

Hapeville Historical Society

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Meeting: Thursday, October 21, 7:30 PM, CHRIST CHURCH

OCTOBER MEETING

Since our September meeting was cancelled due to Hurricane Ivan, the speaker has been rescheduled for this meeting. Carole Morris (HHS Class of 1961) will present a PowerPoint presentation regarding her HHS e-mail list of over 100 former HHS classmates and will talk about how what it was like to grow up in Hapeville as a child in the 50s. Carole and her family moved to Hapeville in August of 1950 when she was seven years old. She attended College Street School prior to attending Hapeville High School. The youngest child and only girl, she has three brothers; the younger two attended Hapeville also for a short period of time. Carole moved from Hapeville in 1966 after she married but her parents lived there until they passed away. Carole has many fond memories of Hapeville and still attends some Hapeville functions. Her class has reunions at least every five years (and more often if they can think of a reason). Carole has served on the reunion committee since the late 70s. Carole has been with the same law firm since before she graduated high school, beginning as a legal secretary and advancing to her current position of Firm Administrator. She also serves on the Board of Directors of the Atlanta Association of Legal Administrators and has served on the Board of Directors of the homeowners association where she lives in Marietta, Georgia with her two daughters and five year old grandson.



HAPEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1961

Letter from the President

Dear Members,

The City of Hapeville's acquisition of the Depot building and associated land area, including the Christ Church site, appears to be nearing completion. Plans are being made to enhance the usefulness of the Depot as a center of civic activities for the city. A large part of the enhancement will be directed at the museum function. If the Depot is to be used for civic activities on a regular basis, the museum and its contents will have to be reorganized to allow space for the events to take place. It is most important, therefore, for anyone who has an interest in the Depot Museum to participate in planning changes that are imminent for the building.

I hope that you will be as active as possible in the Hapeville Historical Society in the coming months so that we will be able to present a united voice in planning for the Depot. Many members of the Society have invested much over the past score of years to develop the museum. We now have an opportunity to augment that effort significantly. One way to direct that activity would be to consider a position on the Society Board. A nominating committee has been named and will be looking for candidates for next year's slate of officers. Please contact nominating committee chairman, Diane Dimmick, if you would like to serve. I hope that you will consider this as a way to make your point of view known.

Remember that your 2005 dues are payable beginning now.

As a final note, be watching for details regarding our November FIELD TRIP. You won't want to miss out on our next adventure.

Sincerely,

William H. Bailey, Ph.D.
President

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

CAROLE MORRIS – 3065 Belearic Dr., Marietta, GA 30067, 770-226-8042

ANNA K. GEORGE – 105 Spring Heights Lane, Smyrna, GA, 770-316-1820

NEW MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORIES will be passed out at the Thursday meeting. If you would like to take some to your neighbors who are members, you will save us some postage. The rest will be mailed with the November Newsletter.

RECENT TOURS OF THE DEPOT

By Diane Dimmick

On Tuesday, September 14th, I was delighted to host a group of about 10 youngsters aged 7 to 11 from the National Urban Coalition for Unity and Peace (N.U.C.U.P.). This is an after-school care group from East Point. Their president, Rev. James E. Lewis, had called me a few weeks prior to set up the tour. They were unable to visit during regular Museum hours as their after-school program does not begin until 3:00. As can be predicted they were delighted with all of the train exhibits. To help them relate history to the present I focused on showing them how some things used in the past (typewriter, ice box, iron, Victrola) have No Electric Cords!

Then on Saturday, September 25th, a group of Hapeville High graduates from the Class of 1954 were in town for their 50 Year Reunion and wanted to come by for a visit. The tour was arranged by class member Joanna Neil Deere. Also attending were: Patricia Baker DeRose, Lamar Powell, Walter Deere, Mary Jo Lee Philson, Joan Beville Robinson, Desella Hammett Jones, Jim Myer, and Millard (Bo) Davis. They said they enjoyed their time very much and I am thrilled to report that the HHS Class of 1954 gave the Historical Society a \$150.00 donation. Thank you for your generosity, former Hornets!

If you know of a group that would enjoy visiting the Depot Museum but is unable to come during our regular hours of operation please let me know. I will try to arrange to a time for a private tour. I would also like to take time to thank Society members and members of the Hapeville Service League who serve as Museum Docents – especially Johnnie Stephens who serves tirelessly as their organizer.



MORE SCENES FROM THE ANDERSONVILLE FIELD TRIP...

RECOLLECTIONS OF MY GRANDFATHER

by Kathryn Clyatt Kunath

This is a continuation of Kathryn's train trip at age 10 to visit her grandfather in Thomson, Georgia from Hapeville.

There were no bridges across any of the creeks and rivers in those days. We passed over several shallow creeks which I thought was a lot of fun. Then we came to a wide, deep, and swiftly moving river. I took one look at it and began to be afraid. Grandfather said for me not to be afraid as the horse was used to the water, and he would take us safely thru to the other side. Grandfather said for me to put my feet upon the dashboard or on the seat as the river would almost cover the lower part of the buggy and almost reach the seat. "Charlie," the horse, rested awhile on the edge of the water, then took a long drink of water, and then slowly edged the buggy down into the water. I noticed that Grandfather held the reins very loosely in his hands and wasn't trying to guide Charlie at all. We were completely at the mercy of Charlie and his horse sense. In the middle of the river Charlie stopped still and acted as if he was pawing the ground with his feet. Then suddenly he twisted the buggy to the left and then lifted the buggy to a sandbar. The buggy tilted backward, and I thought surely we were going to topple over backwards. In a few seconds we were completely out of the water on dry ground on the banks of the river. Grandfather gave a loud shout and then burst out laughing. He said "Good boy, Charlie! Gooood boy! Grandfather said that Charlie had a lot of good horse sense, and this was the reason he had not tried to guide him thru the river as Charlie could find the sandbar and keep us from going thru the deep part of the river. This was a scary experience for me, and I was glad when it was over. I could see why Grandfather had such a deep affection for his favorite horse.