

MUSEUM MEMO

July/August 2016

Friends of the Plymouth Historical Museum elects New Board of Directors

At its annual meeting in May, the Friends of the Plymouth Historical Museum members elected several members to its Board of Directors.

The newly elected Board of Directors for 2016-2019 are Jeff Ashton, Bryan Cermak, Carol Souchock, and Kathy Sullivan; Aaron Frank was elected for the term 2016-2018.

The remainder of the board includes: Jim Burroughs (2015-2018), Sally Fedus (2015-2018), Margaret Harris (2014-2017), Daniel Packer (2014-2017), Jim Vermeulen Jr. (2014-2017), and Pam Yockey (2015-2018).

The Board of Directors elected its officers for the coming year at its meeting June 1: Sally Fedus, president; Margaret Harris, vice president; Kathy Sullivan, secretary; Jim Burroughs, treasurer; and Pam Yockey, past president.

FRIENDS OF PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY 2016 - 2017 FISCAL YEAR OPERATING BUDGET June 1, 2016 - May 31, 2017

<u>REVENUE</u>	(000)
Daily Operations	\$ 29
Museum Store	10
Special Events - primarily Annual Gala in March	67
Investment Income	34
Donations	20
Endowment Funds for Personnel	24
All Other	2
Total Revenue	\$ 186
<u>OPERATING EXPENSES</u>	
Personnel Costs	\$ 103
Utilities	23
Other Museum Overhead	30
Special Events	13
Museum Store	7
Advertising	3
Volunteer Activities	1
All Other	6
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 186
Net Income	\$ -

Hear tales of ghosts from White House residents, as portrayed by members of the Plymouth Living History Troupe.

"Ghosts of the White House" Tea

Tickets are \$25 for Friends of the Plymouth Historical Museum members; \$30 for non-members by September 16; Add \$5 to ticket prices after September 16.



Plymouth Historical Museum
155 S. Main Street
734-455-8940 x0
www.plymouthhistory.org/events.html

Sunday,
October 2
2-4 PM

Plymouth Historical Museum
 155 South Main Street
 Plymouth, Michigan 48170
<http://www.plymouthhistory.org>
<http://www.facebook.com/plymouthhistory>
 734-455-8940 Fax: 734-455-7797

Hours

Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday
 1-4 PM all days
 Open year round (except some holidays)

Board of Directors

Sally Fedus	President
Margaret Harris	Vice President
Kathy Sullivan	Secretary
Jim Burroughs	Treasurer
Pam Yockey	Past President
Jeff Ashton	Director
Bryan Cermak	Director
Aaron Frank	Director
Dan Packer	Director
Carol Souchock	Director
Jim Vermeulen Jr.	Director

Staff

Madelyne Beddoes	Cashier/Scheduler
Sherrie Brindley	Marketing Director
Janet Burns	Office Manager
Melody McCann	Administrative Assistant
Mike Hoggard	Facility Manager
Paula Holmes	Museum Store Manager
Elizabeth Kelley Kerstens	Executive Director
Heidi Nielsen	Archivist
Barb Peterson	Hospitality Chair
Leslie Ryder	Education Coordinator
Mary Thackston	Exhibits Coordinator

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The Museum Memo is printed six times a year. Friends of the Plymouth Historical Museum meetings are open to members, their guests, and the public and are held on the second TUESDAY of each month, September through May, at 7:30 PM, unless otherwise scheduled. Please enter on the Church Street side of the building.

Monthly Drawing

Pam Piendel and Angelle Blaies are the winners of the July and August drawings for a \$25 gift certificate.



Kroger Plus Card Donations

Thank you to those who have added the Plymouth Historical Society to their **Kroger Plus Card**. The Museum receives a small percentage from any purchases made by those who have an up-to-date registration on their cards.

To participate in the program, visit www.krogercommunityrewards.com.

Click on "Michigan" and click on "Enroll."

