the beautiful Poinsettias given out as door prizes and another thanks to member Terri Frietch, for making all of the gift baskets that were raffled off at the dinner.

Madeira Historical Society, annual calendar is enclosed with your newsletter. The 2023 calendar shows the dates for all of the museum open house's, the programs that are held at the Madeira Library, and the many other events sponsored by the Madeira Historical Society. Some members attach the calendar with magnets to their refrigerator.

Sad News to Report, the Madeira Historical Society and the community has recently lost another important member of the society and the community, Jane Bavely. Our condolences to her husband Hanlin and her family.

Membership Renewals, renewals are sent out in advance of due dates, allowing for time to renew, let us know if there are any questions about your membership. Your membership is very much appreciated and does have some perks, such as an early newsletter, and notifications about upcoming events.

Madeira Historical Society, is providing history displays at the Madeira Library. Our Archivist, Carol Heck has already provided our first display at right and is now completing our



second display shown at left. We encourage you to visit the library and enjoy Carol's contribution. Carol was a resident of Madeira until the middle of second grade, when her family relocated to North College Hill. Her



childhood home on Laurel Avenue was torn down making way for the third Madeira Kroger Store location. Eventually the Laurel Avenue Kroger Store would relocate to the current Miami Avenue location.

Madeira Historical Society, Museum Director, Liz Frederick is in the process of changing some of the museum displays. At this time each year, Liz reviews the museum and decides what needs to be "refreshed" attracting new visitors or repeat visits. The museum will reopen on April 1st, and then on the first Saturday and third Sunday of each month. The museum is open from 1 – 4 PM. See your Madeira Historical Society Calendar.



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Madeira Historical Society

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February 2023 – A message from your Madeira Historical Society President

Happy New Year for 2023 to Madeira Historical Society Members, Friends, and Organizations that support our mission.

Summarized, our Mission is to: The Madeira Historical Society is organized for the purpose of discovery, preservation and dissemination of knowledge about the history of Madeira and the surrounding area. Our mission includes establishing and maintaining a museum within the City of Madeira, available to the public, to house historical photographs, information and artifacts.

We execute our Mission by offering Miller House Museum Open House Tours to the public on the 1st Saturday & 3rd Sunday from April - December from 1-4 PM at no cost to visitors. The Tours showcase the restored Miller House, a 1922 Sears Roebuck home with furnishings representative of how families lived between the 1920's-1940's.

We collect historic items & documents from the earliest days of Madeira Ohio and organize these items so they can be displayed and safely stored for research.

We offer group tours for Madeira Elementary Students & St. Gertrude Elementary Students each year. This offers about 250 students to understand how families lived in the 1920's - 1940's and compare to how families currently live (with huge TV's, automatic washers/dryers, power lawn mowers and many other examples).

We also schedule Fundraisers at the annual Art Fair, City Wide Garage Sale, Restaurants & the Madeira Street Dance to help support our Museum.

We sincerely appreciate your continued financial support from Memberships, Donations & fundraisers to help us meet our financial obligations of about \$18,000 annually.

Finally, we currently have 3 open Board Positions and would enjoy meeting with anyone interested with joining our Board and working with our talented and dedicated Team.

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Sincerely,

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