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## Memorial Day Weekend Review

By Randy Staley,  
Veteran's Committee Chair



Many thanks go out to our volunteers and sponsors who made our 5<sup>th</sup> annual events a big success with few challenges. Mother Nature blessed us with great weather and for the first year our parade and memorial service was not interrupted by a train, thanks to the Miamisburg Police Department. Each year we learn a little more, add a few improvements and bring back our home town tradition to honor our veterans.

The annual Victory Dance on Sunday evening at the Baum Opera House was attended by over 100 guests including Parade Grand Marshal, Jim Payne and his wife Darleen. The dancing and music was great for the fifth year with the Hauer 16 piece Big Swing Band.



*Memorial Day Service on Linden Avenue Bridge*

The Memorial Day service on the Linden Avenue Bridge was moved further west on the bridge this year allowing more space for the public. A public address system was added for the first time and the service was well attended. This ceremony originated at the end of WWII to honor our veterans who did not return home. It concludes with the throwing of a memorial wreath into the water, a 21 gun salute and taps.

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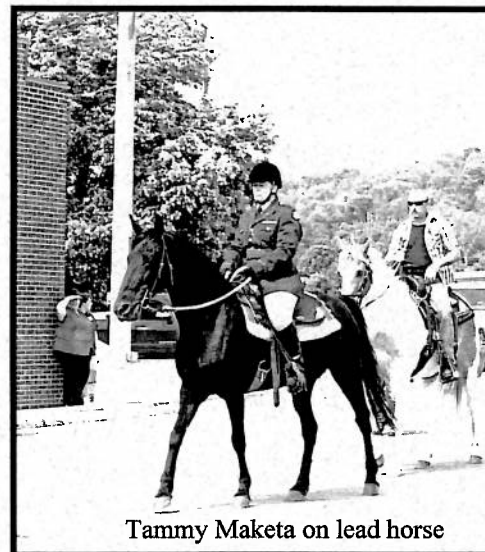
## Memorial Day Weekend Review

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This year's parade featured 33 units and included several traditions of days of old. A black lead horse was ridden by Veteran, Tammy Maketa, wearing Everett "Butch" Sweny's WWII uniform. There were decorated bicycles, military vehicles, the Blue Star Mothers, the Masonic Minerva Lodge #98, decorated horses and a very sharp Miamisburg Fire Dept. Color Guard to name a few. The Memorial Service in the park was kicked off by the Miamisburg Marching Band's concert of patriotic music and was also well attended with many staying for the free ice cream and hot dogs.

Our biggest challenge seems to be the Society's general meetings. The Thursday evening Silver Taps Ceremony went off beautifully with three live taps players provided by "Bugles Across America". Speaker Aaron Crawford of the Montgomery County Veteran Services provided important information for veterans and their families. His handouts are available at the Market Square Building. The attendance was disappointing with the players out numbering the attendees 3 to 1. Program Chairman and Vice President, Ted Fink, has provided some great programs the past two years; however, membership support is slipping away.

I would like to thank and mention our sponsors who make our tribute possible: Mayor Church's Marriage Fund, the City of Miamisburg, River Valley Credit Union, General Food Service (GFS), Kroger's, the Ice Cream Trolley, Ron's Pizza and our friends at the Baum.



Tammy Maketa on lead horse



Children with decorated bikes take part in the Memorial Day Parade.



Grand Marshal Jim Payne and his wife, Darleen



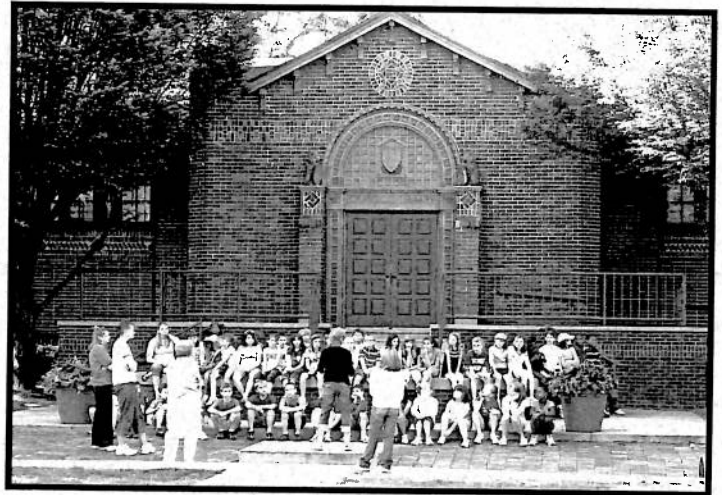
Re-enactors perform at the Silver Taps Program.

