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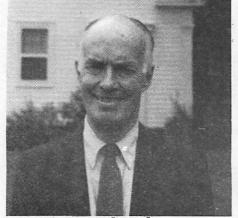


# GAZETTE

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# Introducing Dick Jones Executive Secretary

Richard B. Jones started with us on May 4, 1987. When asked what his response was to his new position, Dick said, "It's like going from my home to another home. I find the Society work intensely interesting and meaningful."

Dick graduated from the Detroit College of Law in 1962, served two tours in the U.S. Navy, worked as an attorney for the Wayne County Road Commission for 20 years and retired in 1984 at the age of 54.

After a three-year retirement, Dick needed a career change; and as a long-time history buff, the position at "Pine Grove" seemed made to order for him.

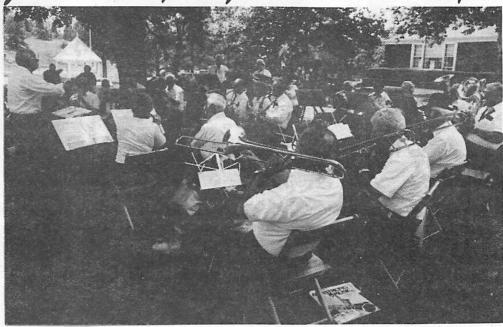
Dick and his wife, Mary Lou - a registered nurse graduated from Harper Hospital, now with the American Red Cross, make their home in Rochester. Son Bill lives in Southfield.

We all look forward to working with Dick.

#### CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

- Aug. 2 ICE CREAM SOCIAL
  "Pine Grove" 1-5 p.m.
  \$3.00 Adults
  \$2.00 Children 12 or under
- Aug. 19 WISNER BOARD MEET-ING 9:30 a.m. Carriage House
- Sept. 16 ANNUAL BUSINESS
  MEETING AND ELECTION
  OF NEW OFFICERS
  7:00 p.m. Carriage House

## 18th Annual Ice Cream Social at "Pine Grove" Sunday, August 2, 1987 - 1-5 p.m.



THE FRANKLIN VILLAGE BAND UNDER THE DIRECTION OF DR. CONRAD R. LAM WILL PROVIDE SPECIAL MUSIC FOR THE ICE CREAM SOCIAL ON AUGUST 2.

Mrs. Allen Priestley and her Ice Cream Social Committee have planned other special events for this day, not to mention the homemade cake and ice cream; an outing you and your family will not want to miss. Do come and enjoy a beautiful afternoon at "Pine Grove."

## Tours

### Big News

Thru the efforts of our volunteer History Ladies and special mailings to all Oakland County Schools, the Schoolhouse was visited by 234 adults and 854 children from March 1 to June 15. Our thanks to all the volunteer guides who were on hand to assist with these tours.

Summer Walk-In Tours are now being conducted from 1-2:30 p.m. Tuesday thru Friday with a special tour on the 3rd Sunday of each month. School tours will again start September 1. Reservations for special group tours to be made with Dick Jones at the Office. Phone 338-6732.





▲ Family Sitting Room

The House

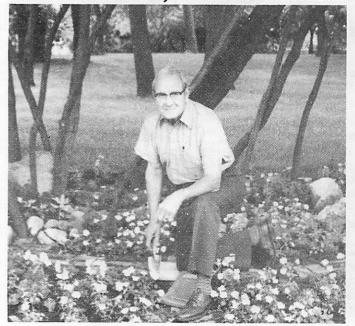
Entrance Hallway

Significant work has taken place this past year in the interior restoration of Wisner Home. With the assistance of a generous donation from the S.E. Marketing Division of First of America Bank as a community project; floors have been cleaned, new wallpaper is in place and furniture restored. With carpeting now in place in the entrance hall, an area rug added in the family sitting room; we are looking great!

City of Pontiac Block Grant funds also helped with the exterior restoration.

Our Master Volunteer Head Gardener, Clarke Kimball, has planted many thousands of bulbs, annuals, perennials and trees with the end result our gardens are absolutely beautiful.

#### The Gardener, Clarke Kimball





The Gardens

**▼** Office Walkway







#### Lillian Paull Research Librarian

"To preserve what we have had," is what the history library in the Wisner House is all about, says our volunteer inhouse research librarian, Lillian Paull. Historical aspects of Oakland County covered in the library includes schools, churches, hospitals, industry, and genealogical data. People are interested in looking up family roots for a variety of reasons. They come from all over Oakland County, Lansing, Saginaw, Detroit, and as far away as California.

The library is well organized with shelves on biographical profiles of Oakland's leaders, newspapers from 1845 on, burial records, deeds, and manuscripts, Oakland historical maps, Oakland black history, and Civil War data, and much more.

