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## Upcoming meetings: January 6 and February 3, 2010

*From the President's Quill*

*December 22, 2009*

*Dear Members,*

**Elections were held in December**, to fill 4 positions up for reelection this year. Congratulations to Tom Rumpke, Sheri Forness, Wendy Reynolds and Kris Shultz,. Kris will be fulfilling the remainder of the term vacated by Katie Nowack's departure for graduate school, so will be up for reelection again next year. I'd like to thank all the members who attended in force to take part in the annual election, what a wonderful turnout. The New Board subsequently met to select your officers for the coming year, and Sheri Forness will return as Secretary, Bill Smith as Treasurer, Andy Shuirr is your new Vice President, and I will be returning to serve as your President. These selections indicate that the membership is pleased with the direction this board has set the organization on for the past several years, and I'm sure the other trustees join with me in thanking you for your support and endorsement and, with your help, we hope to continue our progress as a recognized historical organization and as an important action group within the local community.

The GRCHA Liberty Dancers were again invited to perform at the **Williamsburg Dinner**, December 20, at the Main Club at Wright Patterson Air Force Base. The evening proved to be a tremendous success, very much enjoyed by the patrons of the club and by our own performers as well. Each of us, in addition to performing 18<sup>th</sup> Century Dance, hosted a table and were able to interact with the patrons. Thank you to the Liberty Dancers for dedicating a night out of their busy holiday schedules to conduct this outreach with the base community.

I hope that you have had the hap, hap, happiest Christmas since Bing Crosby tap danced with Danny Kay, but wait! The seasonal festivities are not over yet, as we have the **Twelfth Night celebration** to look forward to on January 9, 2010. The Rumpke's have graciously offered to head up the party and we still have room for additional sign-ups.

It's the moon when the fur is prime, and my restored 1750 flinter has put a young buck and a brace of turkeys in the freezer, and I have a load of wood in and a warm chair by the fire. As we enjoy this Holiday season, I hope you and yours have a Wonderful Christmas and a very Happy New Year. I know several of our members have recently encountered some health setbacks and I would ask that especially at this time and throughout the coming year you keep them in your prayers. God Bless us all....

*Pele-ti-nuc-shel-wa, - Rusty*

## **Twelfth Night**

All GRCHA members are invited to attend the annual holiday celebration. Our "Twelfth Night" will take place on Saturday evening; January 9, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. Tome and Mary Jane Rumpke will be hosting the festivities at the Gathering House. Please sign up at the January membership meeting if you have not already signed up. There is no cost involved, however, donations for the punch are taken at the event and all attendees are asked to bring a period food item (in a period style serving vessel) to share. Recipes for a variety of period dishes are available on the back table of the Gathering House at the general meeting. Please check the sign up sheet to see what others are planning on bringing so you can plan accordingly so that we have a well rounded menu (and not three servings of creamed celery!). Please also remember that period dress is required and to bring your own period style dinnerware, utensils and glassware. Come and see who will be crowned the King and Queen of the party!

## **Night at the Museum**

Night at the Museum 2010 is presently scheduled for March 27. Please contact Pam Cottrel if you plan to attend. Let her know if you want to be the same character or want to try something new. Since some of our regular characters have already said they cannot participate this year, we will need more volunteers. Also let us know if you have an idea or character you'd like to portray. We need folks from various time periods.

## **Crabill Homestead News**

Formal plans and preparations for the transfer of the Crabill Homestead from the Clark County Historical Society to the GRCHA are still ongoing and hope is to finalize before winter's end. Historical research and copying of the Historical Society's records and archives has been occurring by Crabill Homestead Committee chairman, Kristin Shultz and Alice Dayhoff-Miller. Special kudos to Alice for tracking down members of the Crabill family in Virginia and securing a donation of the Crabill Family genealogy book for our library. A meeting for the Crabill Homestead Committee will be held in February.

## **Fair at New Boston News**

The 2010 Fair preparations have begun! Our joint fairmasters, Bill Smith and Rusty Cottrell, are meeting this month to plan the organizational framework and next month will mark the first meeting of all committee chairs. This first general Fair meeting will take place on the third Wednesday of the month, February 17, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at the Gathering House. All committee chairs are asked to check online ([www.grcha.org](http://www.grcha.org)) at the beginning of February as our Fairmasters are preparing a questionnaire. Please download the form, fill it out and return to the Fairmasters before the February 18<sup>th</sup> meeting. If you do not have computer access then please call the office (882-9216) and Linda Katon will mail you one or you can pick it up at the February general membership meeting on February 3, 2010.

**Wm. Smith & Wm. Cottrel**  
**Fairmasters**

**Annual membership renewals** are due on January 1. Everyone should now be caught up with their membership cycle starting at the beginning of the year. Form in this newsletter or downloadable on the website.