

2012 ANNUAL REPORT

The Unionville Tavern Preservation Society

December 2012

THE OLD TAVERN

At the beginning of 2012, no effort had been made to secure the structure or prevent future damage. We could do little more than watch as the building crumbled and sank further into disrepair. However, our efforts this past year captured the attention of those in power who were able to force the owner to take action. In early Fall, along with other minor repairs, tarps were positioned over holes in the roof.

Although the work done is no where near what is necessary to restore historic integrity to the Tavern, it is a start. The Tavern has survived another year of neglect, another year of Ohio weather, including the remnants of a hurricane. The Tavern still stands, and so, TUTPS still fights for its preservation!



“When you get into a tight place and everything goes against you until it seems that you cannot hold on for a minute longer, never give up then, for that is just the place and time when the tide will turn.”

- Harriet Beecher Stowe

2012 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Despite growing concern for the future of The Old Tavern, The Unionville Tavern Preservation Society continued with our grassroots effort to Save The Tavern! In 2012, we made great progress towards our ultimate goal of preserving and protecting the Tavern. This past year TUTPS:

- **Established The Friends of The Old Tavern membership program** - Individuals and Families can now pledge their support to the Tavern and its preservation by joining our organization. Although the Tavern is closed, it continues to be a symbol of community, a place “Where Friends Meet”.
- **Partnered with Madison Community Improvement Corporation (MCIC)** - Our partnership with MCIC has allowed us to offer charitable gift letters for memberships and donations contributed to the MCIC - Save The Tavern fund.
- **Increased Public Awareness** - utilizing several media outlets, professional collaborations, participation in community events and general networking, TUTPS has been able to increase public support for the effort. We launched a website: www.savethetavern.org, ended the year with over 500 followers on Facebook, and increased our group of volunteers.
- **Nominated the Tavern for the Preservation Ohio’s “Ohio’s Most Endangered Site 2012” list** - TUTPS nominated the Tavern for the 2012 list and in September it was announced the Tavern had made the list. Placement on the list has provided the Tavern with some much needed publicity to a wider audience.
- **Campaigned for Resolutions** - In October 2012, Madison Township Trustees unanimously passed a resolution in recognition and in support of TUTPS and the effort to Save The Tavern. TUTPS also petitioned the Lake County Commissioners for their support and they responded with a proclamation endorsing our effort and encouraging Lake County citizens to become active in our campaign.

THE YEAR AHEAD

In 2013, TUTPS will continue to fulfill our mission and promise to Save The Tavern! We intend to complete our own 501(c)3 non-profit status, expand our Board of Directors, and increase our fundraising efforts as we give voice to the Tavern and preserve its history. We look forward to increased activity in the year ahead and hope you will continue to support us as we move forward.

**THE
UNIONVILLE
TAVERN
PRESERVATION
SOCIETY**

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Our Mission...

The purpose of The Unionville Tavern Preservation Society is to preserve and protect The Old Tavern, in Unionville, Ohio, through community education, fundraising efforts, and restoration projects aimed at re-establishing the Tavern, and its grounds, as a destination in our community and to ensure its existence for future generations.

**2012
Board of Directors**

Erin Cicero
Marc Petersen
Brian Horgan

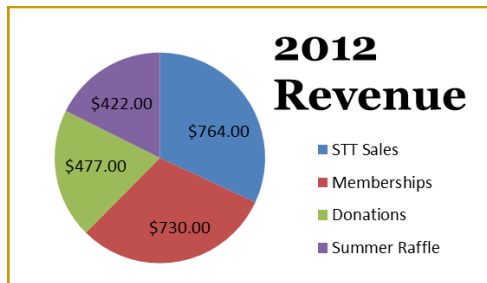
**For more information on
the Old Tavern, TUTPS,
and ways to get involved
visit:**

www.savethetavern.org

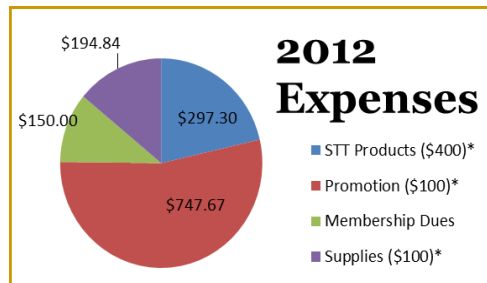
or Follow us on  **Facebook!**

2012 FINANCIAL REPORT

2012 Highlights: • The *Friends of The Old Tavern* membership program was established and created \$730.00 in revenue. Members of the community joined the effort as individuals (\$25) or as a family (\$40). • The summer raffle generated \$422.00. Harriett Hydinger was the winner of a set of dishes used in the Tavern during the 1930's and 1940's. Thank you to Mr. & Mrs. Lowell Keairns for the donation of the dishes. • The addition of Navy Blue "Save The Tavern!" t-shirts to our STT products helped to increase our sales to \$764.00.



Total Revenue: \$2,393.00



Total Expenses: \$1,389.81

Our 2012 fundraising activities allowed us to finance a guest speaker during Old Fashioned Days. Ms. Cathy Nelson of the Friends of Freedom Society, Inc. - Ohio's Underground Railroad Association, spoke on Ohio's Underground Railroad network and the significance of such sites as The Old Tavern. Her presentation provided an outsiders perspective on the Tavern and the importance of its preservation, which led to additional memberships and donations.

SPECIAL THANKS!

We would like to thank the following for their generosity and shared passion for The Old Tavern. Without the support of our members, donors, and volunteers, we could not give a voice to this beloved treasure. Thank You!

Friends of The Old Tavern*

Mary Ellen Horgan
Brian Horgan & Family
Erin Cicero & Family
Lowell and Marilyn Keairns
Mark and Gladys Hanna
Mr. & Mrs. James Darrow
Joseph & Charlene Weitella
Ricki Petersen
Brian and Marie Miller
Marc Petersen
Charles Holmes and Family
Patricia Bradek
Kimberly Sedmak & Bruce Lee
Doris Sedmak
Debbie Dottore
Fritz & Patty Page

Dianne "Toby" Lahti
Patricia Pettit
Kendra Peters
Josephine Sidley
Marie & Christopher deHaas
James & Christina Reigle
Tiffany Kosmeri

DONORS

Madison Historical Society
Hubbard House Underground
Railroad Museum
Harriette Hydinger
Don Strother

*...and many more who made
anonymous contributions!*

VOLUNTEERS

Beth Horgan
Anthony Cicero
Lindsay Kuhn
Debby Pitzer
Pete Betchik
Kari Betchik
Dennielle Hearn



*Those who became "Friends" in 2012 are also considered members of our Founders Club!