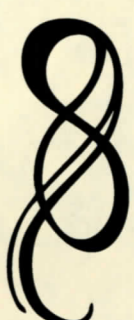


# THE HOMESTEAD FAMILY



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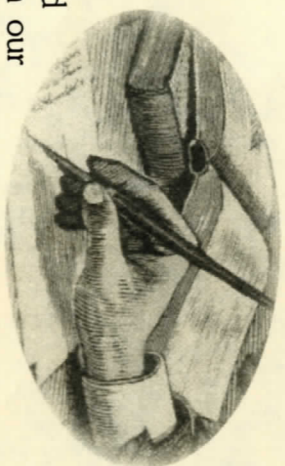


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### A Note from your President . . .



The Millikin Homestead Board just closed the book on our 2013/2014 fiscal year which means it's time to look ahead at future dreams, goals and projects. The Newsletter will keep you informed of progress on, not only the Homestead, but also the grounds.

There is certainly no shortage of projects hoping to be next on our "to do" list! We can move only as fast as our resources permit and we are truly grateful to our valued Homestead Members. However, we don't want you to just send your checks. We'd love to see you on our Sunday tours and maybe invite a friend or co-worker and introduce them to this historical home. We are constantly striving to grow our membership and each new member helps to ensure the continued maintenance of the Homestead. Occasionally we have openings on our board and would love to have current members interested in taking that next step. Just contact any boardmember listed on the front of this newsletter for additional information.

This Fall we will be having our second major fundraiser at Millikin in the Richards Treat Center. All who attended our 2012 fundraiser, Gangsters, Gals, and Gunshoes, will remember how exciting it was with the entertainment provided by the Millikin students. We promise this to be another memorable evening and, as you learn about the event, please make plans to attend. Think about reserving a table with your friends to make some special memories. You'll have a wonderful evening and, at the same time, help to ensure the Homestead's future.

Betsy Tietz, President



### Welcome New Board Member

We are pleased to welcome Pam Marty to our board. She will bring talent and enthusiasm to our group and we look forward to having her on our team.



### Save The Date!!

The James Millikin Homestead proudly announces their 2014 fundraising event.

*Some Enchanted Evening*  
*Musical Revue of Songs by Rodgers & Hammerstein*  
*Saturday, October 25, 2014*

This stunning collection of compositions places five Millikin University student performers in a theatrical setting, first *backstage* where the songs are sung as personal interplay, then *onstage*. Opportunities to dance and sing along will be included.

So, mark your calendars now and get a group of friends to join you on the 25th of October at Richards Treat Center on the campus of Millikin University.

### Parties, Showers, Receptions, Weddings, Meetings . . . . .

The James Millikin Homestead is available to rent for many different types of events. So far this year, new brides have been entertained with beautiful bridal showers and expectant mothers have enjoyed whimsical baby showers as they prepare for the arrival of new babies.



A lucky little seven year old was surprised with an elegant birthday tea party and a lovely couple celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with family and friends. We will soon be the site for a young couple starting their life together with a memorable wedding and reception.

In addition to our tours on the last Sunday of each month from May to October (2 to 4pm), we are also available for large group tours. Please consider using the Homestead for your next event or meeting. Everyone who crosses the threshold of this Decatur gem is awed by the architectural beauty and history at 125 North Pine in the west end of Decatur.



### New Trees Have Arrived!

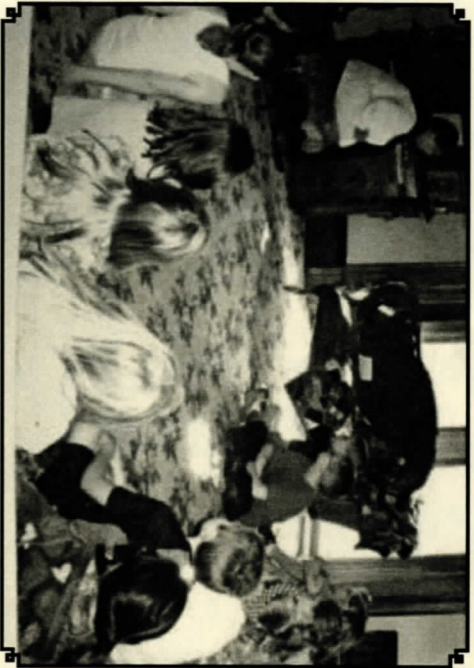
Exciting accomplishments and upcoming improvements are happening on the James Millikin Homestead grounds.

The 1976 Schroll landscape plan serves as a guiding document for UI Extension Master Gardeners who anxiously relish another year of historic landscape gardening. The aging/diminishing tree plantation received a gift of five new trees. Mulching, weeding, watering and sympathetic pruning is being performed alongside Millikin University's grounds staff. New botanical labels are to be installed to incorporate a self-guided plant tour. A new treatment for the flagpole area is possible thanks, in great part, to the many volunteer hours and cooperation from all involved. The future holds another big project, a driveway replacement for the aging asphalt surface is on the drawing board.



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## The Children are Coming!!

On May 5th through May 8th, the Mr. and Mrs. Millikin will be hosting the third graders from Macon County. The children and their teachers will have a tour of the Homestead. If you are called and asked to help with this fun event, please say "yes". If you are not called but would like to volunteer, please call either Terry at 433-2795 or Mary Ann at 767-2214.



## Membership Update

Thank you to all our loyal supporters for answering our call last month for expired members to renew their membership. Those memberships enable us to continue with the ongoing cost of maintenance at the Homestead. Thank you!!



## You're Invited

Our annual meeting will be held on Thursday, April 24, 2014, at 6:30 PM at the Millikin Homestead. All Homestead members are invited to join the Board for drinks and light refreshments. Please plan to attend and learn what we have planned for the upcoming year.



## In Memoriam

Our deepest condolences to the families of:  
**Mr. Dennis Honnald,**  
Homestead Member



## Mission Statement

*The Mission of the James Millikin Homestead, Inc. is to restore and preserve the interior of this irreplaceable Decatur landmark, thereby raising community awareness of our historical heritage, and promoting preservation for future generations.*



Please consider the Millikin Homestead in your estate planning.

## James Millikin Homestead, Inc.

- Regular Member - \$25.00
- Friend - \$50.00
- Patron - \$100.00
- Life - \$1,000.00  
(May be paid in four annual installments)

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