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SILENT AUCTION TO HIGHLIGHT FALL MEETING

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! A silent auction to benefit The Society of Indiana Pioneers is planned during the Annual Meeting on Saturday, November 8, 2008, beginning at 10:30 am. All members and their guests are invited to participate by donating an item, service, or event or by buying any of the donated items. Bring your checkbook and/or cash and plan to participate in this event!

If donating, please call Marcia Krieg at 317-253-2600 (preferably) or e-mail her at marciakrieg@gmail.com before October 15th to describe the item being offered along with minimum bid suggestions. Some transportation of items is available. If you have questions please call Marcia.

Look for selected auction items to be listed on our web site in October at www.indianapioneers.com.

Join in the fun for an event to help sustain our organization!

FELLOWSHIPS HELP STUDENTS OF EARLY INDIANA HISTORY

To support the object of our Society and to honor the memory and work of the pioneers of Indiana, the Board of Governors established the Society of Indiana Pioneers Fellowships to promote research in the field of pioneer history of Indiana. All eleven colleges and universities in Indiana that offer graduate degrees in history are contacted to submit applications by worthy students for these awards.

The 2008 winner of a \$1,000 Fellowship is Mark A. Furnish, doctoral candidate at Purdue University, Lafayette. He is researching Madison newspaperman Michael C. Garber, "Antislavery Democracy and the Crisis of the Union." Mark will be invited to discuss his work as our guest at our annual meeting.

NOTE FROM THE GENEALOGIST

We now have over 8000 ancestors entered in our database! It is thrilling to have a steady stream of applications and see new members and new ancestors. Please remember to encourage your siblings, children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews to join our organization. They only need to supply the application and one or two generations of documentation in order to join. The vitality of our organization rests upon the growth of our membership!

Help! Please call our office if you have a 1994 Pioneer Yearbook and would like to donate it to our collection.

JOIN THE SPEAKERS BUREAU!

If you are in need of a program for your family reunion, service club or local historical or genealogical society, consider using one of the volunteers from our Speakers Bureau.

While we have a wonderful group of volunteer presenters, we can always use more members to give talks to Indiana organizations to maintain and enhance the vitality and growth of the organization.

For more information on the programs, contact the Society offices. If you are interested in volunteering as a speaker, please e-mail Mary Jane Meeker at mj9797@aol.com or send your name to the Society office. Outline material will be sent to you.

MEMBERS ENJOY PILGRIMAGES

Since 1919, members of the Society of Indiana Pioneers have been participating in pilgrimages to places of interest throughout Indiana and neighboring states. 2008 continued this tradition as Board Member and Pilgrimage Chair Nelson Price planned and hosted two very popular trips.

Historic sites in Tippecanoe County were the destination on May 15 when Society members and guests visited the Potter Mansion where they were greeted by current owners, Bob & Ellie Haan. The house was built for the 1904 World's Fair after which it was disassembled and shipped by rail to Lafayette where it was reassembled on State Street. It contains what is believed to be the largest and best collection in the world of works by the "Hoosier Group" of artists. A motor tour of the Purdue University campus and visits to the Long Center and the Indiana Veterans Home completed the day.

On August 15-16, Pioneers traveled north to South Bend having lunch at Tippecanoe Place, restored 19th century mansion of Clement Studebaker. Other highlights included a tour of the campus of the University of Notre Dame and time in the expanded Studebaker Museum. On the return trip, the group was treated to a cruise on the *Ledbetter*, a 3-mast schooner on which Culver Military Academy cadets are trained, followed by a tour of the Academy campus. The day concluded with a reception hosted by Society Life Member Richard Ford at his home on Lake Maxinkuckee.

More details on these trips will appear in the Yearbook. Information on 2009 Pilgrimages to Montgomery County and the French Lick-West Baden area will be mailed to all members when arrangements are completed.