

# *Olive Branch School Open House a Success*

**By Bill Berry, Chairperson  
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Preservation Society**

The OBSP Society hosted an open house of the Olive Branch "Little Round School Building" on Sunday, November 4 to launch Phase One-\$50,000 fundraising effort, for the purpose of removing asbestos from the 1908 craftsman style school building. The removal of asbestos is the first step to be taken in preparation for the restoration of this one of a

kind, eye-catching school building that signified at the time of its construction civic pride and made a local declaration about the importance of education to the citizens of our community. The unique design concept of Olive Branch conveys the importance that the Bethel Township Board of Education placed on architecture in the early years of the 20th century. An estimated attendance of between 75 to 100 people, many former students who at-

tended school in this building, and from as far away as Indiana, availed themselves the opportunity to tour the facility. The Olive Branch School successfully received listing into the National Register of Historical Places by the National Park Service, United States Department of Interior in July of 2009.

As a 501 (c) (3) tax-exempt organization, your tax deductible donations help the OBSPS to continue as a viable organization committed to the restoration of

Olive Branch School. To express your gratitude for a special achievement or appreciation for a life well lived, a Memorial or Honorary Gift to OBSPS makes recognizing a loved one easy. One might also consider, as a future legacy, including a charitable gift to Olive Branch School Preservation Society in your will or estate. For further information as to how you may assist in the success of this important endeavor call 845-8774.