

THE CLARK MESSENGER

Newsletter of the George Rogers Clark Heritage Association



February 2017

Our next general membership meeting is March 1 at 7 p.m.

From President Jeff Gier

Greetings!

I hope this letter finds you in good health and ready to tackle another grand year of reenacting! The indoor trade shows have already started with many more to come. I'm excited that we have a table again at the Old Town Trade Show and for the first time will be staffing a table at the Kalamazoo Living History Expo in Kalamazoo, Michigan! Kalamazoo is one of the largest shows of this type in the country. We are going to reach many, many reenactors and some of the top artisans in the United States. What a great way to promote the George Rogers Clark Heritage Association and the Fair at New Boston! Thank you, Alice Dayhoff-Miller, for taking charge of these.

For those of you who won't be attending Kalamazoo, please step up and help with the Night at the Museum. This is a really fun event and a great opportunity to get to share our history with interested members of the public.

I'm very excited to announce that we are ready to move forward with our long range

planning! This is an opportunity for each member to have a voice in the direction in which they would like to see GRCHA take. At this month's general meeting we handed out copies of the Power Point presentation that was prepared by the Wright State graduate students who have worked with us for the past few months. If you were not at the meeting and would like a copy of the Power Point or the whole document, please email Alice at ajdm91mk@gmail.com and she will forward you an electronic copy.

I want as many members as possible to be prepared for our general meeting in March, where we will begin the process of planning our destiny for the next several years! We will be scheduling more meetings in the future and will notify you of the topics being discussed those nights.

One last reminder: don't forget to be seeking out potential new members in our day-to-day travels. I know we all encounter folks on a regular basis who would like to be more involved with a local organization or they have an interest in history. Let's reach out to them, and invite them to our events and to join specialized organizations within GRCHA (such as the Liberty Dancers, Linigle's, the Cannon crew), or to become involved with the Crabill Homestead. Let's help them find their niche and to feel welcome and then we will begin growing our wonderful organization.

Your most humble and obedient servant,
Jeff Gier, President

Linigle's Company News

We are having our potluck meeting and workday on February 11, at 2:00 p.m. at the Gathering House. We have a lot to go over, so please come and join us.

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Also, the Hermitage Event registration closes on February 17. If you are interested, contact me and I will get you the site info.

This season is lining up to be one of our best yet, so if you know anyone interested, we are always recruiting.

Please feel free to contact me at bkrogers823@gmail.com any time.

Robert Rogers, Captain
Linigle's Company of Ohio Militia

Crabill Homestead Report

Crabill Homestead committee meetings have moved to the second Tuesday of the month; thus, our next meeting will be February 14 at 7:00 at the Gathering House. Please come to the meetings and support the Crabill Homestead.

Serious consideration is being made as to whether GRCHA will support the homestead after 2017. A lot depends on participation from within our organization. So, if you want Crabill to be part of our "family," please consider attending our meetings and taking an active role.

The trustees have agreed to a new committee chairperson. Come and meet the new chairperson at our next meeting.

"Outreach" Events

Please help us take advantage of some great "outreach" opportunities. We have tables at the Xenia Old Town Trade Fair on March 4 and 5 and at the Kalamazoo Living History Show, March 18 and 19. If you want to help at the table for either event please send an email to GRCHA.Crabill@gmail.com or call 937-882-9216 and leave a message. You will need to pay for admission at either event. Xenia is \$3.00 each day; Kalamazoo is \$7.00 each day or \$10.00 for both. Alice is trying to coordinate both events, so please let her know if you can work an hour or two at either.

Kalamazoo is a large event with a very long timeline. GRCHA is using this event as a way to connect with possible new merchants,

artisans, participants, etc. We will try to get you in at a reduced rate if you are willing to man the table for an hour or two. We realize that there is a possibility you will wish to stay overnight for Kalamazoo. If so, we will try to connect people to room together if they wish.

Red, White and Boonshoft Last Fourth of July, Boonshoft asked if we had members willing to come to the Museum of Discovery in RevWar period attire for this event. The invitation was a last-minute thing, so GRCHA participation was low. However, this is a great outreach opportunity. We can pass out brochures and talk-up GRCHA to the public! One of the suggestions we got from our strategic planning committee was to market more heavily in Dayton. This is our chance! We will have more about this event and opportunity in future newsletters.

Membership Services Committee

We have a new committee!

The newly formed "Membership Services Committee" will have its first meeting on Feb 15 at 6:00 p.m. at the Gathering House. Everybody is welcome! Bring your ideas and comments. If you are unable to attend and want to give us your ideas, feel free to contact Sheri Forness at sheriforness@yahoo.com or call her at 937-408-6834.

Calendar

(All events are at the Gathering House unless otherwise stated)

February

- 11: Linigle's Potluck and workday at 2:00
- 14: Crabill meeting at 7:00
- 15: Membership Services Committee at 6 p.m.
- 19: Sewing at 1:30

March

- 1: General membership meeting at 7:00
- 4-5: Old Town Trade Fair, Greene County Fairgrounds, Xenia
- 18-19: Kalamazoo Living History Show, Kalamazoo, Michigan
- 19: Sewing at 1:30 (if we aren't all in Kalamazoo!)