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*The Monthly Newsletter of the Chagrin Falls Historical Society*

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Chagrin Falls  
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For Yesterday ♦ Today ♦ Tomorrow

**Thank You for your support!**

Inserted in this newsletter is a thank you to all those who have provided support to the Historical Society this year. The results of this first 6 months of fundraising are impressive. Our Annual Fund Drive increased by over 50%, we netted \$48,000 at our first annual Gala. Most importantly, during the 'silent phase' of our Capital Campaign, we met our objective of raising 50% of our total campaign goal of 2 million dollars. At this point, we have raised just over 1 million dollars through a combination of cash, stock, pledges and in-kind donations. Impressive!

As impressive as this is, it is only the beginning. There are so many things that we still have to accomplish. You can conceptualize our campaign as having 3 phases. As you can see by the barometer, we have raised enough funds to move us into phase 2 of the project. Completing **Phase 1** allows us to restore and refurbish our new home and begin the process of turning it into a museum. It has been amazing to see the structure transform. An update on the physical progress of the building is documented in another article in this newsletter.

During **Phase 2** we will: begin the process of securing new equipment; provide proper storage for our collections; acquire new technology and technology support services; complete the Lawrence J. 'Bo' Burr Community Room and Gallery and complete the Sihler Research Center; begin to expand our educational outreach and be open more days and longer hours; begin paying off our mortgage and adding to our Heritage Fund; complete the Frank and Kim Kanzinger Gardens in front of the building.

During **Phase 3** we will: develop interactive displays and expand educational programs; fully fund our Heritage fund; secure 3 years of operational expenses supporting increased staffing and longer hours; resurface the parking lot;



Condolences to the Families of

Ralph Beattie  
and  
George Matilo

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Welcome to new members  
The W. James Ollinger Family

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**Phase 3** continued,

pay off the mortgage and complete the furnishing of the interior of the building.

The items mentioned in these phases are not all inclusive--A more detailed breakdown will be available in the near future.

We are engaged in a 3 year capital campaign and have about 2 1/2 years to raise the remaining 1 million dollars. We are confident that we can achieve our goals.

There are a number of donors who have made a gift or pledge that includes naming rights. There are still a number of significant naming opportunities available. If you have an interest in discussing naming opportunities for your gift, or you think you might know someone who would be interested in making a major gift, then please contact me at 440-821-3630, or email me at [jboursiseau@gmail.com](mailto:jboursiseau@gmail.com).

We hope you would also consider planned giving. Contact your financial advisor, or you can contact Laura Gorretta at 440-247-5585.

John Bourisseau



Design Committee meeting at new building to see progress and to discuss options. L-R Laura Gorretta, Jane Babinsky, Sally Hawkins (partially obscured by Jane), Anne Burr, Ken Kvacek, Pat Zalba, Don Barriball, Carolyn Sihler. not pictured, Ann Thompson

**Heritage Home Loan Program**

For the 3rd consecutive year the Historical Society, along with Your Home Town and the Village of Chagrin Falls have shared the costs of the Heritage Home Loan program. The Village provides 50% of the fee and administers the program, while Your Home Town and the Historical Society split the other 50%. This program provides the opportunity for low cost loans and free consult to qualifying homes. Last year over \$250,000 in consulting services were provided to Chagrin residents.

John Bourisseau

**Soups and Breads**

Hamlet Atrium was again the setting for our delicious Soups and Breads Luncheon on Wednesday, January 21st. Despite the cold and snowy weather, approximately 60 people were in attendance. As always, members brought a variety of hearty soups and some pretty tasty breads and desserts.

Prior to our speaker being introduced, Hamlet President Marc Benson, briefly shared details about the purchase of Hamlet Retirement Community by American Eagle Lifecare Corporation making Hamlet a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization. He expressed his support of the historical society and presented us with a donation to our Campaign For Yesterday-Today-Tomorrow. He also committed to our 2015 fundraising event with a Curator Level Sponsorship. We greatly appreciate Hamlet's tremendous generosity.



