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### WINTER MEETING NOTICE

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Mark your calendar for our Winter Program Saturday, January 25, 1992 — 2.00 p.m.

Christ Episcopal Church Hall, La Plata

The Commemoration of the Quicentenary of Columbus' 1492 Voyage to America

Library of Congress coordinators of this program,

Dr. John Hebért and Mrs. Barbara Loste, will make a joint presentation.

Refreshments and desserts will be provided — \$4.50 per person

Please make checks payable to: The Historical Society of Charles County

This will be your only notice of this program, so please r.s.v.p. by Wednesday, Jan. 22 to:

Ann Liebrecht, 4149 Mimosa Ln., La Plata, MD 20646

In case of inclement weather, contact one of the following about status of meeting:
Michael Mazzeo 932-2318 or Melissa Willett 375-9214

# Dues Increase in 1992

It is now time to pay your 1992 dues. We value you as a member and encourage your support and help throughout the year. The special programs and exhibits we are planning in 1992 will not be possible without your help. Please complete the enclosed **Membership Envelope** and drop it in the mail with your dues payment. Your dues are due March 31, 1992. A late fee of \$5.00 will be assessed after March 31st. (Membership envelopes are NOT included for Life members and recent new members.)

It was necessary for the Board of Directors to request from the membership an increase in dues. This request was made after careful consideration and approved at the October 19, 1991 membership meeting. When the Historical Society was established in 1961, dues were \$5.00 for an individual membership and \$6.00 for a family membership. Dues were increased to \$8.00 and \$10.00 respectively in 1977 and have remained so ever since. This past year, it cost the society \$10.32 per membership to produce and mail the two issues of *The Record*, two issues of *News and Notes* and the four meeting notices, a loss

of \$0.32 per family membership and \$2.32 per individual membership with no revenues generated for the society. In addition, members who did not pay their dues by March 31st received three additional notices at a cost of \$0.87 Therefore, if a member chose not to renew their membership, the society paid out \$11.19 to that member, as delinquent members were not dropped until December 31st.

The following By-Laws changes were approved October 19, 1991:

#### Article I - Members

- 2. Persons interested in becoming members may present their request to the Chairman of the Membership Committee, enclosing the appropriate annual dues (Family \$12.00; Single \$10.00); and Life Membership \$100.00 per person. A late fee of \$5.00 will be assessed after March 31st.
- 3. any active member who shall make no financial contribution to the Society for a period of **6 months** shall be automatically stricken from the List of Active Members.

# COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership Committee:
The Historical Society would like to welcome the following NEW MEMBERS:

Mr. & Mrs. Felix M. Loredo, Newburg Second Lt. Karlton E. Wilson, La Plata Mr. Samuel M. Andrusko, Port Tobacco

Mr. Lance Boyden, Port Tobacco

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Thank You LIFE MEMBERS for your support through the years:

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Friendship House

Mrs. Naomi Petrash, chairperson of the Friendship House Tours and Educational Programs would like to extend a special thank you to all the 1991 Docents. Friendship House has seen a prosperous summer tour season and a very successful fall tour season. In cooperation with the Society for the Restoration of Port Tobacco, over 600 school students have toured Friendship house since September. The success of the increase of Friendship House Tours has been through the support of the members of the Historical Society, the Board of Directors and the devoted docents. A special reception was held at Friendship House on Dcember 7, 1991 to honor all Friendship House docents. They are:

Mrs. Elsie Dent Mr. Howard Dent Mrs. Lillian Beaulieu Mrs. Hazel Fontein Mrs. Madelyn Griffith Mr. Philip L. Griffith Miss Eleanor Higdon Mrs. Blanche Hutchins Mrs. Ann Liebrecht Mrs. Janet A. Lohr Mr. Michael Mazzeo Mrs. Teresa Mazzeo Mrs. Jane Norfolk Mrs. Naomi Petrash Mr. Robert Petrash

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Mrs. Anita Wood

If anyone is interested in participating as a tour guide for the 1992 Tourism Season, summer or school tours, please contact Naomi Petrash at 259-4279 prior to the March orientation meeting.

**Program Committee:** 

Once again, the Program Committee has been busy planning interesting and exciting programs for our membership over the next two years. Please mark your calendar for the following programs:

Winter 1992, January 25, Quicentenary of Columbus' Voyage to America (Christ Church, La Plata)

Spring 1992, May 23, A History of Old Durham Church (Old Durham Church)

Summer 1992, July 19, A Tour of Historic La Grange (La Plata)

Fall 1992, October 17, A History of One-Room School Houses with a tour of the Port Tobacco One-Room Schoolhouse

Tentative:

Winter 1993, Admiral Raphael Semmes (Hawthorne Country Club)

Spring 1993, A panel program on Remembering Benedict (Shorter's Restaurant)

Summer 1993, A Tour of Historic Mt. Zephr (Bryans Road)

Fall 1993, The Araby and Gunston Hall Connection (N.O.S. Indian Head)

# Historical Society's 30th Anniversary Celebration

At the October 19, 1991 Fall Dinner Meeting, a portion of the program celebrated the 30th Anniversary of the Historical Society of Charles County. All guests held lit sparklers during the cutting of the anniversary cake, and the following charter members in attendance were recognized:

> Dr. Lloyd S. Bowling Capt. Frank Busey Mrs. Frances Donohue Mr. & Mrs. George Dyson Mr. Eugene A. Jenkins, Jr. Mrs. Emma Middleton Mr. Gilbert Milstead

Mr. & Mrs. H. Maxwell Mitchell, Jr. Mrs. Kathrun C. Newcomb

Miss Cynthia Wilmer

In addition, the following members were recognized with certificates for serving on the Board of Directors or as an officer for 5 years or more:

Mrs. John H. Mitchell, 19 years Mr. Gilbert Milstead, 18 years Mrs. Vivian Malczyk, 14 years

Miss Cynthia Wilmer, 13 years

Mr. Warren E. Barley, 12 years Mr. George C. Dyson, 12 years

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Genealogy Fair

On October 19 & 20, 1991, the St. Mary's County Genealogical Society and the Root Cellar BBS co-hosted the first Genealogy Fair at Charles County Community College. The Historical Society would like to thank those members who worked at the society's table:

Lillian Beaulieu, Routh Chandler, George Dyson, Ruby Dyson, Michael Mazzeo, Teresa

Mazzeo, and Cunthia Wilmer.

**Maryland Library Association** Postconference Workshop

The workshop will be held Friday, May 15, 1992. 9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at Sotterley Plantation.

"Preserving Community Heritage: A Partnership Model." The program will feature the activities of the Southern Maryland Studies Center developed in cooperation with community volunteers and organizations.

The workshop includes an authentic Southern Maryland luncheon by well known caterer. William Taylor, and a tour of the house and environs.

MLA members: \$40; non-members: \$50. For registration information contact Marcia Hammett, 934-9442, before April 1, 1992.

## Historical Society Items For Sale

The Garden Club's Friendship House Plate-\$12.50 Friendship House Notecards-\$3.50 Friendship House Dolls-\$16.00 Friendship House Wooden Replicas-\$10.00 Homeplaces by J. Richard Rivoire-\$26.25 Historic Charles County Houses Notecards-\$3.68