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Dear Colleagues,

Back on schedule, this MCHE E-Notes comes a few days before the start of the new month. It also serves as a reminder of how swiftly the year is flying by.

MCHE Executive Director Jim Cameron wanted to express thanks to those of you who completed the Conference survey earlier this month and emailed it to him. The MCHE Executive Board will meet in late February to decide the best possible date and location for the Fall 2010 Conference. This information will be shared with you as soon as possible.

In the meantime, please avail yourself of some of the learning opportunities described in this issue of E-Notes. For those of you looking for Summer Professional Development opportunities, be certain to check the websites of both the National Endowment for the Humanities, www.neh.gov, including one at the Henry Ford (See # 11) and the Gilder Lehrman Institute (www.gilderlehrman.org). The summer programs they offer include substantial stipends as well as great learning experiences. We also now have many TAH projects for our consideration.

Dr. Jim McConnell (jam1776@sbcglobal.net), Editor, MCHE E Notes

NOTE: The pdf attachment contains the same content as the message below. It is sent for those of you whose machines mess up the text of the E Notes. I hope this is helpful.

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1. 1812 Logo Contest Winner Selected

In a student contest cosponsored by MCHE, Rebecca Westerdale, 15, a sophomore art student from Ida High School, has won the statewide War of 1812 Logo Contest. The contest was a project of Michigan's Commission for the Commemoration of the Bicentennial of the War of 1812. The announcement was made by Commissioner David Hales, Chair of the Education Committee, during a surprise assembly of the Ida High School student body. The Award Ceremony and presentation of prizes is scheduled for 1:00 p.m., Monday, February 22, at the Michigan Historical Center in Lansing. The \$100 prize and four complimentary tickets aboard the War of 1812 replica Sloop Friends Good Will, owned and operated out of South Haven, Michigan by the Michigan Maritime Museum, will be presented to Ms. Westerdale by Grace Smith, Regent of the Louisa St. Clair Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and Commissioner James Spurr. Comments will be offered by Commission Chair Phil Porter. Commissioner David Hales confirmed, "We are delighted with Rebecca's creativity and sense of history. I understand she researched military logos in designing the winning entry." Rebecca stated that following her research, "...I had it pictured in my mind. It was easy to get it down on paper." Sherry Haddox, Rebecca's art teacher described her student as a "perfectionist" whose "art is her passion." Joyce Chu, Grade 7 of Jefferson Middle School, Midland, Michigan, Hailey Cook, Grade 10, Climax-Scotts High School and Matthew Mendell, Grade 9, home schooled from Northville, Michigan will be awarded Honorable Mentions. The contest was sponsored by these notable organizations: Louisa St. Clair Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution; Michigan Art Association; Michigan Commission on the Commemoration of the Bicentennial of the War of 1812; Michigan Counsel for History Education; Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Wayne RESA and the Michigan Maritime Museum.

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2. Local History Conference moves to Dearborn Inn on Fri.-Sat., March 19=20

Program details will be posted soon at www.hsmichigan.org for this fascinating program offered by scholars and community leaders from several leading community and historical organizations. To view the program and obtain registration materials, visit www.hsmichigan.org after February 1st. The program is to be held at the Historic Dearborn Inn, a new location this year. A special room rate for conference participants is available.

3. HSM sets "Detroit History Tour for Sat., May 22nd

SAVE THE DATE! The highly popular "Historic Detroit" tour will be offered on Saturday, May 22nd, 9 a.m.-4:00 p.m., departing from the Northville area. This comprehensive tour of Detroit's historic sties is led by Dr. Jim McConnell, a member of the Michigan Historical Commission, and facilitated by Annette W. McConnell, a volunteer at the Detroit Historical Society. Tour highlights include a walk through Cadillac's Fort Pontchartrain, a stop at Campus Martius, and lunch at the Hard Rock Cafe. Details and registration materials will be posted at www.hsmichigan.org in late February.

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4. Shiver on the River," Sat., Feb. 6, 10am-4pm.