You must have a valid online account at Kroger.com to participate. If you need help, give us a call at 734-455-8940 ext. 9. We'll be happy to help you get enrolled.

Mission Statement

The Friends of the Plymouth Historical Museum, formally the Plymouth Historical Society, is a privately funded membership organization dedicated to preserving, teaching, and presenting history through the operation and support of the Plymouth Historical Museum.

New Members—Welcome!

Michael Blaies, Plymouth
 Cynthia Gontko, Farmington Hills
 Terese Tuohey, White Lake

Become a Member

Bi-monthly newsletter, *Museum Memo*
 10% discount in the Museum Store
 Reduced rates on some Museum events
 Free admission to the Museum during the membership year

Plymouth Historical Museum Wish List

1 Roll Postage Stamps	\$49 per
Adopt a Mannequin	\$150
1/2 month heating bill	\$375
1/2 month electric bill	\$475
1 month employee's salary	\$500

To donate online, please visit the Museum website

Bits 'N Pieces

By Elizabeth Kelley Kerstens, executive director

At the July meeting of the Friends of the Plymouth Historical Museum Board of Directors, the Board voted to eliminate most of the monthly membership meetings because of low attendance by members. Therefore, there will not be another membership meeting until Tuesday, April 11, 2017. That meeting is when Board candidates are announced. We will also continue to have our annual membership meeting in May, when we hold elections and a pot-luck dinner. That meeting will be Tuesday, May 9, 2017.

We will now concentrate on providing more members-only events, such as the wildly popular "Wine & Appetizer" reception we had in June to preview our current exhibit, "First Ladies—Fashion Setters." We had about 150 members and guests in attendance, the most ever for an exhibit preview! So look for your invitation in the mail for occasional upcoming events. Our next members-only event will be the preview for the Christmas exhibit, which will be held on Wednesday, November 16. Put the date on your calendar!

The annual Plymouth Ghosts Cemetery Walk was a

surprising sell-out in early July this year! While that's wonderful news to us and confirmation of the job we're doing, it took many members by surprise when they found out tickets were no longer available. Therefore, we have added a second, simultaneous walk with 8 more fabulous actors. We are offering that walk to our members first before we advertise it on Facebook in mid-August. It will likely sell out rapidly again once it's advertised there, so please purchase your tickets NOW. The web page to purchase tickets is at http://www.plymouthhistory.org/events/Plymouth-Ghosts-Cemetery-Walk-at-Riverside-Cemetery_ET45.html?SortBox=201610. Or, you can come in to the Museum to purchase when we're open, or call 734-455-8940 x0 to order tickets and pay by credit card.

We had an anonymous donor donate the money needed to purchase a new network server for the Museum. Now we're hoping that some generous donors can come forward and donate money to pay our IT professional for the service time needed to install the server. This installation could cost about \$1,500. Thank you!

(Unapproved)

Plymouth Historical Society Annual Membership Meeting

Plymouth Historical Museum, Plymouth, Michigan,
May 12, 2015

I. Called to order: 7:40 pm by Pres. Yockey following a delicious pot-luck dinner.

II. Attendance: quorum

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Yockey read minutes of 5-8-14 Annual Meeting.

Moved, seconded, approved by unanimous voice vote of membership.

V. Treasurer's Annual Report: Burroughs briefed the Membership on the finances of the Society. We ended this year in the black. The Annual Dinner Fundraiser was successful. The freight elevator repairs are complete and fully paid for, thanks to the generosity of the membership. Detailed reports are available upon request. Moved, seconded, approved by unanimous voice vote of membership

VI. Yockey announced several projects/programs that have been completed or are being planned and referred membership to our website for details. She extended our profuse gratitude to all volunteers/department heads / groups/committees, etc. who have helped make this another successful year.

VII. Board Trustee Election: Since Yockey was running for reelection she asked former president, Bee Friedlander, to take the podium to conduct the election of Board

Members. Yockey, Burroughs and Fedus were running unchallenged. Moved by Odell, seconded by Vermeulen and unanimously approved for three year terms by membership acclamation vote. Congratulations!