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## Students Learn Miamisburg History

During the month of May, on any week day, you may encounter groups of Miamisburg students taking a tour of historic Miamisburg. Under the direction of Bobbye Sweny, our Children's Education Program is growing by leaps and bounds. With the help of many other volunteers, Miamisburg history comes alive for the students as they are taken around the town and introduced to the stories of how our town began. A big highlight of the tour is a visit with Mayor Church outside the Civic Center.

We can feel proud that our Society offers such a great service for our young citizens. It's a very valuable learning experience and the kids love it..



Third grade classes assemble at Carnegie Library as they begin their tour of historic Miamisburg.



Students stop at the Civic Center for a visit with Mayor Church.



## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

**Shirley Holbrook**

**Constance Bates**

**Darrell & Debby Cook**

## Sending Our Sympathy

To Historical Society member, Carole Leis Troup and her sister, Marianne Leis Rich and their families, we send sincere condolences on the passing of their mother, Hazel Ellen Wilson Leis.

Mrs. Leis died on April 23 in Ft. Myers, Florida. She was 97 years of age.





## HRRC... Historic Research and Resource Committee

By Nita Petticrew, Chairperson

The Historic Research and Resource Committee has had more Hill Grove Cemetery books printed. If you are interested, there are some available. The cost is \$75.00 and may be purchased at the Market Square Building on Wednesdays and/or Saturdays between 1:00pm and 4:00pm.

We are also currently in the process of extracting cemetery records in order to print a supplement. The supplement will include corrections to the original book and up-dates from 2002 records of burials. An announcement of the supplement will be made as soon as it is available for purchase.

### NOTICE...

*The Historical Society Picnic and General Meeting originally scheduled for June 25 has been cancelled.*

*There will be no General Meetings in July or August as we take our "summer break".*

*Watch for our fall schedule in the August "Tavern Log" and get ready for plenty of activities and fun.*

The Market Square Building will be open  
as usual during the summer months.  
Wednesday and Saturday from 1:00 to 4:00 pm.

## Fashion Show and Tea Scheduled for November

By Barb Olekas,  
Ways and Means Chairperson



Mark your calendars for November 15 for the Goodwill Vintage Fashion Show and Tea. We will have some new things for you this year. The show will be different from last year and we will have more raffle items. There will be only about 110 tickets sold, so mark your calendar and get your tickets early. Any questions call Barb Olekas at 855-6590.

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## Tavern Cleaning Day

By Judy Wuerstl,  
Gebhart Tavern Volunteer Coordinator

The annual "Tavern Cleaning Day" was held on April 30. Once again Jeanne Toadvine supplied us with a crew of five fine fellows pictured here. They are Billy Campbell, Jordan Page, Matt Wolfe, Austin Myers and Devin Pruess. Tom Silberman did his usual window cleaning and also pitching in to help were Ron Sprague and Bobbye Sweny. Good job, folks. Our Tavern was in fine shape for our 'Opening Day', May 3. It was a busy one.



New docents Mary Pat and Clyde Golden and I were excited to have eighteen visitors that day, maybe a new record. We also are pleased to welcome another new docent - Mike Kindle, who is going to work our Saturday openings, which we are trying out this year. Wish us luck!

The Tavern was hopping in May due to all the classes of school children that we brought through. The kids love it and often return with their parents on a Sunday. Volunteers who worked during May were Mary Pat and Clyde Golden, Ron Sprague and Karen Sue Doss, Phyllis and Quill Abney, Bobbye Sweny and Kathy Fortney, Bill Stalder, Carol O'Connell and Iola Hail. Thanks for your time and commitment.

## Society Takes Part In Spring Fling Activities

The Historical Society displayed our newly acquired Buggyabout (Highwheeler) in the Spring Fling Parade. This is the early auto that was built in 1907 by the Hatfield Motor Company on Main Street in Miamisburg. Many thanks to AAA for providing the truck on which our old vehicle was placed for the trip around town. Riding in the auto were Larry Suttman and Joe Steffen.



Our Society also had a booth at the Library Park. The weather was not the best on Saturday, but Sunday was beautiful and brought out lots of people who visited our booth. We were very successful with sales of items that were brought to the booth from our gift shop.

Judy Knight who headed up the booth operation, wishes to thank Cathy Oberer, Larry Suttman, Diane Kinnison, Jeanette Belvo, Angie Guntle, Laura Bornhorst, Rolla Broerman, Barb Olekas and Jim Bornhorst for all their help. Thanks also to Judy's husband, Doug Knight and his brother Paul Knight for their help with set-up and tear-down.

Judy sends a big thank you to Nita Petticrew for sharing her experience and to everyone else who offered advise, encouragement and support.

