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COME HEAR ABOUT HOW D.A.R. MEMBERS WROTE TO SERVICE MEN & WOMEN DURING WORLD WAR II

A Program by

LAURA GORRETTA

and

JOHN BOURISSEAU

Thursday, November 18, 2010, 7:30 p.m.

Shute Building

Refreshments

Homemade Cupcakes Made By

Our Wonderful Bakers,

And Coffee and Tea

OUR APOLOGY

To JANET HARGRAVE For misspelling her name in our last issue of the Newsletter, when we announced that she had converted into a Life Member!

THE D.A.R. GOES TO WAR

During World War II the women of the Molly Chittenden Chapter of the D.A.R. in Chagrin Falls wrote letters to men and women from Chagrin Falls who were serving in the war. Our Librarian, Laura Gorretta, with the assistance of President John Bourisseau, reviewed letters written by them, and letters they received in return. The letters provide an entertaining glimpse of small town life during the war years, coupled with first hand reports of the experiences of our military.

Laura Gorretta and John Bourisseau have created a program based on the letters, which they will present to us at the Shute Building on Thursday, November 18, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.

Refreshments after the program will consist of homemade cupcakes, coffee and tea. We ask you, our wonderful bakers, to bring along a dozen of your favorite cupcakes to the program. Please let our new Hospitality Chairpersons, Diana and Tim Gardiner (440.289.1681) know if you will bring some cupcakes. THANKS!

OUR FIELD TRIP TO CLEVELAND WAS A BIG HIT!

Our field trip to downtown Cleveland on Thursday, October 21st (which included visits to the Old Stone Church, the Soldiers & Sailors Monument and Grays Armory) was a big hit! Many of the 40 people on the trip had not visited the well known landmarks before. The persons who spoke to us at our stops were very good. Lots of interesting historical information. We had a pleasant lunch at the Marriott. And the bus trip taking backroads featured beautiful trees showing their fall colors as we drove to and from Cleveland.

A special thanks to the folks at Hamlet, who kindly provided the use of their nice bus and their pleasant driver. And we even did some singing together on the way home. Our Program Committee did a fine planning job for this interesting and educational trip!



VISITING THE OLD STONE CHURCH

Photo by Terry Taggart

CONSORTIUM MEETING AT RUSSELL HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Russell Historical Society hosted the Chagrin Valley Historical Society Consortium meeting on Saturday, October 16th. Don Barriball, Jo Roeder and Zo Sykora attended and enjoyed an enthusiastic gathering of like-minded historians. Russell provided an abundant breakfast for us as well as beautiful fall arrangements on the tables and a wonderful door prize and pumpkins and mums as raffle prizes. The meeting was well attended with representatives from Moreland Hills, Gates Mills, Chester, Geauga County, Burton, Western Reserve Historical Society, Solon, Bainbridge, Chagrin Falls, Russell and probably a few that I have forgotten. Topics included the need for more members and volunteers to keep things running, ways to increase attendance at meetings, de-accession policies, digitization and use of websites to distribute information, and programs which have drawn large audiences. Don Barriball gave a much appreciated summary of the Chautauqua movement in Chagrin Falls from the late 1800s to the present. Geauga County Historical Society offered to host the April meeting.

Zo Sykora

GET READY FOR CHRISTMAS

It's time to get ready for our annual Christmas Open House at the Shute Building and our Museum. After the usual Candlelight Caroling at Triangle Park on Friday, December 3, 2010 at 7:00 p.m., sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and The Historical Society, carolers, members of the Society and guests are invited

to come to the Shute Building from 7:00 to 8:30 for hot cocoa and homemade holiday cookies baked by our members and guests. Santa Claus will be there for the kids, and a group of carolers from Chagrin's schools will serenade us as they did last year. Upstairs the Museum will be decorated in Victorian splendor, with old time toys for kids (and their parents!) to try.

We invite our terrific bakers to once again bring some of their tasty cookies for our carolers, members and guests. Our new Hospitality Chairpersons, Diana and Tim Gardiner, (440.289.1681) would appreciate it if you would let them know if you plan to bring cookies.

Curator Pat Zalba asks for volunteers to help decorate the museum again this year on Monday, November 29th, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., for an hour, or more. We often brown bag our lunches as we help the Christmas Elves prepare for the holidays.

