



Chagrin Falls Exponent

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What an exciting year for the Historical Society! Most significant was the decision to use our funds for the acquisition of a Henry Church Jr. painting entitled "The Snufftakers". This beautiful painting was then specially mounted and encased in Plexiglas to protect it. The Society also authorized \$20,000. for the digitization of our copy of a series of the Chagrin Falls Valley Times, and we purchased a new computer, a multi-function printer, scanner and wireless router. We acquired conservation boxes of many sizes and shapes to help with the safe storage and organization of our collections. We raised over \$2,000. from individuals and community organizations for our GAR Cemetery Flag Holders Project.

Our volunteer curator, Pat Zalba, along with the multitude of tasks she normally accomplishes, has been hard at work going through the collections in our attic, with the help of Nancy Haag, with the intent of organizing and detailing the items in our collections. It is a work in progress, but significant gains have been made. Pat also continued her excellent programs for the local Girl Scout troops, nursery schools and adult groups. Zo Sykora and her volunteers continue to scan and catalog our photographic collection - they have now scanned over 4,000 photos. Our new scanner has the capacity to scan negatives and create positive prints, so now our volunteers have begun the task of scanning the hundreds of negatives in our collection. Laura Gorretta continues to make headway in identifying, organizing and cataloging our library collections. John Bourisseau has transcribed the GAR personal history book which led to the Cemetery Flag Holders Project. John and other volunteers are transcribing other Civil War materials. We have continued with our monthly newsletter - The Exponent - and our Winter Concert Series at the Chagrin Falls Library, co-sponsored for 17 consecutive years with The Friends of the Library. Look for a new book from Don Barriball next year. He has been deeply involved in research for a book about the early mills on the Chagrin River.

We have again enjoyed a very successful program year, thanks to the work of Tim Scott, Ann Goss and the Program Committee, from our Fall Field Trip to Old Stone Church, The Soldiers and Sailors Monument and Grays Armory, to our Spring Bus Trip to the Lake County Indian Museum and the Lake County Historical Society, our Soups & Bread Luncheon at Hamlet with the Doll Show, the Members' Talents evening program with the excellent homemade pies a la mode for refreshments, our annual Members Only Pot Luck Dinner with the our exciting auction of donated collectors' items, and culminating with the dedication of the GAR Flag Holders at Evergreen Cemetery and the Chagrin in the Civil War Program at South Franklin Circle. It was a very good year.

Finally, I would like to thank those volunteers who have been serving in various positions and on committees who are rotating off, or not continuing in the same roles. As an organization we are blessed to have so many individuals who gave of their time and talents to the Historical Society. So a special thanks to Louise Brick, who served this year as our Recording Secretary, Mike Carlton and Lydia Champlin who finished their terms on the Heritage Fund Committee, and Grace Shields, Nancy Haag and Barbara Campbell who have served as Trustees on the Advisory Committee.

John Bourisseau. President

ELECTION RESULTS

The entire slate of candidates for elective offices for 2011-2012 were approved by voting members as follows: President: John Bourisseau; Co-Vice Presidents, Program: Tim Scott and Anne Burr; Advisor, Programs: Ann Goss; Vice President, Membership: Jo Roeder; Treasurer: Carolyn Sihler; Assistant Treasurer: Zo Sykora; Recording Secretary: Gretchen Hamann; Corresponding Secretary: Betty Solether; Heritage Fund Committee Members: Judy Lawrence (2011-2014), Bob Royer (2011-2012); Trustees, Advisory Committee, (2011-2014): Joyce Teeft, Arline Moore, Anita Duncan.

Many thanks to South Franklin Circle for hosting the program, and to John Bourisseau for his extensive research and a very interesting program. We'll hope to learn even more as we continue to commemorate the bicentennial of the Civil War.

Tim Scott

Welcome To New Members

Life

**Patricia Hodges
Furth**

Regular

Judy Joseph

THE CIVIL WAR PROGRAM

ON May 19th.

The rain clouds were at bay at Evergreen Cemetery as a sizable group of us stood at silent attention at the dedication of Chagrin Falls' GAR grave markers at the Civil War monument. All around us we could see the graves, some with shiny new markers, and all fitted with the 33 star flag flown at Fort Sumter in 1861 - a beautiful sight against the bright green grass.

