

PRESERVE RICHMOND JOURNAL

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The year 2011 was a busy one for the Historic Richmond Depot District. A few renovations and additions of new businesses have added to the growing area. As people drive by the Depot, they can see the restructured building and new sidewalks. Roger Richert, along with other community members, has been working hard to renovate the historic building and seek businesses to fill it. Preserve Richmond, Inc. presented Richert with a \$10,000 check, a grant from the Efroymsen Family Fund, a CICF Fund, to help with the restoration.

Many events took place throughout the year in the Depot including Friday Night Cruise-ins, Oktoberfest Festival, and the Old Fashioned Christmas Festival, as well as numerous events at the Fourth Floor Blues Club. We are excited to welcome new businesses added through the year – Country Classics & Firehouse BBQ as well as those in progress – Roscoe’s and the Model T Museum. Good Life Emporium re-opened with new ownership.

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Julia Meek Gaar

Preserve Richmond, Inc. continues to work with Richmond's Preservation Commission to develop video programs about local buildings and people of historic interest. The latest program, JULIA MEEK GAAR: AHEAD OF HER TIME can be viewed on the internet (ustream.tv/channel/historic-richmond-today) and is running on Richmond's cable station, WCTV, as of January of 2012.

The program is another good example of cooperation among The Wayne County Historical Museum, Morrisson-Reeves Library, Preserve Richmond and Richmond's Preservation Commission. Special thanks go to Jim Harlan, Sue King, Doris Ashbrook, Marilyn Nobbe, Dave Marsee and John Oberle.

The video portion makes some seldom seen photos of Julia Meek Gaar and her family available to the community.

Julia Meek Gaar is best known as the founder of the Wayne County Historical Museum in Richmond. The museum, located at 1150 North A Street, opened to the public in August of 1929.

Julia became the unpaid director in 1930 and held the position until her death in 1944. During her tenure, Julia filled the museum with many of her own possessions and encouraged school children to visit four times a year to see the changing displays. Julia was the museum's most ardent supporter. She wrote a column called "Museum Notes" in the PALLADIUM-ITEM for years and continued collecting for the museum until the end of her life.



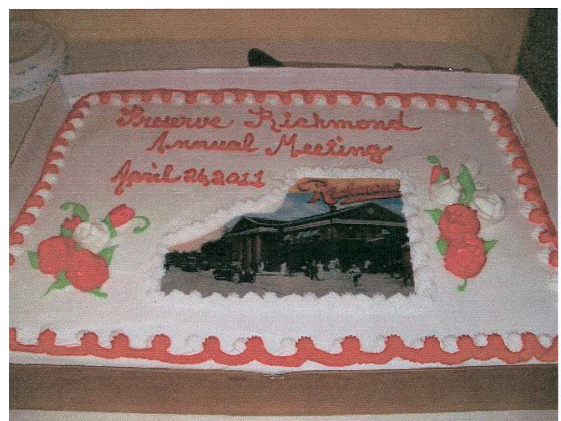
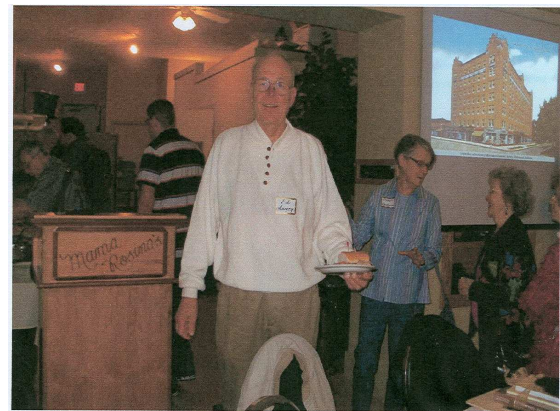
REPORT ON PRESERVE RICHMOND'S 2011 ANNUAL MEETING

Preserve Richmond held its 2011 Annual Meeting in Mama Rosina's Banquet Room at Little Sheba's restaurant on April 26 th. The purposes of the meeting were to report on preservation progress and issues in the Richmond area and to hold the election of officers.

More than sixty people attended including members and special guests, Sally Hutton, mayor, Jim Harlan, Director of the Wayne County Historical Museum and several Board members, Jim Hair, photographer and mayoral candidate and J.P. Hall, Indiana Landmarks' director of the Eastern Regional Office. Brenner Design sponsored the event.

The meeting highlighted progress made by three local entrepreneurs and preservationists. Roger Richert, owner of the Richmond Furniture Gallery, described improvements at the Pennsylvania Railroad Depot and plans to bring new businesses to the facility. Kirs Nelson, who along with wife, Jill owns Girls Night Inn, the Phillip W. Smith Bed and Breakfast, talked about his plans for the Former Craine Sanitarium. Ahmet Basgelen, Managing Director, Welvest, discussed Richmond's venerable Oddfellows' Hall.

Preserve Richmond's Board is making plans for the 2012 Annual Meeting. Watch your mail for the details.



REVIEW OF 2011 PRESERVE RICHMOND ACTIVITIES

Preserve Richmond Inc., a 501 C-3 (not for profit organization), was incorporated in 1978. Preserve Richmond's mission is to encourage sustainable development through preservation of historic resources and to support the heritage of Richmond and Wayne County, Indiana. Preserve Richmond has an all volunteer board.

2011 Activities:

Wrote, produced and directed video programs in cooperation with Richmond's Preservation Commission. Programs run on the local cable station and U-Stream. The present program is JULIA MEEK GAAR: AHEAD OF HER TIME.

Writing a booklet on Julia Meek Gaar, founder of the Wayne County Historical Museum. The booklet will be given to the museum to sell with profits going to the museum.

Received \$10,000 Efroymsen Family Fund Grant in support of Richmond's Pennsylvania Railroad Station.

Raised more than \$1,000 for the Pennsylvania Railroad Station through local fund raising efforts.

Presented The Lucky Ward Historic Preservation Award to Renee Ullinskey for transforming the Oliver P. Gaar house into the Canterbury Salon and Spa, a thriving business.

Hosted annual meeting for membership and the public and highlighted local preservationists, Roger Reichert (Pennsylvania Railroad Station), Kris Nelson (Former Crain Sanitarium) and Ahmet Basgelen (Oddfellows Hall).

Wrote and published the PRESERVE RICHMOND JOURNAL which highlights local preservation efforts and issues.

Digitized past newsletters and will include them on the organization's web site so they will be readily available to the public.

Tracking and lobbying on behalf of preservation issues. Current concerns include the Bradley Apartments and the old Reid Hospital.

Sent representatives to Board training program and will schedule additional sessions.

Coordinated with and supported Indiana Landmarks.

**Thank you for your support of
Preserve Richmond, Inc.**

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Mission Statement

To encourage sustainable development through preservation of historic resources and the heritage of Richmond and Wayne County, Indiana: to help foster an understanding of our ancestors and their role in the historic and cultural development of the community, to demonstrate the economic visibility of the re-use of historic structures through advocacy, acquisition, protection, and research about sites, structures, and artifacts of importance to the cultural and historic development for the educational programs, to publish literature about local and American architecture, interior design, antiques, technology and other related matters.

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Preserve Richmond: Designated as a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, Willing to work to improve Richmond's historic buildings, accept donations on our behalf, sponsor grant applications to undertake projects that would benefit Richmond.	

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