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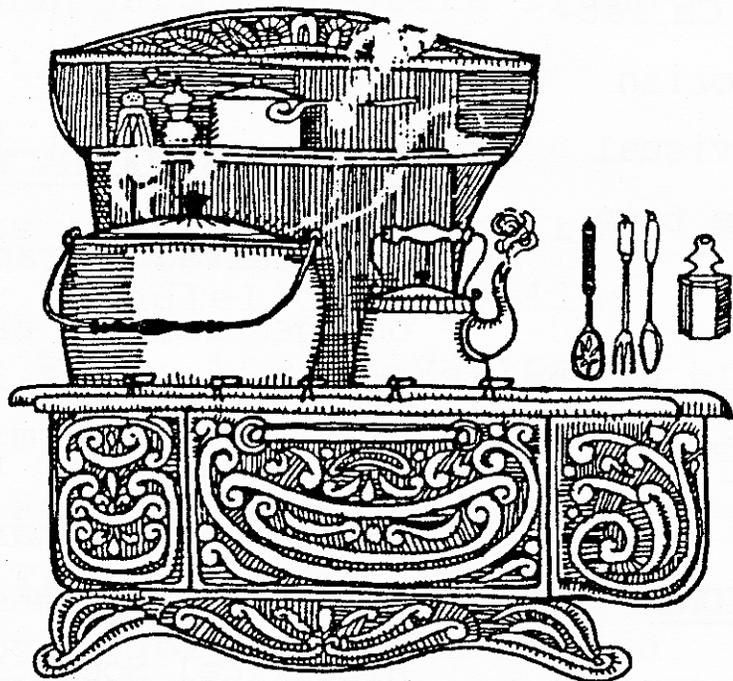
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## SOUPS & BREADS LUNCHEON

Thursday, January 20, 2011, 11:00 a.m.

THE ATRIUM, HAMLET VILLAGE



with  
Gini Fast talking about  
our doll collection  
and  
Eileen Green appraising  
your dolls.

and

MUSIC AT THE LIBRARY

Sunday, January 9, 2011, 2:00 p.m.

PEGGY COYLE & BRAD BOLTON

Refreshments, of course!

## SOUPS & BREADS LUNCHEON AT HAMLET

This year's version of our popular Soups & Breads Luncheon will take place in the Atrium of HAMLET VILLAGE, which has invited us to use their facilities on Thursday, January 20, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. So bring your homemade soups (and a ladle), breads, muffins and spreads that you prepare for our enjoyment. Please call our new hospitality chairperson Diana Gardner (440.289.1681 and tell her what you will be bringing.

If you don't plan to cook or bake, please bring a donation of dried or canned food for the community food bank at the Chagrin Falls Park Community Center.

For our 11:00 a.m. program, followed by lunch at 12:00 noon, Gini Fast will talk about some of the dolls in our museum collection; then Eileen Green of the Intensive Care Doll Hospital will appraise dolls that you bring with you. She will appraise one doll for free for each person, and a second or third doll for \$3.00 each, and she will donate those funds to the Historical Society. Hope to see you at Hamlet!

*Ann Goss*

## MUSIC AT THE LIBRARY

The opening concert of our Winter Concert Series at the Chagrin Falls Library on Sunday, January 9th will feature Peggy Coyle and Brad Bolton. Vivacious Peggy, a favorite of our regular concert-goers, will sing the blues and other songs of the 1940s and '50s that she and Brad have performed in the past. Brad is a long time favorite - a Chagrin native - who has played with a number of top notch jazz and swing groups in northeast Ohio.

Come early for a good seat. Refreshments by the Friends of the Library.

## OUR CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

We think we might have the best and sweetest Christmas Open House in town - no "spirits", but the true spirit of an old-fashioned Christmas with homemade cookies, our own Santa Claus and plenty of things to do and see. We didn't have the school carolers we had advertised, because our high school football team played that day for the state championship out of town, but an impromptu group did sing a few carols for us.

The upstairs rooms were beautifully decorated and transformed into Christmas in the 1800s by Curator Pat Zalba and her helpers in the Main Room, an old fashioned tree with lovely ornaments; a 1930s village with mirror and trees; the big doll house decorated for Christmas, and even our antique metal banks in animal shapes on display, and, on the table, old-fashioned toys to play with!

Downstairs, the fun continued. Ann Burr, Kate Adler and Mary Bourisseau had arranged plates and plates of beautiful homemade Christmas cookies (by our wonderful member-bakers), including tiny gingerbread men and ladies, on a festive table, with hot cocoa to drink.

Our dear Santa was in one corner on a large chair with a lapfull of children, mostly boys, including three adorable triplets. A good time was had by all!