The most touching part was President John Bourisseau's reading of the names of the approximately 100 soldiers and sailors buried here, each with his place of origin - some far from home, including England and Ireland. This was followed by a poignant rendition of Amazing Grace by bagpiper Tim Reed, and a heart-felt blessing by Reverend Mark Simone.

We then adjourned to the South Franklin Circle's Chautauqua Room for refreshments and readings from the Civil War diaries and letters in our Historical Society collection by John Bourisseau - grim, funny, amazing stories, accompanied by photos, and an exhibit of Civil War memorabilia from the Society's collection, and a privately owned flag of the period.



John Bourisseau speaking at Everygreen Cemetery.

Photo by Lucy Beattie

Heritage Fund

We appreciate the donations made to the Heritage Fund the past months, from Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Wyville, and from Lucy Beattie in memory of Ernest "Bud" Rufener.

Nancy Haag

**Condolences
to the family of
Letitia "Tisha"
Koepe**

**Life Member and
former Program
Chairman
of the Historical
Society**

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

An amazing group of graduating seniors from Chagrin Falls High School applied for the two scholarships we granted this year. We winnowed the eight applicants to a final four, which we interviewed. As you know, our local student body is highly rated nationally for their academic achievement, and cultural, athletic and community service activity. One of the two winners earned all As in his high school career, and the other winner had one B in an advanced placement calculus course. And all the rest took a significant number of advanced placement courses for which they will probably get college credit.

The winners of the \$1,500 scholarships were Tom Donley, who will attend Duke U. He plans to major in biochemistry and pursue a career as an orthopedic surgeon. He received straight As in his high school career, including 22 advanced placement courses. He was class president in his freshman, junior and senior classes, a member of the student council for 4 years, president of the Key Club in his senior year, and captain of the varsity Lacrosse and Varsity Golf teams as a senior. He worked part time as a landscaper, as a “Math Monkey” (as a teacher’s assistant in math), and was a basketball referee. Tom was very active in community affairs, tutoring a student for 4 years at Chagrin Falls Park. He initiated and directed a holiday Gift Box program at the high school to provide gift wrapped Christmas presents for needy children in downtown Cleveland; and with a grant from the Class of 1959 has managed a Christmas Party for the past 3 years at Chagrin Falls Park with dinner, games and gifts.

We asked him what he did in his spare time???

Emily Hellwig plans to major in molecular genetics and biology. She hopes for a career as a genetics researcher, and plans to pursue a Ph.D. In her high school career she has taken 10 Advanced Placement classes, and except for a B in Advanced Placement calculus has earned all As. She has worked for four years as a junior grounds-keeper at Chagrin Lakes Club. She’s earned varsity letters in basketball (was the captain as a senior), and in volleyball. Earned an Outstanding Service Award for 4 years in Key Club. Emily has contributed in Community Services at the Chagrin Valley Arts Center, Food Banks, Hamlet Retirement Center, Eagles Club, Holly Hall, Susan Komen Race for the Cure and Little Tigers Volleyball Camp.

How did these young people do so much, and still earn such outstanding grades?



Tom Donley



Emily Hellwig

CURATOR'S CORNER

Calendar Overview

- June 1 Chagrin Falls High School "Senior Projects Display" at the Performing Arts Auditorium, 10:30-12:30 p.m.**
- 7 Chagrin Falls Historical Society Board Meeting, Shute Building, 10:00 a.m. (Note Change of date.)**
- 18 Ice Cream Social at the Library, Friends of the Library, C.F. Swing Ensemble, 2:00-4:00 p.m.**
- 23 Township Hall Open House, 5:00-7:00 p.m.
and
Concert at Triangle Park, C.F. Swing Ensemble 7:00-9:00 p.m.
(In case of rain, move concert to Township Hall)**

Thank You

To: all of the volunteers who help to keep the Historical Society and Museum going!

To: Girl Scout Troop 1356 and their leaders Kim Hayes and Kristen Mikelson for putting our front garden beds in order this Spring.

To: our Village Service Department for keeping the lawn cut and bushes trimmed all Summer long.

To: Dan Pecchio for your "work" while you were here for your Senior Project.

We Are Grateful

For the bequest of \$5,000. from the estate of Iona Haven, aunt of Life Member Dave Pfouts. We will strive to use it wisely.

The Museum will continue to be open on Thursdays, and by appointment throughout the Summer - it is a "happening place" each week. Come for a visit.

Have a wonderful Summer!

Pat E. Zalba, Volunteer Curator