VIII. Yockey resumed the podium and spoke about our latest new exhibit commemorating the 1895 Chicago World's Fair, announced plans to celebrate Margaret Dunning's 105th birthday on June 26, 6-8:00 pm at the Museum and thanked all volunteers, staff, departments, groups, committees, etc. for all the wonderful work they've contributed throughout the year. Yockey and Kerstens passed out free Museum admission passes to many extraordinary volunteers.

IX. Kerstens announced upcoming special events such as Downton Abbey Tea, Frozen Princess Tea, Where in Plymouth are Anna and Elsa, Scavenger Hunt, Cemetery Walk, etc. Lots of exciting events coming up!

X. Yockey reminded membership that the 2014 Approved Minutes and these 2015 Unapproved Minutes will be available for their review in the Museum Office during business hours.

XI. Yockey introduced all Board Members.

XI. Adjournment: 8:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Sally Fedus for Secretary Margaret Harris

Editor's note; May 12, 2015 meeting minutes resubmitted for final approval.

**Donations Received
June-July 2016
Thank You!**

The following generous donations were received between June and July 2016:

The Dunning (\$2,500 +)
Plymouth Lions Club Foundation

The Lincoln (\$1,000-\$2,499)
Avis Ford

The Penniman (\$250-\$499)
Mary Fritz
24th Michigan Volunteer Infantry

The Kellogg (\$100-\$249)
Joan Anderson
Maureen Daniels
Wally & Marlene Donoghue
Albina Miller
Mary Pauline

Up to \$100
Shirley Jallad
Roberta Lareau
Barbara Peterson
Merrilee Zawadzki

*Space is limited,
so act now!*



Wilcox House Tour

See the insides of this beautifully renovated historic home!
Meet William (Phil) Markham & Blanche Shortman!

Sunday, November 13

Tours start at 1 pm, 2 pm, 3 pm, and 4 pm

Tickets are \$10 per person for members;
\$15 per person for non-members



Thank you
for supporting
the Plymouth
Historical Museum

100 Years Ago - August 1916

NOTHING LOST BY COURTESY

May at Times Seem a Small Thing,
But It Has the Power of Accomplishing Much.

Courtesy is like oil upon troubled waters. There is an inevitable amount of friction in everyday life. Courtesy reduces this friction to a minimum. The happy outcome of a day's work may easily be determined by a cheery "Good morning" at its beginning. A knitted brow and a grudging greeting may be harbingers of failure in the day's work.

In the elevator, at the telephone, at the bench and in the office—at every point of contact between man and man—a little thought for the feelings of others is a pleasant lubricant in the joints of life. It reduces the jar of the human machinery, promotes good feeling, adds to the world's stock of self-respect.

It is better to request than to command, better to smile than to frown, better to help than to hinder even in the smallest things. A courteous man and a courteous woman furnish the salt that makes life palatable to the soul.

Plymouth Ghosts Cemetery Walk

Tours begin at 4 PM
AND LEAVE PROMPTLY
EVERY 15 MINUTES

Riverside Cemetery

Coming this Fall

Saturday, Oct 29



Bring
flashlights

Purchase tickets at
PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM
155 S. Main Street
PLYMOUTH
734-455-8940

Tickets \$10 in advance

Community Open House September 14

Sponsored by the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce

Please join us and bring your friends for this FREE family-friendly event sponsored by the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce!

The Plymouth Historical Museum is hosting a free Community Open House, 6-8 PM at the Plymouth Historical Museum.

Come and see the current exhibit "First Ladies—Fashion Setters," featuring more than a dozen dresses of the first ladies throughout history.

The Plymouth Living History Troupe will be in attendance por-

traying some of the presidents and first ladies.

We host a patriotic exhibit every four years in the months leading up to the presidential election to highlight the history of the United States and the presidency. This exhibit is an exciting celebration of our country's history.