A REMINDER TO GET YOUR DUES IN

If you haven't already done so, it sure would help if you sent in your annual dues. And if you plan to attend our popular Annual Pot Luck Dinner For Members Only in February, make sure you are a MEMBER!

JoAnne Roeder, Membership Chairwoman

MAILING THE HERITAGE COMMITTEE ANNUAL BENEFIT LETTER

The Heritage Committee of the Historical Society is preparing for the mailing of its Annual Benefit Request Letter on Monday, November 15th at 1:00 p.m. Once again we ask our wonderful volunteers to come to the Historical Society Museum to assemble the materials for the letter. Please join us and help "stuff some stuff" - we have fun! Call Lydia Champlin (247-6155) or Margi O'Brien (247-1681) if you wish to volunteer. THANKS!

Margi O'Brien

HERITAGE COMMITTEE REPORT

A donation In Memory of Robert H. Pugsley was received from Lucy Beattie.

Heritage Committee

THE SAFE WALK EVENT

To publicize safety for children who walk to school in Chagrin Falls, a historic "Scavenger Hunt" was conducted in the Village for approximately 100 7th and 8th grade students on Friday, October 22nd at 3:30 p.m. Pat Zalba worked with the Coordinator/Planner of the event, Kathryn Garvey, to develop the clues and locations. 20 teams of 4-6 students trooped through the Village, seeking to identify the locations (such as the Historical Society, the Hardware Store, Township Hall, the Popcorn Shop, etc.) to get their "Passports" stamped to show that they had solved the clues and identified the locations.

A number of Society members acted as monitors to give information about the historic sites, and stamped the passports. At 5:00 p.m. the students gathered at the Little Theater for awards to the contestants. Lots of activity. Lots of enthusiastic applause in the Little Theater. Lots of fun for the contestants!

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RON HUMPHREY'S WINDJAMMER ADVENTURE PUBLISHING COMPANY

Ron's printing and publishing company, which provides so much of our printing at cost - our monthly Newsletters, our annual program guide, and our series of history books - Ober, the Hardware Store, the Electric Interurban Railway - has just won a national award for the book he published written by Maury Feren about his 30 year career at the Northern Ohio Food Terminal, his TV appearances, etc. Feren will make a presentation on his book and career on Sunday, November 21st at 10:00 a.m., at the Mandel Jewish Community Center, 26001 South Woodland Road, Beachwood, Ohio. The presentation is part of a series "The Annual Festival of Jewish Books and Authors", jointly sponsored this year by the Mandel J.C.C. and the Cuyahoga County Public Library.

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CURATOR'S CORNER

Overview Calendar

- November**
- 5 Senior Life Style Fair - Chagrin Falls Village Flu Shot Program, at the Hamlet Atrium, 9:00-noon.
 - 9 Historical Society Board Meeting, Shute Bldg., 10:00 a.m.
 - 15 Heritage Fund Letter Stuffing Party, Shute Bldg., downstairs, 1:00 p.m.
 - 18 Evening Program:: "D.A.R. W.W.II Letters", presented by Laura Gorretta and John Bourisseau, Shute Bldg., 7:30 p.m.
 - 25 HAPPY THANKSGIVING DAY!
 - 29 "Hanging of the Greens", decorating the Museum for our Christmas Past Open House, 10:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.
Please call Pat Zalba (247-5209) if you can come for an hour or more.
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- December**
- 3 Christmas Past Open House, upstairs and downstairs, Shute Bldg., 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

THANK YOU!

Thanks to our volunteers who helped with the Safewalk Historic Scavenger Hunt on October 22nd.- John Bourisseau, Chief Jim Brosius, Lydia Champlin, Jo Roeder, Kathy Watterson, Pat and Scrap Zalba. It was a fun intergenerational community event!

SPECIAL NOVEMBER DISPLAY FOR VETERANS DAY

We will feature the Historical Society Museum's collection of World War II memorabilia in the long case of the main museum room - V Mail letters, ration books, uniform hats of the various branches of service, etc., will be on display. Please plan a little time before or after the program on November 18th to view the display.

Pat E. Zalba, Volunteer Curator