Mike Fath, Trustee South Newbury Union Chapel

Mike Fath, Trustee of the South Newbury Union Chapel, presented an interesting program on the history of the chapel. Though his Powerpoint presentation failed at the last minute, Mike was able to convey the story of this small building and the role it played in the women's suffrage movement, temperance and the fight for freedom of speech. The building is listed on the National Registry of Historic Places.

Thank you to the many people who helped with this event: Program and Hospitality Committees, soup and bread makers, Jean Hood and Jeanie Heller and the Hamlet Chef, Frankie, and Hamlet Retirement Village for housing this event and providing so much. Thank you, Nancy Evans, for bringing your beautiful hooked rug of the South Newbury Union Chapel.

**87 East Washington Update Winter update.**

It has been cold outside but not in the new home of the society. Multiple trades have been very busy completing all of the rough in for the building.

Here's the update:

The electrical folks will complete all of the new lighting and electrical components so that we are ready in next week or so for the installation of the insulation and drywall.

All of the heating and air conditioning duct work has been put in place and we are awaiting the installation of the new furnaces. Unfortunately, one of the two remaining furnaces died last week and we are hoping for warmer and not colder temperatures.

All of the rough in carpentry is completed and we are in the process of patching dry wall and plaster walls, We hope for a day or so of warm weather so that the carpenters can complete the new exterior wall board.

With the new plumbing installed, HVAC completed and electric done, we are ready for the installation of the security system, phone and computer lines. Once that's completed we will have the insulation folks and the dry wall folks start to cover the walls.

The old front door and half round transom window has been conserved and rebuilt as we await delivery of a new window and period double door.



The design committee has been busy tending to details such as floor coverings, while Janna Lutz and Ann Thompson have been preparing color and carpeting choices for their consideration and selection.

We have begun to repair hardwood floors and look forward to a post drywall environment where we can see finishing touches such as appliances and painting going into the building.

We are on schedule for Spring occupancy.

Ken Kvacek



**POTLUCK DINNER**

**Annual Members Only Potluck Dinner  
Thursday, February 19, 2015, 6:00 p.m.  
Valley Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall**

Bring your favorite dish to share.

Reservations Required. Contact Patti Widmar at 216-409-1455 or [pwidmar@roadrunner.com](mailto:pwidmar@roadrunner.com) with what you're bringing and to make a reservation. Historical Society President, John Bourisseau, will lead our Annual Meeting with a power point update and review of all that's happening with the new building and the Campaign for Yesterday-Today-Tomorrow. Very exciting stuff!

Be prepared to answer a few Chagrin Falls Trivia Questions, just for fun.



Design Committee looking at carpet and color samples L-R Ken, Laura, Jo Ann, Sally, Jane and Carolyn

## Curators Corner



### Overview Calendar

#### February

CORE Committee (fundraising) and Design Committee are having meetings every 2 weeks

- 10 Historical Society Board Meeting, Shute Building, 9:30 a.m.
- 18 Century Plaque Committee, Shute Building 10:00 a.m.
- 19 Annual Potluck Dinner for members only, at the Lutheran Church, 6:00 p.m. After dinner, President John Bourisseau will update us on construction and fundraising.
- 26 Volunteer Curator, Pat Zalba will present a program to the Newcomers Club of Cleveland entitled "Shawls at the Falls"

Pat Zalba  
Volunteer Curator

### Hearts and Flowers for February

Our special display for February will be Valentines, antique candy boxes and wedding cake toppers with a bit of old lace and flowers added for good measure. Our Valentine collection runs the gamut of sweet and sentimental to saucy and sarcastic. The collection includes handmade and commercially made cards. Our oldest are two, pale pink, velvet hearts from the 1880's. We also have many colorful "penny dreadfuls." So, have a heart and come for a visit to the museum. We'll make sure there is a valentines treat for you!

*Happy Valentines Day!*

Pat Zalba  
Volunteer Curator



Watching the installation of the HVAC ductwork has been fascinating. It is an art! There will be 3 HVAC units in the building. The one in the basement will serve the basement and 1st floor. A second unit on the first floor will serve the majority of the 2nd floor, while a third unit in the Lawrence J. "Bo" Burr Community Room and Gallery will serve that space, as well as the Sihler Research Center above it.