The dresses are fabulous! They are more historically accurate than anything we've had before. Each dress in this exhibit has been carefully researched by Museum volunteer and Past President Pam Yockey, who is also a costume historian and seamstress. Yockey handmade twelve of the

dresses based on details gleaned from a lifetime of research.

Other memorabilia highlighting elections, the presidents and the first ladies are Children will especially enjoy the "White House Pets" display.

Admission to this Community Open House is free. All ages are welcome!

The First Ladies—Fashion Setters exhibit runs through November 6, 2016.

For more information about the museum visit www.plymouthhistory.org, call 734-455-8940 ext. 0, or visit the museum at 155 S. Main Street, Plymouth.

50 Years Ago - August 1966



MRS. DIXON FORECASTS

See end to gas age in cars of 2016



Jean Dixon 1904-1997

Mrs. Dixon was one of the best-known American self-proclaimed psychics and astrologers of the 20th century. In 1966, she predicted automobiles would eventually have automated guidance systems.

The motorist of 2016 will ride on air, and gasoline will be obsolete as car fuel.

This is the forecast of the nation's Big Four auto heads and noted seeress Jean Dixon, as reported in "Motor News," Automobile Club of Michigan's official publication.

"Motor News" went a "step beyond" in giving Michiganians a preview of what they might be driving in another 50 years.

By 2061 as far as auto designers can foretell by means of present technology and scientific knowledge, cars will travel on new types of fuel, suspended on a cushion of air over roads with automated guidance systems. They will resemble today's vehicles with a Buck Rogers twist.

Mrs. Dixon, who predicted President Kennedy's assassination and who authored the best selling book "A Gift of Prophecy," sees in her crystal ball what auto makers speculate.

"I foresee that the most popular car in 2016 will utilize tubeless wheels that retract... While underway the vehicle seems to move on air and auto-

matically compensate for draft caused by the elements. It can turn on its own axis at reasonable speeds."

MRS. DIXON also says that future lubrication-free autos will resemble today's cars rather than airplanes. They will be computer guided on long trips. Rear engines will be featured along with a radar-like collision preventer.

Auto company heads are less speculative and state that it is impossible to tell exactly what cars of tomorrow will be like. Breakthroughs in metals, plastics, designs, fuels and electronic-guidance systems could radically change concepts on drawing boards.



Plymouth Days Gone By

Compiled by Gerry Sabatini from the newspaper archives at the Plymouth District Library

Will Start Work on New Opera House

Construction work on the new opera house which is to be built on Main street, will be commenced next week. Mr. Thompson's father, who has the contract for the new building is expected here with his men this week. He expects to have the building completed within ninety days from the time it is started.

100 Years Ago -
July 1916

Fred Rupp Badly Injured In Pere Marquette Yards

Fred Rupp, targetman at the crossing in the Pere Marquette railroad yards here, was run over by an engine at an early hour Tuesday morning, completely severing his left leg below the knee and causing a compound fracture of the right leg below the knee. Mr. Rupp, in jumping out of the way of a switch engine, jumped directly in the path of another engine which he did not see

Free Mail Delivery Again

Postmaster Brown has received a communication from the Postoffice Department saying that at the suggestion of Congressman Beakes, the Department will have an investigation made by a postoffice inspector to determine whether it will be feasible to establish city delivery service at this office. The letter further states that city delivery service will be established on condition that the patrons of the office desire the free delivery of mail by carrier in preference to box delivery at the postoffice, and that the following improvements are provided by the patrons or by the city authorities:

1. Good continuous sidewalks and crosswalks.
2. Street lights and signs.
3. House numbers.
4. Private receptacles or door slots for the receipt of mail.