## Many Volunteers Contribute To Successful Quilt Show

By Janet L. Wead,  
Quilt Show Coordinator

The Miamisburg Historical Society and the Miamisburg Material Girls Quilt show was over six weeks ago - my how time passes. It was great to have so many old and new quilts to share with the public. We were delighted with the response to our show. We had many guests from surrounding counties, cities, and several from out of state who were visiting in Ohio.

The quilt raffle winner was Sylvia Sicree from Dayton who took the quilt to Show & Tell at the Stitching Post the next day to share with her class. The winner of the Miamisburg Historical Society Coverlet was Sherry Land.

I want to give special thanks to Dick Church who gave us seed money at the start, Masters Insurance and Chuck Sweny for our raffle tickets. Thanks also to Debby & Darrell Cook, Georgia Evans, Les Wead, the Farmersville Historical Society, Diane Warrick, Jeanette Belvo, Jim Schnapp, Wells (Bud) Colvin, Larry Suttman, Rick Stock and Carroll Zink for their help. A special thank you to Doug Stamm for all his help in getting the quilt racks out of storage in Farmersville, moving them into storage before the Quilt Show. We really appreciated and needed your help. Again thanks.



My appreciation to Bobbye Sweny and Rolla Broerman who helped me get the show started last October. Bobbye helped in enlisting volunteers and getting the ball rolling on many other projects. Thanks to Judy and Doug Stamm for helping to get the lunch food and servers together and to the Baum Opera House for the use of their building. Phyllis Abney was a great help taking care of our monies and for many other duties.

The Miamisburg Material Girls really came through selling so many raffle tickets, helping to set up, displaying their quilts and taking them down. To the many people who shared their quilts at the show and helped in so many ways - Thank you!

A big thanks to all who attended the show!

The tentative date for the 2010 Quilt Show is April 16th and 17th. Karen Pelfrey and Connie Bates will be taking over most of my duties preparing for the show in 2010. Again next year I will be responsible for the quilts that will be displayed.

Thank you Miamisburg Historical Society Board Members for giving us a chance to prove it could be done.



Janet and Les Wead





## Garage Sale Was a HIT!

By Barb Olekas,  
Ways and Means Chairperson

The Garage Sale was a big success considering what we had to sell. We made \$515 after expenses. I would like to thank everyone that helped us sell the items that were housed in Laura Barnhorst's family building. (Thanks Laura!) Some of the items were moved to the building on the King property, I still have the oak banisters that I am trying to sell and some of the items were put on the street to be picked up by the city.

A really special thanks to Rolla Broerman's grandson, Thomas, and his friends for helping us move the leftover items. I don't know what we would have done without them. We were so grateful that we gave them money to buy a pizza. They worked very hard. We had to empty the building that day, and they were extremely helpful in getting that done.

Don McLaughlin made us some great signs that brought in lots of customers. Jim Schnapp, Don McLaughlin and John O'Gorman helped move and mark the items. Judy Weurstl handled the money. Jeanette Belvo, Phil Johnson, Rolla Broerman and myself helped sell and John O'Gorman made the coffee and donuts run. Bobbye Sweny and Joe Steffen were extremely helpful, looking all over town for "lost" items. Members of the Society dropped off unwanted items also, most of which sold.

I need to thank Larry Suttman and Mike Kindle for leaving the Market Square Building and coming over to the Leyes building to help us clear out the stuff from the building. Also thanks to Tonya Broerman for answering our call for help and returning with the truck so we could move things.

It was a fun day with nice weather and we met lots of new people that we hoped would become interested in joining us. All in all, a lot of people worked together, had fun and made some money for the Kercher Cabin Fund.

## Upcoming Events

J U N E	Alumni Dinner/Dance Date: Saturday, June 20 • 5:30 pm Place: Holiday Inn Dayton Mall  Cruise the Burg #1 Date: Saturday, June 27 • 4-9:00 pm Place: Downtown Miamisburg
	 Great Miami River Race Date: Saturday, July 18 • 8:00 am Place: Downtown Miamisburg  Tour d'Burg Date: Sunday, July 19 • 8:00-5:00 pm Place: Downtown Miamisburg  Cruise the Burg #2 Date: Saturday, July 24 • 4-9:00 pm Place: Downtown Miamisburg
A U G U S T	Thunderburg Date: Saturday, Aug. 1 • 4:00-11:00 pm Place: Downtown Miamisburg  Cruise the Burg #3 Date: Saturday, Aug. 22 • 4-9:00 pm Place: Downtown Miamisburg  Asian Festival Date: Sat., Aug. 22 • 11:00 am-8:00 pm Place: Library Park

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Dancers enjoy the big band music  
at the Victory Dance at the Baum.



Memorial stones in newly paved  
and landscaped area at Library Park.