The Annual "Shiver on the River" takes place at the historic Belle Isle Casino. Free to the public, there will be fun exhibits for the entire family as well as environmental arts and crafts along with special entertainment for the kids. This winter ecological family fair is a 'one-of-a-kind' event. More info at www.detroitriver.org/events.htm

5. Motown Winter Blast 2010, Fri.-Sun., Feb. 12-14

This 6th annual Winter Blast continues the tradition of celebrating winter in Michigan! This year's event honors Motown Records 50th anniversary as each band on stage during the weekend will perform at least three Motown songs during their set. Keep checking for details at www.winterblast.com/

6. Mulling Over Michigan – Statewide Michigan Studies Conference for Educators, Tuesday, February 23rd 3:30-7:00 pm, Bay County Historical Society, Bay City

Mulling Over Michigan is a statewide Michigan studies conference for educators and provides a host of useful sessions aimed at helping teachers who address Michigan history in their classrooms. The conference will be held on Tuesday, February 23rd from 3:30-7:00 pm at the Bay County Historical Society in Bay City. The event begins with registration and exhibits at 3:30 pm and features three sets of concurrent sessions from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm. For program details, including session topics, and to register, please visit: www.hsmichigan.org/meetings.php#mulling Registration is only \$65 and includes refreshments, conference materials and a one-year membership to the Historical Society of Michigan.

7. Best and Worst Jobs 2010

The 200 best and worst jobs in the U.S. in 2009 based on five criteria -- environment, income, employment outlook, physical demands and stress -- according to a newly released study from job site CareerCast.com Visit http://online.wsj.com/public/resources/documents/st_BESTJOBS2010_20100105.html Scott Stable, who shared this info with me, recommends checking out #5 on the list.

8. OSA encourages MI Snowbirds to claim MICHIGAN as Permanent Home

The Office of Services to the Aging is reminding older adults who go south or somewhere warmer for the winter (often known as snowbirds) to claim Michigan as their permanent home by following certain procedures that are part of the 2010 national census. For each Michigan snowbird who is not counted as a state resident, Michigan will lose a per capita census-adjusted allocation of more than \$1,000 a year for each of the next ten years, or more than \$10,000 per person. It is estimated that about 200,000 Michigan residents were counted as living elsewhere in the 2000 Census. In February and March, snowbirds will receive their 2010 U.S. Census forms at their temporary residences in the south, and they will be asked to complete and return the forms. To avoid being counted as residents of another state, snowbirds must enter zero on the census form as the number of people living there and then leave the rest of the form blank. It also is recommended that they write "Usual Residence Elsewhere" so that the Census Bureau will know the reason for entering a zero. For more info, you may call the Office of Services to the Aging in Lansing at 517/373-8230 or visit the Web site at www.michigan.gov/miseniors.

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9. A. Lincoln: A Biography, Feb. 16, 7:30 PM , Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum,

Veteran historian and best-selling author Ron White will emphasize that Lincoln was our most likable major president. Dr. White stresses that Lincoln was an experienced politician, popular throughout Illinois, and known to national leaders. For more info on White and program details, please visit www.allpresidents.org A Roundtable Discussion: February 17, 12-1 PM, Cabinet Room at the Ford Presidential Museum Panelists include: Gleaves Whitney, moderator (Director, Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies) Brian Flanagan (Associate Director, Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies) Dr. Scott Stabler (GVSU History Department) Jim Kratsis (Deputy Director, Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum). The event is free. The lessons are priceless. Because space is limited, please call the Ford Museum To reserve your seat at (616) 254-0400.

10. Tribute to Mary Ellen Riordan: A labor leader and pioneer

By JOE ROSSITER , FREE PRESS STAFF WRITER , Jan. 26, 2010, p. A-13

Mary Ellen Riordan was considered a trailblazer for helping to secure collective bargaining rights for teachers. The former Detroit Federation of Teachers president and Detroit Public Schools teacher died in her sleep Sunday of heart failure at her home in Henry Ford Village in Dearborn. She was 89. She was elected the first female president of the fledgling union in 1960 and led the effort that won collective bargaining for teachers in 1964. The Legislature went on to adopt the 1965 Public Employees Relations Act, which gave

teachers and all public employees the right to contract negotiations. “Besides being a pioneer and a universally respected champion of organized labor, she never lost sight of the fact that we are all teachers first and the reason we are here is to provide quality education for children,” said Keith Johnson, the current DFT president. “She was a fierce negotiator, a tenacious advocate for the students, and she demanded that teachers be treated as the professionals that we are,” Johnson said. In recognition of her achievements, she was inducted into the Michigan Women’s Hall of Fame in October 2001.