*Tim Scott*

## POT LUCK DINNER IN FEBRUARY

If you haven't yet paid your annual membership dues for 2010-2011, you'll want to get them in (except for Life Members) so that you can attend our wonderful Annual Pot Luck Dinner for Members Only. The dinner will take place on Thursday, February 17, 2011 at the Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall on East Orange Street across from the Chagrin Falls Library.

This year for a little excitement we're going to have an auction of some collectibles and

### Condolences

to the family  
of

Jean Sinclair

antiques left over from last year's sale at Township Hall of items donated to the Society as a fund-raiser.

## CIVIL WAR GRAVE MARKERS

The War of the Rebellion began with the bombardment of Fort Sumter on April 12, 1861. The year 2011 will mark the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this bloody conflict that pitted brother against brother, father against son and shaped our Union in so many ways. The Sesquicentennial will be remembered throughout our country in hundreds of ways over the next four years.

The Chagrin Valley supplied hundreds of courageous volunteers to this cause. The Historical Society is in the process of transcribing an amazing document created by these men. In their own words they chronicled and described their roles in battles from Gettysburg to Chickamauga, serving as soldiers, officers, ambulance drivers, engineers, manning artillery, cavalry - any role that you can think of. Most of these men returned to serve communities in the Chagrin Valley, and formed their own support groups - primarily the Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R). The Chagrin Post was known as the NL Norris Post #40, named after a local soldier killed in battle.

Through this research the Historical Society has identified over 100 Civil War Veterans interred in Evergreen Cemetery. For years, many of these veterans' graves went unmarked during the Memorial Day remembrances because they lacked the GAR flag holders. The Historical Society located most of these veterans' graves and placed flags on them last Memorial Day. We are presently in the process of raising \$1,500 to purchase flag holders for the 50+ graves that do not have them. If you would like to contribute, send your tax deductible gift to the Historical Society. We will dedicate the markers at our May 19, 2011 program, which will begin at the Evergreen Cemetery and continue at the Chautauqua Room of South Franklin Circle where there will be refreshments

*John Bourisseau*

## BOOK-SIGNING A SUCCESS

Members Heather Reeder and Joyce Teeft had a very successful book-signing of their recently published children's book on Chagrin Falls' history on

Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at our museum. They sold and autographed approximately 30 books. They have sold out a number of times already at member Jim Lewis' Fireside Book Shop. A second printing by Ron Humphrey's Windjammer-Adventure Publishing Co. is currently in the works.

## HERITAGE FUND AND DONATIONS

Hamlet Village has a weekly hot dog lunch for its residents, the revenues of which are donated as fund-raisers for non-profit organizations. Without our knowledge, the residents at Hamlet recently decided that their latest collection would be donated to the Historical Society. How nice to be recognized as a deserving organization!

## OUR BOOKS FOR SALE

Here's a reminder that we have books we have published that you may want in your personal library, or for a gift to a friend or family member.

## A G. A. R. GRAVE MARKER



*Photo by Mary Bourisseau*

## CURATOR'S CORNER

### Overview Calendar

- January**
- 9 Music At The Library: Peggy Coyle & Brad Bolton,  
2:00 p.m.
  - 11 Historical Society Board Meeting, Shute Bldg.,  
10:00 a.m.
  - 18 Northeastern Ohio Inter-Museum Council Winter  
Meeting at the Nathan L. Dauby Boy Scout Museum.
  - 20 Soups & Breads Luncheon: 11:00 a.m. program,  
Noon lunch at Hamlet Atrium

### THANK YOU

Thanks to all who came to decorate the Museum for our "Christmas Past" Open House. It is always fun to see the different interpretations on a theme that our volunteers give to a room. Thank you also to the mannequin dressers for changing our "people" from their summer clothing into their winter duds. (It's not as simple as you might think!) And thanks to the cookie bakers and to those who made and served cocoa and hosted our visitors the night of the open house. Lastly, a big hug to Santa Claus. (He is a member of the Historical Society, you know!)

### ACCESSIONS WITH A CHAGRIN FALLS CONNECTION:

A nice addition to our antique Christmas ornaments for our tree: a gilt bell, snow covered pine cones, raspberries, a clown head and a mandolin; some later (1950s) ornaments: a striped barrel, bell, and pine cones in silver, blue and green.

*Arline Moore*

Five women's straw hats, including a black hat with a "whimsey" veil (a proper "cocktail hat"). circa 1950s, , men's wool spats and a cummerbund.

*Jo McGinnis*

Items which had belonged to Ruth and John Noble: high topped baby shoes, a baby bonnet, white cotton long baby dresses, a woman's cotton nightgown, split drawers and petticoat (circa 1900s); a black slip, 1920s.

*Karen Johns*

A copy of their book: Chagrin Falls, Our Village - Letter by Letter to add to our Chagrin Falls Authors shelf.

*Heather Reeder, Joyce Teeft*

**HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!**

*Pat E. Zalba, Volunteer Curator*