Gas Water Heaters

Regular \$11.00 Heaters for... \$8.00
 Regular \$12.00 Heaters for... \$9.50
 Regular \$14.00 Heaters for... \$11.00

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Jason Robards. Barbara Harris

IN
a thousand clowns

"WILDLY COMIC!
YOU SHOULD
CERTAINLY
SEE IT!"
- N.Y. Times

50 Years Ago -
July 1966

**Teacher package
costs \$240,000**

BEGINNING: \$5650

RICHARD BURTON
IN
**"THE SPY WHO CAME IN
FROM THE COLD"**

Terms of increases in pay and fringe benefits for Plymouth teachers were released last week as the Plymouth Education Association and the School Board ended nearly seven months of bargaining.

for the M.A. plus thirty hours \$6,743.25.

Also, payment for Blue Cross Hospital-Surgical Insurance was raised from a Board share of 50 per cent to full payment by the Board at 100 per cent.

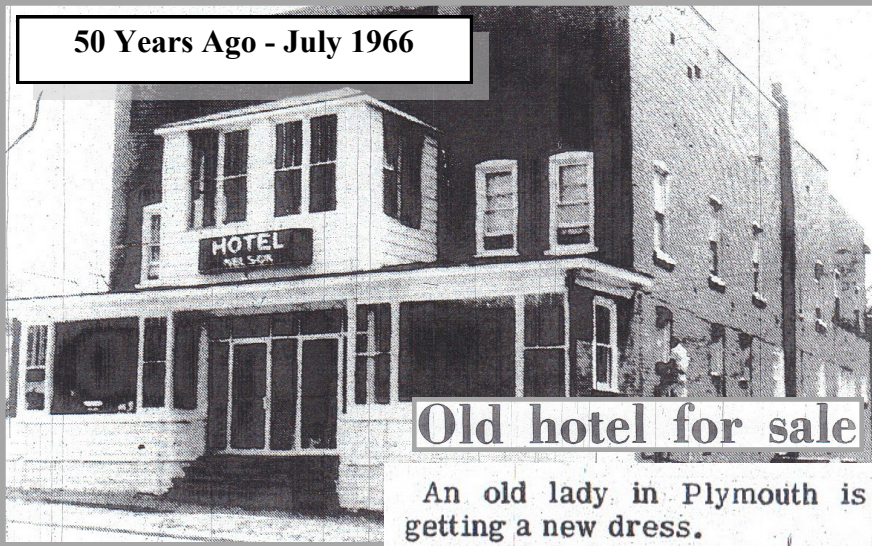
The contract agreement was reached tentatively last week on Tuesday, and the details released on Thursday.

Bob Hope **Phyllis Diller**

**"Boy, Did I Get
a Wrong Number!"**

The new contract calls for beginning salaries for A.B./B.S. level to be \$5,650, for the M.A. level, \$6,150, and

50 Years Ago - July 1966



Old hotel for sale

An old lady in Plymouth is getting a new dress.

The old lady is the Anderine Hotel at 886 N. Mill St., near the C & O tracks.

A rambling, two-story structure, the hotel this week was given a fresh coat of grey paint, with white trim, over the weather worn red bricks and peeling window sashes.

Inside workers have painted, laid carpeting and new floors, and hung new ceilings.

Old lady for sale, includes saloon

PLYMOUTH'S

"OTHER HOTEL"

Purchased last September, the sagging hotel has been refurbished by its new owner, Robert Gaddis, 41174 E. Ann Arbor Trail.

Rooms rent by the week and month. The lobby itself has been converted to rooms.

Part of yesterday remains on the left side of the front portion of the building - an old time saloon where nickel beer flowed, where Johnny came marching home from three wars

The bar section remains intact. It's a long affair made of dark wood with a brass rail. Three paintings of the three lakes near Plymouth are murals on the bar's face. Depicted are Wilcox, Pheonix and Newburgh Lakes.

"The place is for sale," Gaddis said last week, mainly because of my poor health. I think I'd like to open this bar, or rent it out."