Born Mary Ellen Hanlon in Detroit, she was a graduate of Detroit’s Marygrove College and received a master’s degree from Columbia University in New York before becoming a science teacher at Crary Elementary School in northwest Detroit in 1944. Her husband, Army Lt. Daniel Riordan, whom she married in 1941, died in the Battle of the Bulge during World War II. Her survivors include 33 nieces and nephews. Visitation is Friday from noon-4 p.m. and 5-8 p.m. at Perry Funeral Home, 5045 Trumbull Ave., Detroit. A funeral mass is set for noon Saturday at SS. Peter and Paul Jesuit Church, 629 E. Jefferson Ave., Detroit. Church visitation begins at 11 a.m. Her body will be cremated.

11. America's Industrial Revolution Summer Seminar: The Henry Ford

America’s Industrial Revolution at The Henry Ford will take place June 20-25 and July 18-23. The workshops offer interaction with leading historians and educators from across the country, a generous stipend, and an opportunity to earn college credit and SB-CEUs. Each workshop is limited to 40 participants. All applications must be postmarked by March 2. For details and application materials, visit www.thehenryford.org/neh All inquiries may be directed to Ryan Spencer, Education Coordinator-Special Projects via email at RyanSp@TheHenryFord.org or via phone at 313.982.6100 x2261.

(from Paula Gangopadhyay, Director of Education, The Henry Ford)

12. Where to go in Michigan for Fun and Relaxation

The 2010 Michigan Travel Ideas magazine is now available at welcome centers across the state. The guide, which offers a look at lesser-known Great Lakes getaways, local foods and affordable family vacations, may be ordered by calling 888-784-7328 or going to www.michigan.org. National History Club, Inc.

13. Lead America essay Contest Deadline is April 1st

This contest invites students to write an essay of not more than 2,000 words on Historical Leadership. Using an event from the past students should write about how the leadership by a person or a group of people contributed to the development of society, and what today's leaders and citizens can learn from this. All entries must be received by April 1, 2010 and can be emailed to Bob Nasson at rnasson@nationalhistoryclub.org For info on other guidelines, prizes, and details about the National Leadership Summit, visit www.lead-america.org/conferences/nls/nls_hs.asp

(from Bob Nasson, Executive Director, National History Club)

14. Look!: Updates from the Archives of Michigan

(A) Life in a Logging Camp

Did you ever wonder about life in an old-time lumber camp? “I worked like the dickens,” recalled one old lumberjack, “but I didn’t think anything of it.” You can find more information in the new Look! article . A video - documenting a mid-twentieth century timber harvest - appears at the end. Here's the link:

<http://seekingmichigan.org/look/2010/01/12/logging-camp>

(B) Look!: Golf on the Ice!

Can you play a game of golf on the ice? Check out the featured image and see for yourself:

<http://seekingmichigan.org/look/2010/01/19/polar-ice-cap-golf> The article (written by me) also looks back to the (very harsh) winter of 1976-1977. Copy the link above and take a walk down memory lane.

(from Bob Garrett, Archives of Michigan)

15. Frolicking Family February Fun from Kathleen Marcaccio

Start planning now for the school winter break in February!! The Detroit Historical Museum's Student Appreciation Days offer runs Monday through Sunday, February 15-21, 10-5. Get one free admission with the purchase of one regular price admission. Take a free one-hour tour of the Renaissance Center, including a ride to the Coach Insignia for the great 360-view of the city!! Tours are scheduled for 10am, noon, and 2pm (except holidays). Walk along the River Walk and check out the Detroit River and the ice floes. Other free things to do include the Belle Isle Conservatory (open 10-5 daily) and the Pewabic Pottery (open 10-6; closed some holidays). REMINDER: Wear Red...\$ave Green at the Detroit Historical Museum, Sunday, February 14. Anyone wearing red on Sunday, February 14 will be admitted to the Detroit Historical Museum for half off the admission price. Everything red counts - red hat, red shoes, even a red ribbon in your hair! If you have a tip for free or inexpensive family fun to share, please send it to me and I'll pass it along. Enjoy!! (To subscribe to Kathleen Marcaccio, "Detroit History and Cultural Heritage eCalendar of Events ," send her an email at dkosh@msn.com.

16. Upcoming Colonial Williamsburg Electronic Field Trip Series

The Slave Trade February 11, 2010 Beginning with the American Revolution, this program explores the U.S. law of 1807 that abolished the trans-Atlantic slave trade. Meet the people who were involved in or influenced by this pivotal legislation: the slaves, plantation owners, slave-ship captains, common seamen, government officials, Navy officers, and anti-slavery activists.

