



Chagrin Falls Exponent

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FOR MEMBERS ONLY!

ANNUAL POT LUCK DINNER

Thursday, February 18, 2010, 6:00 p.m.
at

Fellowship Hall, Valley Lutheran Church
87 E. Orange Street

Reservations Required
Call Pam Lubs 440/338-1855

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WINTER MUSIC SERIES AT THE LIBRARY

Co-Sponsored with The Friends of the Library

Saturday, February 13, 2010, 2:00 p.m.

NEW ORLEANS DIXIELAND STOMPERS

Refreshments by The Friends of the Library

Well, It's That Time Again!

Our Annual Pot Luck Dinner for Members Only has become a time to spend with the other members of the Historical Society, who for many of us has become a second family. Just recently, following Pat Zalba's surgery for a hernia repair, the calls of so many of you wishing her a speedy recovery, offering to help as needed, and actually cooking meals, brought to our house, hot and ready to eat, was so touching it's hard to express how much it meant! Sharing a meal with those you love is an old and powerful tradition.

So now, while you can, come to the Pot Luck, and spread some of your love for your friends, in the form of the delicious foods that our Society has become known for. Bask in the warmth of our large Extended Family

Incidentally, make sure that you've paid your dues for 2009-2010 so that you are, currently, a bona fide member of the Historical Society! Some of us have "Senior Moments" and don't always remember what we've committed to do. If you're not sure if you paid up already you can check with our Membership Co-Chairwomen Ann Goss (247-6319) or Muriel Bean (247-3829). Then notify Pam Lubs that you are coming, with the number of people in your party. Cook up a storm to share with us, and impress us, and remember to bring a serving utensil and your place settings.

We sure hope to see you at the Pot Luck!

Dee Bomback and Scrap Zalba

Another Great Soups and Breads Luncheon!

A near capacity crowd enjoyed a talk by Don Barriball on his latest book about the Interurban Electric Railway that served Chagrin Falls in the first quarter of the 1900s. Don chose to relate his grandparents' and parents' use of this method of transportation to get to their work in Cleveland. He also pointed out the various locations of routes and how they would be located in relation to present-time roads and structures in the area. The various maps and cost comparisons to today's costs further enhanced his presentation.

Copies of the book were available and Scrap Zalba was busy selling them. Barriball willingly autographed them. The book has been very much in demand and is available at the Historical Society and Fireside Books.

Following the program a large variety of home-made soups and breads were enjoyed by all who attended. Thanks to the generosity of those not providing food,

the collection of non-perishable foods for a local Food Pantry will help many who are having trouble providing food for their families.

Thanks to Art Kvacek for solving the tables problem.

Mil MacRitchie

Music At The Library - January

We got snowed out at the January 13th concert at the Library! Neither Sister Jean, The Ragtime Queen, who lives in Madison, nor Little Laundry, her grandson who has replaced his late grandfather Laundry Fats in the washboard/percussion role were able to get on cleared roads to Chagrin Falls. What to do? Pat Zalba suggested we do an old fashioned Sing-Along. A group of about 25 people who had come to the Library for the program stayed and sang for an hour, led by Scrap Zalba (coughing with a scratchy throat). We had a good time, then had refreshments that Arline Moore and other Friends of the Library had prepared. As people left they told us that they missed the earlier days when people used to sing together at picnics and family get-togethers. So do we.!

Music At The Library - February

Our next attraction at the Library will be the New Orleans Dixieland Stompers on Saturday, February 13th, 2:00 p.m. We expect that better weather will allow us to put on our regular concert with our popular, foot-stomping Dixieland band. We usually fill the Library with this favorite attraction, so arrive early for good seats. Refreshments, of course.

Our Website

If you haven't seen it yet - take a few minutes to check our new and improved website.

The web address is: **www.chagrinhistorical.org** or **www.chagrinfallshistoricalsociety.org**.

Bookmark the site and keep up with the program offerings while perusing the pictures of the varied collections owned by the Society and the articles written by members. Featured this month is a history of Chagrin Falls as seen through the postcards that have been created through the years as well as an interesting diary entry about the Interurban transcribed by Zo Sykora. The website is being hosted free for the first year by Mike Bellah of Chagrin River Partners and is being maintained on a volunteer basis by John Bourisseau.

John Bourisseau

A Jungle Excursion



A Mayan Icon



Mayan Dugouts. Main source of transportation.



Typical Thatched Huts



Student preparaing tamales from corn they grew.

Have you ever had the urge to get away to a far away place? Ron and Joanne Humphrey have had those urges and acted on them. Ron has sailed on sailboats to Hawaii and Mexico. Joanne has taught in the wilds of Alaska, where they had to fly her in a pontoon plane. Well, they're at it again! Last year they went to the interior jungles of Guatemala, and they're planning to go there again in February. They're going to revisit an area where the ancient Mayans still live, many speaking their Mayan tongues, unable to speak Spanish, the official language of Guatemala. They will arrive in Santo Tomas de Castillia on the west coast as part of their Caribbean cruise, then go by small fishing boats on the Rio Dulce, and then on small tributaries to AKTenamit, where there is a special educational project sponsored by the Rotarians for 150 Mayan children from the surrounding jungle. In a series of thatched huts they are taught skills that will assist them in living at a better than poverty level, ranging from growing and milling corn, to making and selling souvenirs to tourists.

The Humphreys have taken photographs of the Mayans and their jungle environment and way of life, which they plan to publish as a small book, with colored photographs and descriptions of their school. The Mayans could sell the books to tourists to help support themselves.

Above are some photos they took last year. Does it make you want to go along?

Scrap Zalba

CURATOR'S CORNER

Overview Calendar

- February
- 1 Arts Commission meets in Council Chambers of Village Hall, 6:00 p.m.
 - 9 Historical Society Board Meeting, Shute Bldg., 10:00 a.m.
 - 13 Music At The Library, New Orleans Dixieland Stompers, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
 - 15 Historic Preservation Class from Ursaline College will visit the Museum.
 - 18 Pot Luck Dinner for Members Only, at Valley Lutheran Church, 6:00 p.m.

Another Cub Scout Troop will be visiting the Museum this month to learn more about their community.

Accessions with a Chagrin Falls Connection:

Chagrin Falls American Revolution Bicentennial Sticker 1776-1976; CVCC maps and Shoppers' Guides, 1977 and 1978; Police Chief Hugh Young's Retirement Banquet Program, 1984; 1st day U.S. mail envelopes marked Art By The Falls, 1987, and other papers.

(Art Kvacek)

Chagrin Falls Advertising: a floral calendar blotter for Evans Flowers which was located on N. Main Street.

(Barbara Martien)

Ten glass plate photograph negatives of scenes in the Chagrin area that we have not seen before.

Photographs taken in October of 1896.

(John Bourisseau)

Ober Manufacturing Co. papers: many price lists of Ober lathes, levels, handles, whiffletrees, yokes, pike poles, etc. Some are printed in Spanish and French. Stock certificates from 1887, 1891 and 1921. 7 picnic ribbons covering the years 1902-1910.

(Mil MacRitchie)

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

Pat E. Zalba
Volunteer Curator