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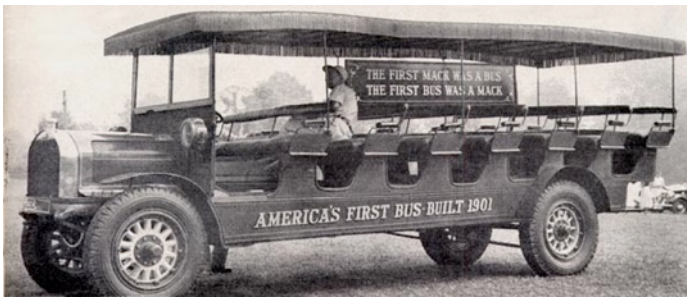
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ROAD TRIP!



Wednesday May 20th

8:45 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Trip includes the Kent State University
Museum, May 4th Visitor Center and the

Kent Historical Society Museum

Lunch included

Return the enclosed reservation form ASAP as
space is limited

Questions & Answers

When will construction be completed?

All of the work inside the building is essentially completed. The original floors still need some sanding and refinishing and there are a few odds and ends. Our original target date was May 1st.

The outside still needs to be painted and there is some concrete and drainage work to be completed.

I saw a Fire Truck and Ambulance at the new building a few weeks ago. Did something happen?

The Fire Marshall, Jim Alunni, was doing a walk thru to familiarize himself with the building and the placement of the Knox box. The Knox box is located on the outside of the building near the main entry. It contains a master key to the building that can be accessed in the event of a fire. Jim brought along the on-duty crew for the experience and they needed their vehicles handy in case there was a call.

When will you start moving in?

We will start moving some of the boxes that Jane has been preparing as soon as we can. Our tentative plan is to move the research portion of the museum first. You will see on our calendar that KeyBank employees will be helping us on May 13. The research room should be up and running some time in early June. The museum portion of the building will not be open to the public.

Will the museum on Walnut Street be open this summer?

The museum will generally be open. But it will be important to call first. There will be periods that we will be closed as we pack up the artifacts for the move.

When do you anticipate the new museum will be open to the public?

We do not anticipate that we will be open until well into the fall. Our Gala Event is scheduled for October 17th and we will not be open to the general public until sometime after that. A lot of time and thought is going into how we will display our collections.

What about Blossom Time?

The building will not be open. We are planning to invite a few sponsors and major donors to use the front lawn and porch area. Donors will need to bring their own chairs and parking will be by reservation only. Ken Kvacek is heading up the planning committee.

How is the Capital Campaign Progressing?

We had great success in reaching our initial goal of 1 million dollars during the 'silent' phase of our campaign. We believe the next million will come, but it is going to take hard work on all our parts. If you haven't yet donated to our campaign, please consider doing so.

Where are we relative to our building budget?

Our Board approved budget for the restoration/renovation of the building is \$645,000. We are approaching that number. We made a number of decisions that have increased costs. Some of the practical decisions included putting more steel beams into the structure, the need to sister about 75% of the joists and increasing the amount of insulation throughout. From the restoration perspective, we chose to have handcrafted 2 beautiful windows and the front door. In addition, replacement flooring and siding was milled to match.

Are there any aspects of the project that won't be completed?

We are presently holding back on decisions involving the renovation of the driveway/parking area and the front porch. Additional funding for some of the displays and equipment will be sought through grants. Our biggest source of funding will continue to be from individuals. We all have to work to broaden our circle of donors.



All of the aluminum siding was removed from the building. Most was replaced with wood. We used cement board on one section of the east side.

'Lincoln's Last Day' Program



Frank Kanzinger sharing his knowledge of Lincoln

Frank Kanzinger's presentation 'Lincoln's Last Day' drew a crowd of about eighty people to the Chautauqua Room at South Franklin Circle on April 16. Frank gave the audience a moment by moment account of both Lincoln and Booth's activities on April 14, 1865. With a map of DC projected on the screen, the group could see the closeness of the two men's movements that day. On a second screen were photos of the many people Lincoln met with, along with pictures of the conspirators and some of the locations involved. In addition, Frank and his wife, Kim, brought with them a large part of the massive collection of Lincoln memorabilia that Frank has built over the past 30 years. It was a fascinating presentation and the audience loved it.

A huge thank you to **Frank and Kim Kanzinger** for a wonderful program and display, and to **Patti and Jeff Widmar** for the delicious refreshments. Thank you to all of the folks at South Franklin Circle who helped make this program possible.



Members **Lucy Beattie** and **Rod Chima** enjoy a portion of Frank's collection

Calling all Flappers and Dapper Dans!

The Event Committee has begun meeting to plan the next great Fall Fundraiser and would love your help. The date has been set, Saturday, October 17, 2015 for "An Evening at the '87' Club", a 1920's era party/fundraiser. So, mark your calendar, save the date and give Anne Burr a call at 440-338-1556 or email anjn444@windstream.net to volunteer.



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Found along the River

This interesting artifact was found by Jo Roeder's grandson while walking along the banks of the Chagrin River. It is made of stone and has remnants of red coloring. Its origin is unknown.



Curators' Corner



Overview Calendar

- May **4, 6 & 8** "One School-One Book" The Underground Railroad and Chagrin Falls. A special program for 4th graders by Jane Babinsky and Pat Zalba.
- 4-11** "Lead the Parade", favorite Chagrin Falls Landmark contest with 3rd graders coordinated by Gretchen Hamann
- 12** Chagrin Falls Historical Society Board Meeting, Shute Building, 9:30 a.m.
- 13** C.F. KeyBank employees provide a service day at the new Historical Society on E. Washington St.
- 20** Bus Trip to Kent. Please see flyer in this newsletter and return your reservation **NOW**. This trip will sell out.
- 24** Blossom Time Parade led by the 3rd Grade representatives in the vintage police car with Historical Society President John Bourisseau

Pat Zalba
Volunteer Curator

Accessions with a Chagrin Falls Connection:

A Chagrin Falls Fire Department commemorative belt buckle purchased on eBay. It commemorates the dedication of the new fire station November 1986.



A black and white photograph featuring the State Fish Hatchery ponds (off Cleveland Street where the old Armory building now stands), circa 1920-1930s was also purchased on eBay.

(Donor John Bourisseau)

A large leather bound book entitled, *PORTRAIT and BIOGRAPHICAL RECORD*, published in 1894, was recently received in the mail. It is an illustrated memorial record of important men in Cuyahoga County history. William "Boss" Hutchings, Austin Church, Joseph Stoneman and James Shute are some of the Chagrin residents featured in this book. The book was originally given to Granville and Kittie Arnold from their Uncle, Ralph Arnold, in 1914.

(Donor Jeff Arnold)

'Have a Wonderful Blossom Time'

Pat Zalba



Track lighting in front room display area



New front door, handcrafted from Spanish cedar



Newly finished floors in upstairs hallway

