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Welcome to new members
The Wynveen Family

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We're Moving In!

We have begun the process of moving into our new space. The building is beautiful and will serve the Society and Community well.

Our plan is to move the research library and photograph collections first. Phone lines have been transferred and we are operational.

We plan to move the collections over the summer, with the goal being to have displays set up in the Fall.

Curator

- The Chagrin Valley Times
- Hamlet Retirement Village
- Michelle and Ted McQuade
- Dwight Milko, RE/MAX Traditions

Docent

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- Carolyn and Herbert Sihler, Jr.

Chagrin Falls Historical Society Building Committee Monthly Report

We substantially completed the restoration of the new home of the Chagrin Falls Historical Society on May 1st. We then enjoyed the front porch and yard during a Blossom Time parade watch party for Major donors and sponsors who had a sneak peek of the building. Visitors enjoyed the hospitality and had a chance to see the new reception desk built entirely from reclaimed wood from the building. This reception desk was designed and built by Paul and Phil Koepf. Thank them for their contribution.



The B&W photo doesn't do it justice. It is beautiful!

June 1st Jane Babinsky began her coordinated move to the new building from the Shute at Walnut. Special thanks to all that helped move items including the shelving and materials for the research room and some of our collections. Additional moving dates will be scheduled and we hope you can lend us a hand.

If you have been to the building you've seen the poor condition of the driveway and parking lot. Bill Hamann is actively looking for donors to support the installation of the new driveway and parking lot which we hope will begin on June 15th.

The building is now secured with new security and fire alarm systems that have been installed and are functioning.

The Garden committee finalized designs of the garden with Dennis Barriball of Hemlock Landscapes who will be donating the restoration of the front yard gardens and new walk. He hopes that the landscaping will be

completed in mid august. In the mean time Frank Kanzinger has done a great job at making the gardens look presentable until garden installation is completed.

The Garden committee obtained half of a Millstone donated by Sally Hawkins and several carved stones from Jane Babinsky for use in the garden design. We are planning a sculpture garden on the west side of the building and are in need of several pieces of flat sandstone to construct the garden patio. Let us know if you are aware of any that may be donated. We would be happy to pick them up at your home. In addition we are trying to locate stone or iron planters to accent the garden.

The front yard sign was approved by the village. Phil and Paul Koepf have generously built the new sign from left over and reclaimed wood from the home. We hope the sign will be installed in the next couple of weeks.

Items left for completion and additional donations:

Drive way and parking lot replacement (concrete), estimated cost \$30,000

Front porch restoration including columns, railing and spindle replacement, estimated cost \$20,000

Community Room chairs and tables, estimated cost \$9,000

If you would like to provide a house warming gift, big or small, in kind or in dollars we are happy to receive them. We have completed a register of items that we need to make the house our home. Please ask Jane, John or Ken how or what you can provide.

Ken Kvacek

Where There is a Will, There is a Way

We continue to seek sponsors and donors. One of the major sources for the future of the organization could be planned giving. Laura and I did an historical presentation at KeyBank last week, where they discussed planned giving. The speaker emphasized the huge impact that a family can make on smaller non-profits with their bequests. The Historical Society has benefited in the past from bequests and your consideration of this type of giving would be greatly appreciated. Please feel free to contact Laura Gorretta if you wish to discuss planned giving.

Kent Road Trip

On May 20, a group of fifteen boarded the bus bound for a historically enriching visit to Kent, OH. At the Kent State University Museum exhibit *The Great War: Women and Fashion in a World at War*, we witnessed the changes WWI brought to women's lives through the transformation of what they wore. The May 4 Visitor Center offered a thorough look and painful reminder of the events that took place that day in 1970. It is a small but powerful exhibit.

At Pufferbelly Restaurant, Ltd. we were treated to a brief history of that area, which is on the National Register of Historic Places, told by a fourth generation Kent resident. Lunch was followed by a visit to the beautiful gardens created by Duncan and Daisy Wolcott in the early 1900s. The current owner, the Zavodny family, has been working since 1985 to restore the gardens to their original splendor and opened them to the public this May for the first time in almost 60 years.

