

"Carroll's Banking Community to be Recognized at Mardi Gras"

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You are invited to attend the Historical Society of Carroll County's 4th Annual Mardi Gras Ball, to be held at Wilhelm Ltd. Caterers on Saturday, February 22, 1997

1997 Ball Chair Molly McEvoy and her dynamic committee have planned a festive evening of fun, good food and live music. A new feature for this year's ball will be a special recognition of a person, place, business or industry which has made a long term contribution to the community. This year the Mardi Gras Committee has selected Carroll County's Banking industry. Attending members of the banking community will be recognized and we will hear some interesting local banking history stories researched by Society Director Jay Graybeal. We will also crown a Mardi Gras King and Queen from this group.

A served dinner consists of sumptuous New Orleans style cuisine and dance music will be provided by Zim Zemarel's six piece ensemble. Other live entertainment will be by street performers including a magician, balloon artist and a juggler. Ball guests are encouraged to dress in costume for the evening. Decorative masks will be provided at the dinner. After dinner King Rex will lead a parade of costumed guests and judges will award prizes to the winners. Reservations are \$55 for members and \$60 for non-members and can be made by calling the Historical Society at (410) 848-6494. If you can not attend the Ball but would like to help, please consider becoming a patron and have your name printed in the souvenir program.

Photo caption 1: The former Taneytown Savings Bank was built in 1887 later became known as the The First National Bank of Taneytown. A 1966 merger with The Birnie Trust Co. also of Taneytown formed Taneytown Bank & Trust Co. Photograph by Ed Zepp of Taneytown. Historical Society of Carroll County Copy Photograph Collection, gift of C. Jean Fillmore, Geary Myers and Jacquelyn Rohrbaugh, 1996.

Photo caption 2: The former Manchester Bank Building was photographed between 1922 and 1929 when a new building was constructed. In 1962 the Manchester Bank merged with the Carroll County National Bank and the Carroll Trust Co. to form Carroll County Bank and Trust Co. Historical Society of Carroll County, J. Leland Jordan Collection.

Photo caption 3: Interior of the former Westminster Deposit and Trust Co. located on the first floor of the former Charles Carroll Hotel. Bank employees from left to right: Earl Simpson, Nathaniel H. Baumgardner, and George M. Parke, Treasurer. The structure is now owned by Union National Bank, the County's oldest banking institution. Historical Society of Carroll County, J. Leland Jordan Collection.

Photo caption 4: William B. Thomas stands (in the doorway) on a snow covered walk in front of the former Union National Bank Building in Westminster. Historical Society of Carroll County Collection, gift of Ary Lamme, Jr.

Photo caption 5: Westminster's Main Street had not yet been paved when the former Westminster Savings Bank was photographed at the turn of the century. The bank merged with Farmers and Mechanics National Bank of Westminster and First National Bank of Westminster to form Carroll County National Bank of Westminster in 1948. Historical Society of Carroll County collection, gift of the writer, 1996.

Side bar copy: The 4th Annual Mardi Gras Ball will be held at Wilhelm Ltd. Caterers on Saturday, February 22, 1997. The Ball benefits the Historical Society of Carroll County. Tickets are \$60 (\$55 for Historical Society members) and may be reserved by calling the Historical Society at 848-6494.