

The Unionville Tavern Preservation Society **2013 ANNUAL REPORT**

Lake County has enacted tax foreclosure against the owner of the Tavern. However, the fate of our beloved Tavern still remains uncertain. While we wait for the results of the foreclosure process, we watch in despair as the building falls apart before our eyes. In 2013 we witnessed the high winds tear the tarps off the roof, boards from the ceiling of the porch fall to the ground, and gutters pull away from the building only to fall onto a window awning and pull it from the building. The building is in a state of emergency. *The Unionville Tavern Preservation Society* remains focused on our goal to:

SAVE THE TAVERN!™



***Our Mission...**The purpose of The Unionville Tavern Preservation Society is to preserve and protect The Old Tavern, in Unionville, Ohio, through community education, fund-raising 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.*

WHAT WE HAVE ACCOMPLISHED...

- **Preservation Ohio's "Ohio's Most Endangered Site 2013" list** - TUTPS nominated the Tavern for the second year in a row. The Tavern was again one of the 11 on the endangered list. (<http://preserveohio.com/ohios-most-endangered-historic-sites-2013>)
- **501(c)3 paperwork completed and filed** - filing our paperwork is a great milestone in our efforts. MCIC will remain our fiscal advisor until we have received our own 501(c)3.
- **Website upgrade** - savethetavern.org is a necessary outlet to connect the Tavern to the community. Upgrading our website allows us more flexibility and the ability to utilize additional features to enhance our outreach capabilities.
- **On-line shop** - Revenue from sales are an essential part of funding our organization. In late November we opened the on-line shop. Save The Tavern! t-shirts and stickers are now available on-line. *We have shipped orders to as far away as Hawaii!*
- **Investment in community relations** - we value the importance of the community and therefore continued to nurture our relationships with the Madison Historical Society, MCIC, Preservation Ohio, and the Friends of Freedom Society, Inc., and countless individuals who share our common goal. We participated in local events, held community meetings, updated our website, and increased to nearly 1000 followers on our Facebook page. We are proud that the Save The Tavern!™ community stretches beyond Madison Township and Lake County. Our outreach is local, state, and country wide. *You have helped make that happen!*

FINANCIAL REPORT

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!

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Madison Historical Society

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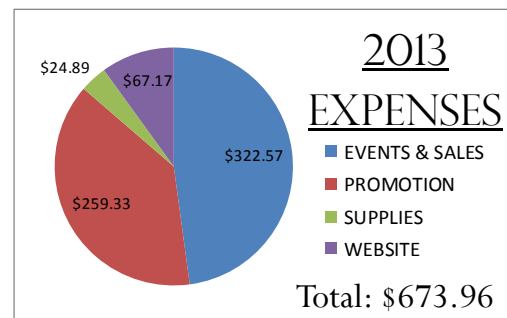
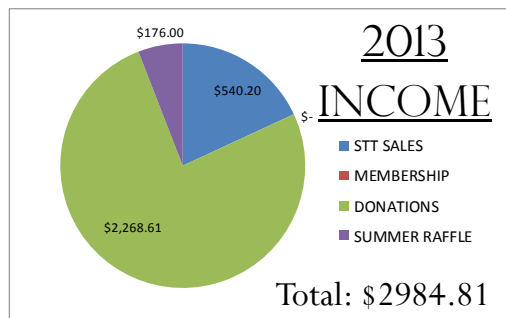
Kathleen Fuller

Beth Horgan

Brian and Marie Miller

...and many more who purchased t-shirts or stickers, or made anonymous contributions to

SAVE THE TAVERN!™



In 2013 we reduced our spending and saw an increase in revenue from donations to the MCIC - Save The Tavern fund compared to 2012. • We participated in the Unionville Flea Market, the Ohio Chautauqua festival at Staton Park in Madison, and at the MCIC's Candy Cane Lane Christmas Bazaar. • Petals Flowers & Gifts by Pam donated carnations and coupons for a discount at their shop in Madison to whomever stopped by our booth and or bought a T-Shirt at the Unionville Flea Market. Petals also purchased a T-Shirt for everyone on staff to wear on their busy Mother's Day deliveries and while in the shop that day. • During the summer we raffled off a numbered print of the Tavern donated by local artist Don Strother. Congratulations to Pete Betchik of Madison for having the winning ticket for that framed artwork. • Author Kathleen Fuller joined us at the MCIC Candy Cane Lane Christmas Bazaar in November. She signed copies of the book, "A Pioneer Christmas Collection" (Snelling et al., 2013)* which includes Ms. Fuller's novella, "The Calling" that takes place at the Tavern in 1820. Ms. Fuller donated part of the earnings from book sales at the event to our organization.

*Snelling, L, Brownley, M., Fuller, K., Gruver, M., Hickey, C., McDounough, V., ..., Urquhart, A. (2013). A Pioneer Christmas Collection. Uhrichsville, OH: Barbour Publishing, Inc.



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