Photos, from left: More than 600 hundred people attended the annual Hayes Easter Egg Roll activities, which were moved into the museum because of inclement weather, on March 31. The special exhibit “Jacob A. Riis: How the Other Half Lives” is open through May 25. Christopher Kenney, director of education at the McKinley Presidential Library & Museum leads discussion during the March meeting of the Presidential History Book Club.

Hear stories behind photos in ‘The Art of Photography’

Hayes Presidential Library & Museums staff members Gil Gonzalez and Kristina Smith will discuss their photography displayed in “The Art of Photography” show and sale from 4 to 6 p.m. May 1 in the museum auditorium. Gonzalez, head of photographic resources, will share photo techniques used in his diverse collection of photographs, and Smith, marketing/communications manager, will discuss her Lake Erie birding and nature photography. Refreshments will be served.

“The Art of Photography” is open through July 1. The exhibit is sponsored by The Fremont Company and Walmart-Fremont.

Get home, building advice at Building Doctor Clinic

Get help with what is ailing your older home or building during the Building Doctor Clinic May 17-18 at the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums. The clinic features Building Doctors Nathan Bevil and Justin Cook of the Ohio History Connection’s State Historic Preservation Office, which runs the Building Doctor Clinics around Ohio.

The clinic begins with a free seminar from 7-9 p.m. May 17, in the Hayes Museum auditorium. Open to all owners of old buildings in the area, the seminar will feature guidelines for renovation projects and ways to solve some of the most common problems of buildings dating from 1800 to 1955. Then from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 18, the Building Doctors will visit pre-1955 buildings within 5 miles of the center of Fremont, advising owners on specific technical or design problems by appointment.

Those interested in having their buildings examined need to apply and be selected. Those selected for the Building Doctor site visits must attend also attend the seminar on Thursday, May 17.

Those interested in attending the seminar only do not need to apply for a site visit or live within a certain area.

The seminar and on-site consultations are FREE with advance registration. To register for the seminar and/or apply for a site visit, go to building-doctor.org or call 800-499-2470 or 614-298-2000. For information, contact Joan Eckermann, HPLM special events and volunteer coordinator, at 419-332-2081 or jeckermann@rbhayes.org.

The ‘doctors’ examine all kinds of older buildings. Some of the things that typically call for an on-site examination include persistent peeling paint or flaking plaster, a wet basement, deteriorating masonry and plans for remodeling, additions or demolitions.

The Building Doctor Clinic is sponsored by the Birchard Historic Neighborhood Association and the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums.

Reserve your seat for Music in the Parlor

Reserve your seat for Music in the Parlor featuring a performance by professional singer Joan Eckermann and pianist Dennis Pita. They will perform songs from the 1890s and 1900s.

The event is from 4 to 6 p.m. on May 20, in the large parlor of the Hayes Home. Tickets are $12. Seating is limited. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 419-332-2081, ext. 238.

Eckermann is the special events and volunteer coordinator at the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums. Pita is the music and choral director at Fremont Ross High School. Music in the Parlor is sponsored by Mosser Construction.
Welcome, March new members!

Jason Adams of Gibsonburg, OH; Allen Co. Public Library of Fort Wayne, IN; Bette Bohman of Ogden, UT; Michael & Nicole Bowen of Findlay, OH; Christopher Bowman of Richlands, VA; M/M Benjamin Brown of Maumee, OH; Mr. E. W. Brown of United Kingdom; Kathleen Bryan of Enon, OH; Ed & Shirley Carlson of La Crescenta, CA; Wayne & Wendy Chasney of Milan, OH; Clark Associates, Inc./Jerry E. Clark of Fremont, OH; Rex & Rhonda Dannschroder of Fremont, OH; Jeanne Darr of Fremont, OH; Janet Day of Perrysburg, OH; J. Steve & Linda Detillion of Tiffin, OH; Patricia Dwyer of Miami, FL; Bo & Jamie Evarts of Gibsonburg, OH; Jeff & Debbie Eversman of Oregon, OH; Michael P. Fisher of Columbus, OH; Tonya Fratley of Clyde, OH; M/M Gerald Franks of Fremont, OH; Michael R. Free, II of Fremont, OH; Dr. Karen L. Gillmor of Dublin, OH; Robert Gradick of Oak Harbor, OH; Patrick Green of Bowling Green, OH; Bob & Betsy Harris of Kettering, OH; Joe & Becky Hench of Toledo, OH; Susan E. Hoppes of Tiffin, OH; David & Ruthann House of Fremont, OH; Mr. F. Lynn Huffman of Fremont, OH; Pam Hufford of Milford, IL; Ken & Kathleen L. Burkard of The Villages, FL; William Huntington of Glen Burnie, MD; Jon James & Jan Pugh of Graytown, OH; Marylin Kinn of Fostoria, OH; Steve & Jan Kirchoff of Bonaire, GA; Dr. Donald R. Knepper of Gibsonburg, OH; Gary & Agnieszka Kotlarski of Cleveland, OH; Dave & Rebecca Mack of Lakeside, OH; Francine Matthews of Liberty Center, OH; Mr. Robert W. McClamroch & Mrs. Jean R. Thomas of Tucson, AZ; Matthew & Colleen McQuade of Swanton, OH; Mark Levans of Tiffin, OH; Robert & Nancy Parker of Fremont, OH; Linda A. Paul of Onaway, MI; Jay Pettibone of Yorba Linda, CA; Dan & Nancy Pickens of Bellevue, OH; Archie Rader, Jr. of Fresno, CA; Linda Risner of Fremont, OH; Marcia Rothbacher of Fremont, OH; David A. Ryder of Tiffin, OH; Jeff & Janet Scheid of Monroeville, OH; William Schwab of Charleston, SC; Daryl & Betty Joe Sherman of Elmore, OH; Vicki Sievert of Oak Harbor, OH; Vince Snyder of Fremont, OH; Miss Carolyn Strite of Findlay, OH; Laura Taylor of Philadelphia, PA; Ryan Trumbull & Amy Dussel of Bradner, OH; Chuck & Dolores Turner of Rockford, IL; Kathryn Visintainer of Moodus, CT; William & Nancy Waugaman of Fremont, OH; Dave Ziemke of Fremont, OH

Volunteer Notes (Joan Eckermann, special events/volunteer coordinator, 419-332-2081, ext. 245; jeckermann@rbhayes.org)

Volunteer opportunities:

Mailing Volunteers - We need 20 to 25 volunteers to help with two bulk mailings from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 23, in our auditorium. We’ll be putting together the next issues of The Statesman and The Billet. Most of the work is done while seated, but we’ll also need help moving the filled mail trays. Beverages and snacks will be provided to keep everyone fortified! Please contact Joan if you can help.

Save the Date! - Mark your calendars - this year’s Volunteer Celebration will be Sunday, July 22 at 12:30 p.m. More details to come!

Thank You For Your Time! Your volunteer hours for January, February and March totaled 873. That’s pretty good for such a cold, snowy winter! Thanks for sharing your time and talents with us.

May birthdays

Our best wishes for a Happy Birthday go to Linda Geyman, Scott Smith, Patrick Waggoner and Marilu Waleryszak.