

**QUARTERLY REPORT, 2nd QUARTER of 2017**

**EVENTS:**

During the afternoon of May 18, MSEM dedicated the two monuments at the bottom of Mound Hill. One (Fig 1), which had been in place for some time, describes the work of the Mound employees during the Cold War effort. The second one (Figs 2 & 3) is the recently designed and constructed Ohio Historical Marker and is adjacent to the original monument. Plans were to have the commemoration at the monuments' site but high winds forced the event to occur on the second floor of the MSEM. A reception was held after the event. Visitors and speakers included representatives from DOE Legacy Management (Sue Smiley), Dayton History (Mary Oliver), The Mound Business Center (Eric Cluxton), the State of Ohio Representative from Miamisburg (Nirag Antani) and the City of Miamisburg (Mayor Dick Church). MSEM Board Member Bob Bowman was instrumental in the design of the Ohio Historical Marker and represented the MSEM at this event.







The 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Mound Employees' Banquet was held the evening of May 18. This was the eleventh consecutive year that the MSEM was involved.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT PRESENTATIONS:**

- 1) On April 26, Dayton History's Jim Charters discussed the Dayton Codebreakers, a secret laboratory in Dayton which operated code machines to address the German U-boat threats in World War II.
- 2) On May 24, former Mound employee Dr. Carl Bishop presented Nuclear Electricity, Nuclear Batteries and Nuclear Homicide. The presentation was on the use of four radioisotopes that he worked with during his career as a chemist.

DVDs of all past speakers are available for purchase in our gift shop.

**Tours :**

On May 30, eight people from the Boonshoft Education Staff toured the Museum with lunch at the Mound Golf Club after their visit.

**Personnel:**

Several of the MSEM Board Members and Volunteers have been, or are physically disabled. MSEM President Ray Seiler will be absent for several months (Paul Lamberger will serve as the interim President and Bob Ellefson will serve as interim Vice-President). Maxine Vest has not been able to attend MSEM events since last November, and Jack Melke is recovering from successful open-heart surgery. If you are interested in contacting these people, or to send cards, please check at the Museum office for up-to-date information.

**Coordination with Dayton History**

The Mound Science and Energy Museum (MSEM) is being transformed into the Cold War Discovery Center, which will be operated by Dayton History (who also operates Carillon Park). Plans for the renovation of the Museum and construction of new exhibits have been developed by Mary Oliver and Mandy Askins of Dayton History. The new exhibits will be on the first floor. Offices and the lecture hall will be on the second floor, which will have new carpet, paint and chairs. The Museum will be closed until October 1, 2017, when these renovations are expected to be completed. However, we will try to continue our lectures on the fourth Wednesday of each month, starting July 26.