Researchers represent people from all walks of life, in search of family geneology, political, sociological or environmental factors of their particular historical interest. Frequent visitation is made by students from Oakland University and the University of Michigan in their quest for historical data.

Librarian, Lillian Paull, came here some years ago from Ionia County. She graduated from Kalamazoo College and Wayne University where she majored in Education and taught a wide range of subjects in grades K-12. She even taught wrestling at one time, but that's another story. It was through her rich teaching experiences that she recognized the value of using the "schoolhouse" at Pine Grove as a functional classroom for touring teachers and their students, using the old McGuffey readers that were put on display for that purpose.

Informational materials from the public are always welcome for consideration by Mrs. Paull who is in constant search for meaningful acquisitions. Working with the visiting researchers is a joy for our librarian as she feels that, "Their interests become my interests." Therein lies the reason why this library has become increasingly popular with the researchers we serve.

#### New Members

Mrs. E.A. August

Mrs. Karen Boardman

Mr. Ron Gay

Mr. Richard Halladay

Mr. John R. Jones

Mr. & Mrs. Richard B. Jones

Dr. Conrad R. Lam

Ms. Marian Marshall

Mrs. Ann Sanchez

Mrs. Peggy Stierna

Mr. George Woodworth

#### In Memoriam

Mrs. Frank Allen

Mr. John W. Bell

Mr. Ottis R. Brinev

Mr. Beecher Fawcett

Mrs. William Kalwitz

Mrs. Ralph Lee

Mrs. Ronald Mountain

Mrs. Ardis Reed

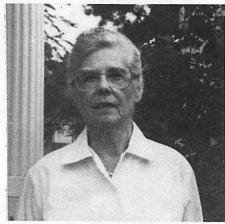
#### Thank You

The Editors: Marion Roush, Pauline Harrison, and Ross Callaway, wish to thank you, Jack Moore, for the fine pictures you have provided for the Gazette. Also, to Dr. Conrad R. Lam for the picture of the Franklin Village Band.

We encourage our members to contribute articles of interest for publication in the Gazette. Please contact Dick Jones at

the office.

Ruth Wall New Guide



Our welcome to Ruth Wall of Pontiac who has joined our volunteer guide program with the capable direction of Head Guide, Lenna McIntyre.

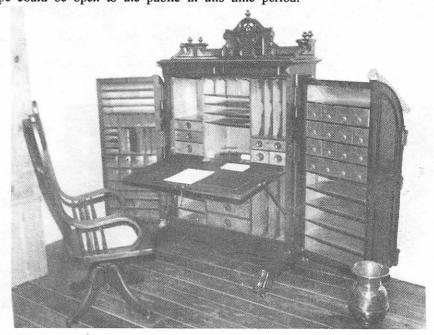
Those interested in guiding are encouraged to call the Wisner House at 338-6732. Many people find being guides at "Pine Grove" an enriching experience. Try it!

#### Dream List

Men's clothing 1840-1920; Coverlets -Applique Quilts; Early Lamps - Astral Lamps; Historical artifacts and family records of Oakland County.

Wooten Desk Mobes Again

Some months ago it was suggested the Potpourri Shoppe be moved from the Wisner House over to the Carriage House in order to maintain a purely residential look to the house. This move was accomplished on the 17th of June through efforts of a number of our hardworking members along with president Don Daggy, and executive secretary, Dick Jones. This necessitated moving our valuable historical piece, the Wooten Desk, from the Carriage House to where the Shoppe had been, which then became the desk's "new" office. The crafters will now find it convenient to stock and maintain the Shoppe because of its close proximity to the crafting area. Since the crafters meet most Wednesday mornings the Shoppe could be open to the public in this time period.



# HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 113TH ANNUAL DINNER, MAY 20, 1987



County Executive Dan Murphy and past President Donald E. Adams



Michael Deren had guests marching to the Civil War bugle call!

Michael Deren had the guests marching and singing to his unique Civil War music and instruments. County Executive, Daniel T. Murphy presented Certificates of Appreciation to Society Presidents: Hon. Judge Donald E. Adams, W.E.C. Huthwaite, Esq., Mrs. Donald E. Adams, Miss Faye Donelson,

Mrs. Edwin Adler, Mrs. Allen Priestley, Mr. Richard Poole and Mr. Donald Daggy. Don Daggy also presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Mrs. Mary Jane Duschinske representing First of America Bank.



Ed Adler, Glenn Griffin, Rosamond Haeberle Dinner Chairman (June Carlson at the piano)

Margaret Ann Jackson with "Moses" and husband Bill

Dick Jones and Harry Harrison