MANAGER ADMITS

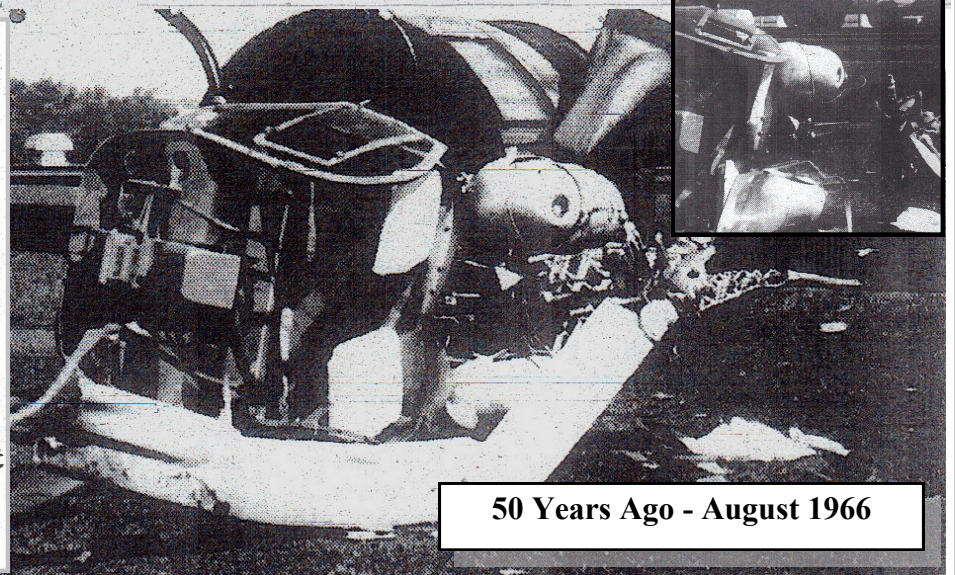
Parking ban not enforced

The City's overnight parking ban is not being enforced because the police department is shorthanded.

That was the announcement from City Manager Richard Blodgett in answer to City Commissioner James McKeon questions on enforcement at Monday night's Commission meeting.

McKeon said he had gotten up early Monday and toured a section of Plymouth, finding about 36 cars that had not been ticketed for parking between the 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. prohibition.

MIXMASTER MESS: This helicopter crashed on top of the roof of the Burroughs Plant Thursday morning after attempts to move a heavy cupola (left, rear) failed and the copter slipped sideways. The pilot, Lawrence Mayhew, from the Metropolitan Airport helicopter service, was not hurt seriously. Township firemen went to the scene fearing the plane's fuel might ignite and touch off the sun-baked tar roof. Had that happened a serious fire could have resulted. The picture in the upper right shows another view of the wrecked helicopter.



50 Years Ago - August 1966

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Plymouth, MI 48170

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Calendar of Events

For a detailed list of events, visit the Museum website at www.plymouthhistory.org/events.html.

Special Museum Exhibit, "First Ladies—Fashion Setters,"
Exhibit on display until November 6, 2016.

September

14—Wednesday, Community Open House, free admission, Plymouth Living History Troupe players portray presidents and first ladies, 6-8 PM.

October

2—Sunday, "Ghosts of the White House" Tea, hear tales of ghosts from White House residents as portrayed by members of the Plymouth Living History Troupe. Tickets are \$25 for members; \$30 for non-members, Plymouth Historical Museum, 2-4 PM.

29—Saturday, Plymouth Ghosts Cemetery Walk at Riverside Cemetery. Walks begin at 4 PM, with small groups departing every 15 minutes. The walk lasts 60-90 minutes. Tickets are \$12 per person; \$10 per person for groups of 8 or more.

November

13—Sunday, Wilcox House Tour. Visit the infamous Markham/Wilcox House adjacent to Kellogg Park and hear from former residents about the house and the people who lived there. Tickets are \$10 for members/\$15 for non-members. Will sell out fast.

First Ladies— Fashion Setters

June 29

November 6

Plymouth Historical
Museum

