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OUR NEWSLETTER ~ A LINK TO THE PAST AND PRESENT. ~

The Aberdeen Room acquires, records, and displays memorabilia and artifacts that relate to the social, economic, and cultural development of the city of Aberdeen. All interested persons are welcome and are invited to visit, utilize, and enjoy the museum and archival facilities provided..

SCHOOL'S OUT AT THE ABERDEEN ROOM

School's out for youngsters all over the country, and that means a lot of things to a lot of people.

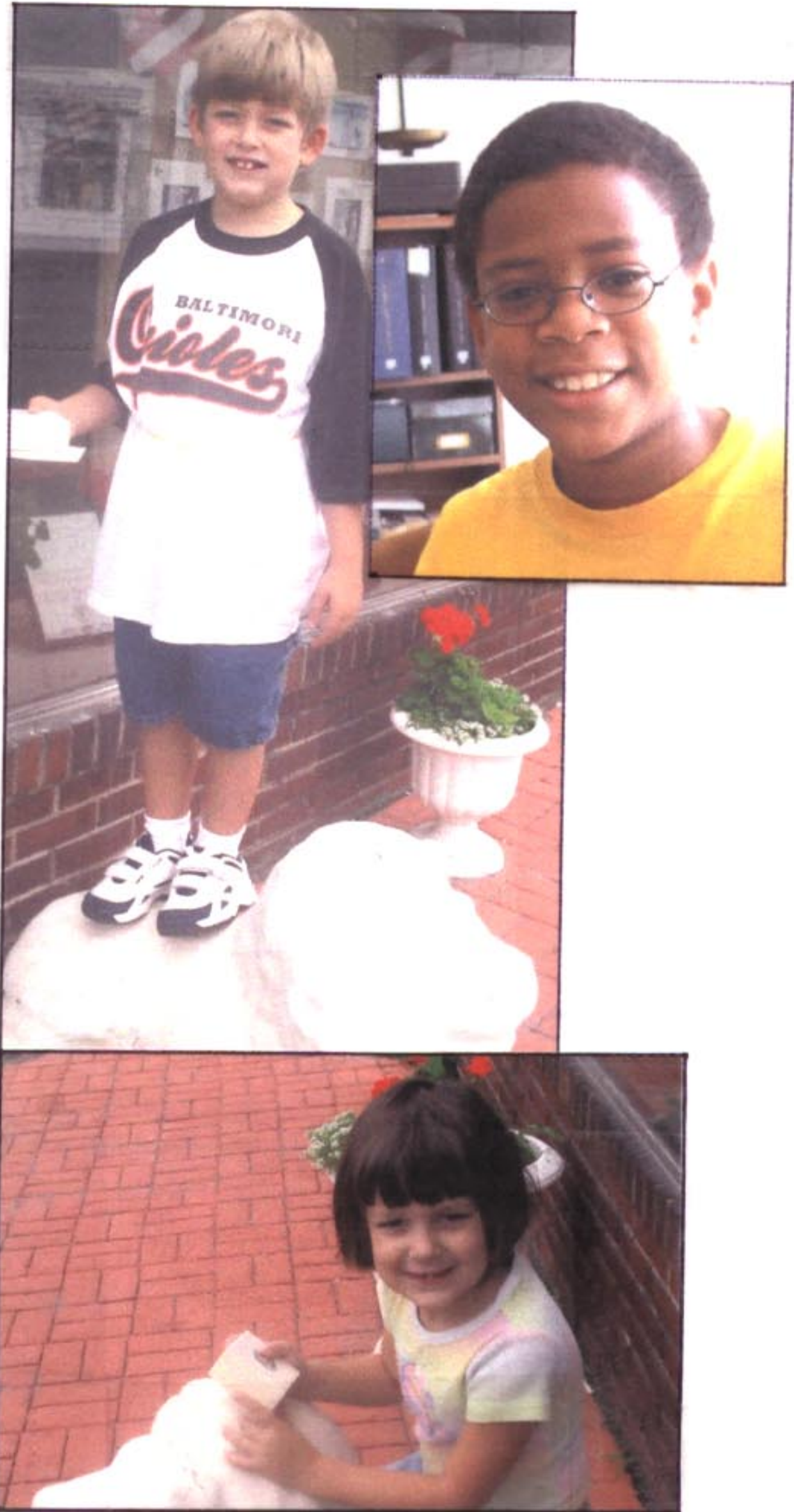
It's time to catch up on interesting things to do and places to go. What better place than the cool atmosphere of a museum - with "cool stuff" to look at, games to play and videos to watch!

The Aberdeen Room has had a number of visiting grandchildren already this summer vacation season, as well as the usual local children. It is interesting to observe that the interests of children everywhere are very similar, within certain age groups.

Volunteer Catherine Adams brought her ten-year-old grandson Wesley to spend the day. Wesley is from Texas and enjoys learning about all means of transportation, especially automobiles. He was interested in an antique toy car that is on display, and along the tour he found out about the railroads that played such an important part of the history in Aberdeen and Harford County. He successfully finished the Aberdeen Room activity sheet designed for students.

"Pop-Pop" Mike Danish accompanied grandchildren Ethan (8) and Anna (6) on their day at the Aberdeen Room. They came from Florida as soon as their school year was over to take in all the baseball games and other sights that Bettye and Mike had planned for them. The children successfully accomplished their activity sheets after discovering the antique typewriter in the school display. They also found that the lions on

either side of the door are good for riding - just as do many local children who ride, hug and kiss the lions as they pass by.



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VOLUNTEER BIOGRAPHY
by **CHUCK BAKER**

I am the youngest of the four children of Ethel and P. Tevis Baker, and was raised in the family home on West Bel Air Avenue across the road from the home of Charles W. Baker, my great-grandfather.

My life has been filled with music, from the early days of playing trumpet, clarinet and saxophone in early school and fire department bands to teaching music in the public schools and having a "big band sounds" orchestra through my adult years.

Music has not been my only passion. I have enjoyed woodworking, and actually studied manual arts at the University of Maryland where I received my degree after serving in the Air Force in World War ii as a pilot. When the Korean War started in the 1950s, I was back in the service - serving in the European arena, where my wife Barbara (Harward) and I lived when our first child Patricia was born. After that stint of flying came to an end, it was back to Aberdeen and teaching at Aberdeen High School.

Looking back to my earliest childhood, I recall ice skating down Bel Air Avenue on icy winter mornings to school. Later, in Miss McVey's study hall, I was known to have designed a multiple shot rubber-band-gun (the bands being made from old bicycle tires).

I was also known to ride my bicycle everywhere. Before entering the service , I also delivered mail in the community.

We had a great Aberdeen High School Class of 1938. My cousin, George Harold Baker, Jr., Bill Boyer, Bill Cronin, Grafton Osborn, Winzer Paxton - just to name a few of the fellows.

Playing tennis has been a longtime passion since childhood, since we had a tennis court on my yard on West Bel Air Avenue, where my older brother Ridgely also played.

Of course, I played in Mrs. Willard's school orchestra, and was assistant editor of the first yearbook "Arrivederci".

My friends made in the service have remained my friends, and we visit back and forth - even attending the dedication of the World War ii Memorial in Washington, D.C. together.

Aberdeen has always been important to me, and I am an active member of Grace Methodist Church. I organized the summer concert series in the early 1990s, and am a charter member of the Aberdeen Room Archives and Museum. I have accomplished much of the carpentry necessary for the beginning of the effort, working with other members.

In 2003, I received the Aberdeen Rotary Club Citizenship Award.

