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

Fall is here and still our cleaning and sorting project continues. We emptied the storeroom back in July and have been working on it ever since. Each box that we open is being cataloged, repacked, and labeled.

We have found things in our collection that we never knew we had, including entire boxes of printed material and photos. It will require a great expenditure of time to identify, read, and file these items appropriately. We also had military uniforms that were stored in Hefty bags, a WWI gas mask, and many other surprises. Sadly, a few items were broken or ruined by moisture, but fortunately they represent a tiny fraction of what was in there.

This has been a fun and rewarding experience, and will allow us to have a better knowledge of what we have and where to find it all. It's also good to know that so much of our collection is now stored in a way that will help ensure its preservation for years to come. Thanks to everyone who has helped.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Christmas Open House (see details inside).

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Mark your calendar for these Christmas events

Christmas Open House

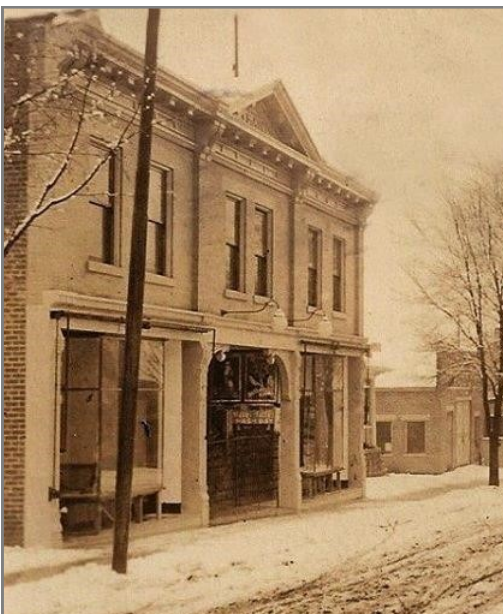
Our Christmas Open House will be Sunday, December 4, from 1 to 3. Come to the museum for a visit with Santa, children's crafts, cookies and punch, and more.

Christmas dinner / December meeting

This year our Christmas dinner will be a carry-in, combined with our regular monthly meeting, December 7 at 6:00 in the basement of the Mt. Healthy Methodist Church. We will not have a speaker or program. Please call Penny Huber at 931-6420 to indicate what dish you want to bring.

We'll be nice and warm for years to come with the new furnace that was recently installed in the museum. We replaced the old one, which was built in 1952. Aside from increased energy efficiency, we gained much-needed space in the storeroom. We're also considering the possibility of adding air conditioning soon, which would aid in the preservation of our artifacts.

The tollhouse is also getting some necessary maintenance in the form of a new front porch and side steps. The Historical Society purchased the materials and city workers are providing the labor.



Update on the Main Theater

The Main Theater continues to be a focus for students in the UC Design, Architecture, Art, and Planning historic preservation class. They have been taking measurements and making drawings of the theater along with three other uptown buildings. Two of the students are tasked with compiling the cultural history of the Main. To support this effort, a handful of Mt. Healthy natives came to the museum on a recent evening to share personal stories: Greg and Nicky McSwain, Diana Klenk, Bob Curley, Bob Roetting, Ken Scheffel, Penny Huber and Dave Huser. It was a wonderful evening of shared memories, which were recorded and can be found on SoundCloud at <https://soundcloud.com/karenamelia-1/26-oct-16-main-theater->

Open House for Public Employees

On October 25 we held an open house for public employees, inviting administrators from the city schools and employees from the school district's administration building and the city. Visitors included some of our city's firefighters, police officers, and workers from city hall, as well as school district personnel. Everyone who came seemed to enjoy seeing our displays and artifacts. Many had never been to the museum before or had not been inside for many years.



Ice Cream Social

Our annual Ice Cream Social was nearly rained out. It was set to begin at 4:00 as part of Celebrate Mt. Healthy on Saturday, September 10, but thunderstorms hit right on cue at 4, raining out Celebrate and sending attendees into the community room to dry off. Those who came got to enjoy delicious UDF ice cream and yummy baked goods. Although Celebrate was eventually cancelled, we at least had a nice crowd for a while. Thank you to everyone who helped, donated baked goods, and came to eat. And a big thank-you once again to United Dairy farmers for donating the ice cream. Leftover ice cream will be donated to Trinity Lutheran Church for their community dinners.



BICENTENNIAL PLANS

The plans for Mt. Healthy's 2017 bicentennial year are nearly finalized.

The year will kick off with a New Year's Eve gala, with dinner and music, Dec. 31, 2016.

On March 18 there will be a Meet & Greet at the high school, featuring displays on the city's past and present and a chance to visit and reminisce.

May 29 is Memorial Day, and we will have a parade, commemoration at the veterans' monument, and a special exhibit at the museum to mark the centennial of US entry into World War I.

June 24 there will be all-year class reunions at both Mt. Healthy High and Assumption, and the Alumni Band Concert will be June 25 at the high school.

July 3rd we will open the time capsule at the city park and of course have fireworks.

September 9 will see the vintage car show return to Celebrate Mt. Healthy. We'll also have the Ice Cream Social, an arts and crafts show, and a photography contest.

There will also be a golf outing in September—date to be announced.

You can follow updated information on the bicentennial website: MTH2017.org



If you have information to share for the Bicentennial Veterans' book project, please go to the bicentennial website and fill out a form. They are collecting information on any veteran with a Mt. Healthy connection, from any period. These will be compiled into a commemorative book, which will be available Memorial Day, 2017. The deadline to submit information is Feb. 1, 2017.



The first of the bicentennial merchandise is now available.

This is a wooden ornament, laser-cut by a craftsman in Gatlinburg. It shows the official bicentennial logo, and measures 3" in diameter.

If you would like to purchase one, you can do so on the bicentennial website (MTH2017.org) and pay with a credit card. The price is \$10. If you need to have it shipped, the additional cost is \$5 for up to five ornaments.

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