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2005 – 2006 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

As always, May marks the beginning of a new year for the Ottawa County Historical Museum. The annual meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held this month and several new and exciting things are happening. To begin, the search for a new Administrator/Curator has been successful! We were fortunate to have received applications from seven outstanding candidates and have chosen Tom Day, a long time resident of Catawba Island, for that position. Tom is a graduate of Port Clinton Schools and Toledo University. His interest in history dates back to his childhood and continues today in many ways, including his volunteer work as a tour guide at the Marblehead Lighthouse.

We are also very pleased that three new members have joined the Board in the last year. Susan Hany has already taken over as Secretary, and Park McRitchie and Tom Priesman have become very active Trustees.

Also of major importance is our learning that the late Paul G. Fox left the museum a very generous bequest in his will. This, together with a previous generous gift from the Helen Vollmer estate has enabled the museum to start a building fund with a significant dollar base. We see the day that, with additional fund raising, we can achieve the dream of enlarging your museum to accommodate more artifacts and exhibits.

One of our more immediate goals for your museum is to enlist enough volunteers that the hours can be expanded. We also expect to have a web site up and running soon, as well as some other new publicity moves to raise the awareness of community and summer visitors.

As always, we hope you will feel free to offer advice and suggestions to us. This is, of course, your museum and we welcome your ideas. You may pass them along to any of the trustees shown at the top of this letter, or to Tom at the museum.

Now, May also brings our annual membership solicitation. The dues remain at \$15.00 per year for an individual, or \$20.00 for a family. A sponsoring membership is \$50.00. If you wish to make a donation to the building fund, please designate it for that purpose. We are also pleased to find that a few people have habitually made memorial donations to the Ottawa County Historical Museum upon the passing of friends and relatives.

Your continued or new support is the museum's lifeline. Please continue to think of this as your museum and come and visit it often. A coupon and envelope is enclosed. **THANK YOU!!**
