

Herndon Historical Society News

May 2012

Wednesday, May 23, 7:30 at the Depot Saving Monticello: Rescuing the House that Jefferson Built

We are in for a real treat this month. Our speaker will be journalist, historian, and author Marc Leepson. He will talk about his book, *Saving Monticello*, which focuses on what happened to the property after Thomas Jefferson died. This is a little known and fascinating tale about the Levy family—U.S. Navy Commodore Uriah P. Levy and his nephew, Congressman Jefferson M. Levy—who owned the house for 89 years and saved it from ruin on two different occasions.

Marc is no stranger to the Historical Society. He last spoke to us about the Battle of Monocacy, the Civil War battle that saved Washington, D.C. from capture by Confederate forces. He will have copies of *Saving Monticello* and several of his other books available for purchase. For more information about Marc, go to www.marcleepson.com.

Upcoming Events of Note

31st Annual Spring Civil War Mosby Bus Tour

When: Saturday, June 23, 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Cost: \$65 for members of the Stuart-Mosby Historical Society; \$75 for nonmembers

To register: Contact Don Hakenson, 703-971-4984, or dhakenson@cox.net. Or, send a check payable to Don Hakenson to: Don Hakenson, 4708 Lillian Drive, Alexandria, VA 22310

The bus will leave from the Truro Rectory at 8:30 a.m. Participants should plan to arrive no later than 8:00 a.m. to sign in. The tour will include sites in Prince William, Loudoun, and Fauquier Counties.

Reenactment of Mosby's Raid on Herndon Station

When: Saturday, March 16, 2013

Where: Old Town Square (by the Depot) in downtown Herndon While the time is yet to be determined, the plan is to stage several reenactments during the day. Mark your calendars now and watch for additional information as the date approaches.

Board of Directors Actions

Dues Increase Proposed

Because our income from membership dues no longer covers our annual expenses, the Board has proposed an increase in membership dues. The rates as proposed are:

Regular Member: \$15 (currently \$10)

Contributing Member: \$25 (currently \$15)

Business Member: \$50 (currently \$25)

Life Member: \$150 (currently \$100)

As required by the Society Bylaws, this proposed change will be discussed at our May meeting and voted on in September. If the proposal is adopted the new dues structure will take effect in January 2013.

And Speaking of Dues...

If you have not yet paid your dues for 2012 please do so now so we don't have to say goodbye!

We Need Your Email Address!

We're Moving to an E-Newsletter

Due to the rising cost of postage and printing, the Board has voted to move to an electronic newsletter format. Beginning with the January 2013 issue, you will receive the *Herndon Historical Society News* in PDF format via email. However, in order for this to happen, we need your email address. Please send it to:

carolbrcom@aol.com

We have a few members who do not have email, and we will continue to mail a hard copy of the newsletter to them. To request a hard copy, send a note to Carol Bruce, 910 Locust Street, Herndon VA 20170.

Minutes of the Herndon Historical Society Meeting
Wednesday, 25 January 2012
Herndon Depot, Herndon, Virginia

Carol Bruce, President, called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. There were 28 persons in attendance including numerous guests and the speaker.

I. Approval of Minutes from the 28 September 2012 Meeting: Minutes approved unanimously on a motion made by Richard Downer with a second by Virginia Clarity.

II. Treasurer's Report: Richard Downer reported that the Society has a balance of \$5,492.19 in the Northern Virginia Community Foundation account, \$3009.08 in the Fulton Bank account, and \$30 in petty cash. Expenses include \$509.00 for property and liability insurance, \$257.47 for the purchase of items for resale, \$12.50 for dues and subscriptions, and \$8.00 for bank service charges. [Complete Treasurer's Report available upon request.] He suggested that the Society look at changing the dues structure, which has been the same for years.

III. Old Business: Carol Bruce reported that she had hoped to have a report from Tony DeBenedittis on the status of the Depot sign. As Tony was not present, no report was provided. Carol also reported that Sunday traffic during Depot open hours remains good, even when the weather is not. She thanked all those who have helped and encouraged those who have not to do so.

Carol introduced Barbara Glakas, who announced the results of the 2012 election. Officers for the year remain the same (Carol Bruce, President; Virginia Clarity, Vice President; Charlie Waddell, Secretary); Harlon Reece and Steve Sensabaugh and Margaret Cyrus are the other Board of members. As treasurer, Richard Downer's has one year remaining on his term. Barbara explained that, while ballots were returned with membership information attached, all identifying information was removed before the ballots were counted by her and Richard Downer. There was some discussion of the need to revisit the way ballots are handled.

Richard Downer explained that, as he is now semi-retired, he will have more time to pursue acquiring the Society's 501C-3 status.

IV. New Business: Richard Downer announced that planning is underway for a re-enactment of Mosby's Raid on Herndon Station to be held on March 16, 2013. Chuck Mauro is recruiting re-enactors, and already has lined up people to play Mosby and Union Major William Wells. Town procedures have changed since the last re-enactment, he noted, and there is a need to submit a budget request for police and DPW services.

Announcements: There were none.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m., after which the members enjoyed a presentation by Eric Buckland on the lives of some of the men who rode with Mosby.

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The Historical Society operates a small museum that focuses on local history. It is housed in the Depot and is open on Sundays from noon – 3:00 and by appointment.

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