The Rights of Youth (premiere) March 11, 2010: Imprisonment, whipping, forced transportation, and even death were some of the punishments that courts sentenced children to in the eighteenth century. Witness how justice was administered at a time when criminal laws and sentencing guidelines made few or no exceptions for children.

Treasure Keepers April 22, 2010: You have seen their work in every museum, but what do conservators really do? Learn how conservators prevent or slow the damage caused by "agents of destruction." Explore how and why preserving history is important for future generations.

For more information about the Emmy Award-winning series of live, interactive television broadcasts, teacher guides, and online resources call 1.800.761.8331, email EFTSupport@cwf.org or visit www.history.org/trips

17. War of 1812 Journal Now available

This is the time to begin studying about the war of 1812 and planning special activities for your students The upcoming BICENTENNIAL! A good source of information is the War of 1812 Journal: a quarterly publication. Subscription rate: \$17.50 (4 issues per year) 2 years, \$30 for individuals Make check payable to "War of 1812 Consortium, Inc." and mail c/o Star Spangled Banner Flag House, 844 E. Pratt Street, Baltimore MD 21202 Subscription questions; call 813-671-8852 If you would like to see a pdf copy of the current issue, send me an email at jam1776@sbcglobal.net (The Editor, Hal Youmans, has given me permission to share this issue with educators in Michigan.).

18. Selected Info Items from the History News Network (<http://HNN.us>)

**Haiti's Troubled History with the U.S. and France MARC BECKER (Very thoughtful analysis)
<http://www.hnn.us/articles/122315.html>*Civil War Preservation Trust rescues 2,777 acres of historic land in 2009 <http://hnn.us/roundup/entries/122084.html>
**Recording of Nazi officers who found Hitler's body released
<http://hnn.us/roundup/entries/122083.html>
**Nixon papers shed light on political espionage
<http://hnn.us/roundup/entries/122071.html>
**Woman who hid Anne Frank dead at 100
<http://hnn.us/roundup/entries/122070.html>
**Review of Gordon Wood's Empire of Liberty: A History of the Early Republic, 1780-1815 JIM CULLEN
<http://hnn.us/roundup/entries/120728.html>

**Leonardo Da Vinci's remains to be exhumed amid Mona Lisa self-portrait mystery

<http://hnn.us/roundup/entries/122563.html>

**How the Alexander Mosaic was Seen in Ancient Rome <http://hnn.us/roundup/entries/122037.html>

(The **Alexander Mosaic** or **The Battle of Issus**, dating from circa 200 BC, is a famous mosaic from the House of the Faun, Pompeii. It depicts a battle between the armies of Alexander the Great and Darius III of Persia and measures 5.82 x 3.13m (19ft x 10ft 3in).

19. Annenberg Media continues to offer resources

*** 2010: Year of The Census ***

This year, walk your students through an exploration of the U.S. census -- and what it can teach us about American society -- with the help of primary source documents. See the workshop "The Census: Who We Think We Are" www.learner.org/workshops/primarysources/census/introduction.html from the series Primary Sources: Workshop in American History, which includes historical documents, activities, and more. For some history of the U.S. census and a mathematical look at the mathematics behind it, watch Against All Odds: Inside Statistics <http://www.learner.org/resources/series65.html> Program 13, "Blocking and Sampling." The segment begins at approximately 13:00 into the program.

20. 35 Library of Congress Lessons Now Available

Working with Wayne RESA and Genesee ISD, MCHC has brought together a group of outstanding educators to create lessons using the "American Memory" website of the Library of Congress. J'Aime Holdebaum, an elementary teacher, has posted all of the lessons on her website for you use. We urge you to check out all of this great material and download the pdfs at <http://educationextras.com/LibraryofCongressLessons.html>

21. Haitians in Michigan now available in MSU Press Series

One of the newest titles in the popular MSU Press **Discovering the Peoples of Michigan** Series describes the experiences of the Haitian people who have come to Michigan over the years. You might find this book helpful in coming to grips with the current devastation created by the earthquake there. The series examines the rich multicultural heritage of the Great Lakes State. This is an informative, affordable, and flexible collection of books that explores Michigan's ethnic dynamics. Michigan's rapidly changing historical and social structures have far-reaching implications in such areas as public policy, education, management, and private enterprise. "Discovering the Peoples of Michigan" reveals the unique contributions that different and often unrecognized communities have made to Michigan's historical and social identity. For info on this book and other titles in the series, visit www.msupress.msu.edu