At our last stop, the Kent Historical Society Museum, Co-Directors Julie Kenworthy and Lorie Bednar shared some local history and answered our questions as we wandered through their beautifully restored facility.

Thank you to the Program Committee for planning such an interesting and diverse trip.

Anne Burr

Save the Date

By now your 'Save The Date' card should have arrived. Be sure to mark **Saturday, October 17, 2015** on your calendar and plan to attend **An Evening at The '87' Club, A Roaring '20s Affair**. It promises to be a fun fundraiser. You won't want to miss it!

If you'd like to be a part of the planning, setup, or help in any way, please call or email Anne Burr at 440-241-2678 or anjin444@windstream.net.



Historical Society Scholarship Winners



L-R Andrew Moran, Patrick Donley, Matt Kohn, Blake Wynveen

This year we were able to award four \$1500 scholarships to graduating seniors.

Andrew Moran is the son of member Cassandra Moran. He was awarded the Chagrin Falls Police Scholarship funded by the police department. Interestingly, Andrew completed his senior project with the police department. Andrew will attend Yale University. Andrew's sister Cassandra, was a previous award winner.

Patrick Donley was awarded the Historical Society Scholarship. Patrick was the Senior class president and recognized as an Academic All-American in lacrosse. Patrick will attend Duke University. Patrick's brother Thomas was a previous award winner.

Matt Kohn is the first recipient of the James Russell Akinson and Ina Akinson Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship has been established by Marie Bradley in honor of her grandparents who had a watch and clock repair business in Chagrin in the late 40's and 50's. It is to be awarded to someone who has demonstrated, in part, an entrepreneurial spirit. Matt founded iguy, a computer tutoring system, developed an iphone app, and was the Chagrin Valley Chamber of Commerce Student Business Leader of the Year. Matt will attend Brown University.

Blake Wynveen was awarded the Scrap Zalba Memorial Scholarship. Blake was a field commander for the marching band, on the Superintendents advisory committee and the athletic advisory committee. He has participated in numerous musicals, mission trips in South Africa and Costa Rica, and continues to be active in his church. In addition he has been recognized as an academic All-Ohio athlete. Blake will attend Wake Forest University.

This will be the last year for the Scrap Zalba Memorial Scholarship, as the funds have been depleted.

John Bourisseau

Curators' Corner



Pat Zalba
Volunteer Curator

Overview Calendar

June

Packing & Moving!!!

Pat, Jane, Laura, Zo and many others have been working very hard organizing the collections, cataloging objects and entering them into our museum software data base. It will be all consuming for many of us this summer.

John Bourisseau

July

Packing & Moving!!!

We will continue to meet as a board throughout the summer--we have a lot to accomplish.

John Bourisseau

New Position Created

Gretchen Hamann has agreed to chair the newly created education committee. Gretchen taught for many years in the Shaker system and will bring a great deal of energy and many valuable ideas to this important position.

"Lead the Parade"



Our three 3rd grade winners of the Lead the Parade contest were, J P Zimmer, whose favorite Chagrin Landmark is the Bandstand, because it makes him think of all the good things that happen in Chagrin; Kailey Stack, whose favorite landmark is the Intermediate school, because of its history; and Maggie Oliver who loves the Falls because it represents the water power that founded Chagrin Falls.

Joining them in the police car was my grandson, Aidan Adams.

John Bourisseau

Sally Hawkins and Frank Kanzinger assembling shelving



Our new photograph collections area



KeyBank Employees
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One School One Book

Jane and Pat had a very enjoyable experience working with the 4th graders at the Intermediate School. The students were reading a book about the underground railroad. Pat shared the early history of Chagrin through photographs, while Jane told how her ancestors, the Henry Church Sr. family, housed runaway slaves on their way to Canada. Austin Church writes in his diary that he knew when a slave was in the house, because they had a little less food in their own bowl.

John Bourisseau



Jane and Pat with 4th graders
Photo courtesy of Cliff Nazelli