



You and Your Friends are Cordially Invited to The Annual Christmas Open House



OLD CHRISTMAS

VIRGINIA WOODWARD CLOUD

At Pine Grove
405 Oakland Ave.
Pontiac

Sunday, December 8, 1974
1 -4 p.m.

Admission
Adults \$1⁰⁰ Children 50^c

Allegretto.

It's a long way round the year, my dears, A long way round the year! I

found the frost and the flame, my dears, I found the smile and tear! I

Refreshments Music

Parking across street at Oakland Ave.
Presbyterian Church Parking lot.

ANNUAL MEETING AND BOARD ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING HELD

The 1974 annual meeting of the Oakland County Pioneer and Historical Society on September 18 was distinctive in two ways: this year marked the one hundredth anniversary of the Society, and the members voted to extend the Society's corporate existence "in perpetuity". The regular business of the Society saw the addition of four new board members: Mrs. Allen Priestley, Mrs. Emil Bruestle, Mrs. Robert Warrington and Charles Williams.

At the first regular meeting of the Board of Directors following the annual meeting, officers for 1974-75 were elected. Mrs. Donald E. Adams continues as president. Maurice F. Cole of Ferndale and James Renfrew of Lake Orion were elected vice presidents. Mrs. Russell Pickering of Bloomfield Township, Mrs. Richard Balmer of Waterford Township, and Richard Hewitt of Huntington Woods continue as secretary, treasurer and resident agent, respectively.

The president announced chairpersons of the various special and standing committees as follows: Special Development Committee (Ways and Means), P. G. Burnett; Bicentennial, Mrs. Edwin Adler; House, Mrs. James Burke and Mrs. Douglas Hoard; Grounds, Cecil Dumbrique; Maintenance, LaBar Stewart, Jr. and Charles Williams; Membership Activities, Mrs. John Warrington and Mrs. Richard Wright; Visitation and Guides, Mrs. Peter Lektzian, Educational Coordinator, chairperson with assistance of the following subcommittee chairpersons: Subcommittee on Guides and Tours, Mrs. Frank W. Rice, Mrs. Gordon Bryant and Mrs. Daniel Foxman; Subcommittee on Pot Pourri Shoppe, Mrs. Stella Presnal.

In addition to the chairmen of committees, the following areas of special responsibility were assigned: Publicity, Charles Martinez; Educational Consultant, Margaret Scott; Library, Faye Donelson; Manuscript Collection, Mrs. Clarence Clohset; Research, Mrs. Allen Priestley; Summer Kitchen and Outbuildings, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hudson; Schoolhouse, Mrs. William E. Jackson; Membership Secretary, Mrs. Charles Roush.

Members of the Society who would like to work on any of the committees are urged to call Connie Lektzian Mondays through Friday at Wisner House between the hours of 10:00 and 3:30 or call the chairperson of your committee of interest.

Pine Grove will be closed for tours from December 13 until Spring.

SCRAPS AND INTELLIGENCE

Be sure to see the display of Wisner family pictures and artifacts at Pine Grove December 8. These bibelots and photos were given recently by David Wallace, great-grandson of Gov. Moses Wisner. They will be found in the top floor exhibit cases recently occupied by the Oakland County Indian artifacts. Some of these Indian objects are going to have a new life as part of suitcase exhibits.

Of course, as always, we need many guides for the Victorian Open House December 8. The following week is a popular time for school and service groups who want to see Pine Grove at its prettiest. A Montessori school has requested tours scheduled for Monday, December 9, morning and afternoon. Appointments for the rest of the week have also come in. More guides are urgently needed. Without guides, tours can't take place.

Those all-important cookies can be brought in on Sunday, December 8. However, it makes planning much easier for those women who are our Serving Hostesses if they come in earlier. Cookies may be brought in Thursday or Friday, December 5 or 6. Wrap them well or place the cookies in plastic or tin boxes, tightly covered.

Decorating the school house for the Victorian Open House is a special project of the Girl Scouts this year, under the guidance of Mrs. Margaret Ann Jackson, board member.

Smile, all you Board Members! It was voted several years ago to take a picture of the Board of Directors each year. This is for inclusion in our OCPHS scrapbook, which covers activities and meetings of the Society. So at the first meeting of 1975, out comes the Polaroid. Fifty years from now, at our Sesquicentennial, our members might want to see who was on our Board-way back then.

SCOUTS WILL HELP GUIDE

Pine Grove comes to life in a very special way during the Victorian Open House. Music and decorations of another era lend a note of nostalgia.

The summer kitchen will be open as well as the Wisner House itself, and costumed guides will be stationed throughout. Assisting the guides in interpretation as well as in tableaux, will be over a dozen Girl Scouts, several of their brothers and junior members of the Society.

This year the interpretation of early local heritage will have an added dimension. Six bi-lingual Girl Scouts will be on hand to explain the past of Pine Grove to Spanish speaking visitors. Connie Lektzian, Education Coordinator and Ellen Rice, Co-chairman, have taken part in the training program of the girls. All of this was made possible with the support and help of Field Advisor Patti Koenig, Northern Oakland County Girl Scouts.

TRADITION - TRADITION

What would a Victorian Open House be without mulled cider and cookies? Since it seems that nobody can eat just one, it takes a lot of cookies during this event. If you can send or bring a batch of these goodies, please indicate on the enclosed card.

Also, with this **Gazette** you are being sent four tickets of admission. This year, as last, adults are charged \$1.00 and children, 50c. Now there's something that hasn't gone up in price!

Return money or unsold tickets to the Wisner House, 405 Oakland Avenue, Pontiac, Michigan 48058 before December 8. An addressed envelope is enclosed. Make checks payable to Lillian Balmer, Treasurer.

MEMBERSHIP DUES WILL BE RAISED

Inflation is no respecter of historical societies. As in other households, the heating and light bills at the Gov. Wisner House have spiraled upward.

On the first of January, dues will go up as follows:

Membership Categories

Active	\$ 6.00 each
Couple	10.00
Senior (over 65)	3.00
Couple	5.00
Junior (under 18)	1.50
Sustaining	25.00
Life	100.00
Annual Business Corporate	75.00
Sustaining Corporate	150.00

To make sure that everyone who wishes to can take advantage of the membership dues in effect till December 31, 1974, we are enclosing a membership application blank which you may wish to give an interested friend.

HANGING OF THE GREENS

Almost as traditional as Christmas itself is the hanging of the greens at Wisner House.

Wednesday, December 5, is the date set for this year. On that morning, at 10 A.M., all interested members and friends will gather in the Wisner House to decorate for the Victorian Open House to be held on Sunday, December 8.

This crew usually works all morning, brown bags it for lunch (coffee is provided) and then, it's back to work for the afternoon.

If you wish to lend a hand at this fun and work session, fill in the proper space on the enclosed card and mail to the Wisner House.

QUILTING GUILD - CARE TO JOIN?

There have been two quilting classes held at Pine Grove in the past year. These produced two very beautiful quilts. More importantly, they resulted in a number of women acquiring the old-new skills of plotting and putting together these future heirlooms.

Now a guild is being formed, made up of women from these classes as well as any others who are knowledgeable in the art of quilting or wish to learn. An organizational meeting has been tentatively set for mid-January. Anyone interested, please call Connie Lektzian, phone 338-6732.