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## MEMBERSHIP

**ALL** current members are listed in this newsletter including anyone whose dues were payable in January, 2010. If you fail to renew, your name will be deleted from the roll in the next quarterly newsletter. Please do not allow this to happen. Renew today! One of the benefits of being an active member is that it entitles you to vote on the by-laws. If you are not a member, the Society would be happy to add your name to the list. Annual dues for individuals are \$25.00. Lifetime dues are \$500.00. A business membership is \$250.00 annually. Since our November newsletter WGHS has added **THIRTEEN** new members. **SIXTY-SEVEN** memberships have been renewed including business memberships for **Gadsden County Chamber of Commerce** and **Talquin Electric Cooperative, Inc.** We thank all of you for your support! Please encourage your friends and relatives to join West Gadsden Historical Society. Your membership and support enables WGHS to continue its mission and its service to Gadsden County!

## BY-LAWS TO BE VOTED ON AT NEXT MEETING

All current members should have received in the mail a copy of the Board approved by-laws. All MEMBERS present at the next meeting will vote on the by-laws. This meeting will be held on March 28, 3:00 P.M. at the Joshua Davis House located on Highway 90 west of Mt. Pleasant. David Avant III has graciously offered to host our meeting. Please join us!

## DEZELL HOUSE PROGRESS

As promised, the re-wiring of the Dezell House has begun. The partitions we needed in a couple of rooms have been framed. The old outside entrance into the former dining room has been moved to the kitchen. The small plywood deck has been removed and the original back porch has been re-framed. A large deck will be constructed, including steps and a handicapped ramp. The concrete driveway will be removed. Historic gutters will be installed on the rear of the house and we will use barrels at the downspouts to catch the rainwater which can be used for flowers and plants. Speaking of flowers, Mrs. Harriett Strickland has kindly volunteered to take care of the lilies as well as some other gardening chores. WGHS certainly appreciates this help.

## GOOD MEETING ABOUT CEMETERIES

On Sunday, January 24, the Society held its first bi-monthly meeting of 2010 at Gardner Hall in Greensboro. The guest speaker was Wayne Fallis of Mt. Pleasant, who spoke about the location of cemeteries located throughout the county. Several years ago he and Quinton Paul of Quincy spent many days locating and recording cemeteries including those that were abandoned or lost. Some cemeteries are separate corporate entities, while others are considered part of a particular church. There are many family or community cemeteries located on private property. Joining Wayne was his wife, Caroline, who shared information pertaining to the Florida State Rules and Regulations for administering various types of cemeteries. She is very knowledgeable about these particular laws. Accompanying them was Quincy funeral director Charles McClellan who gave information about the history of local cemeteries in general. There was a tremendous turnout of those interested in this meeting. If you know of any old abandoned or lost cemeteries, please contact us.

## CONGRESSMAN BOYD'S INTEREST IN HISTORY

Congressman Allen Boyd's office recently contacted the Society and stated that he would like WGHS to host a gathering in Greensboro on Tuesday, Feb. 16 at 2:00 p.m. Congressman Boyd was interested in learning about the Society and its activities as well as meeting with local people. After a time of mixing and mingling with the approximately 35 people present, Lynne Poucher gave a brief explanation about the Society and its current projects – restoration of the Dezell House and the Apalachicola Northern Railroad depot in Greensboro. She then introduced Congressman Boyd who stated he was very much interested in the Society and all it has done in less than 6 years. A brief question and answer time followed. WGHS appreciates Rep. Boyd's interest in our efforts.

## TOBACCO BARN SURVEY

WGHS was contacted by Andrew Waber who is a Historic Sites Specialist in the Survey and Registration Section of the Florida Bureau of Historic Preservation in Tallahassee. They had some pictures taken around 1993 of tobacco barns, but they needed more information about them to set up site files. After WGHS reviewed the 1993 pictures, we found there were a lot of barns that had not yet been documented. We agreed to help Mr. Waber with this project, which he is doing voluntarily on his time off. So far we have spent one day photographing barns in the southwestern area of the county. We took pictures of and documented 35 barns still standing, some not in good repair, but some in excellent condition. Hopefully, before this project is completed, we will have recorded every barn in Gadsden County that is still in existence no matter what condition. If you know of a barn or have a barn that needs to be included in this survey.

## MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

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**March 28 -- David Avant III will host our meeting at the historic Joshua Davis House.  
U. S. Highway 90, Mt. Pleasant, 3 p.m.**

**May 23 (tentatively) -- Speakers from Liberty &/or Calhoun County Heritage book committees.  
Town Hall, Greensboro, 3 p.m.**

**\*July 3 – 6<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE at the Dezell House, Greensboro, 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
Coastal Seafood of Panacea will have available a tasty seafood lunch.**

**Sept. 24 -- Wayne E. Torbert, author of *The Young Cadet*, will review his book that centers  
around the Battle of Natural Bridge. Town Hall, Greensboro, 3 p.m.**

**\*\*Nov. 13 -- WGHS ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING & PILAU, at Sycamore Methodist  
Church Fellowship Hall. Sycamore Community, 4:00 p.m.**

**\*The 4<sup>th</sup> of July will be observed in Greensboro on SATURDAY, July 3.**

**\*\* The Annual Meeting & Pilau will be held on SATURDAY, Nov. 13.**

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