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The Monthly Newsletter of the Chagrin Falls Historical Society

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John Bourisseau, Editor

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FROM THE CHAGRIN FALLS EXPONENT, 1920-1921:
POLICE RAID HOUSES IN SEARCH OF BOOTLEGGERS! LOCAL PHARMACY CONTINUES TO SELL ALCOHOL, FOR "MEDICINAL PURPOSES ONLY"! SPOCKEY CLUB RENTS FAIRGROUNDS FOR THOROUGHBRED RACING, CONDUCTS ILLEGAL BETTING, OFFERS BRIBES TO VILLAGE OFFICIALS!

Amidst these tumultuous times, The Chagrin falls Historical Society invites you to...

AN EVENING AT THE '87' CLUB

A ROARING '20S AFFAIR

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2015 6:30-10:00 P.M. VIP Reception 5:30-6:30 P.M.
The Chagrin Falls Historical Society - 87 E. Washington Street

Jazz! Cocktails! Hors d'oeuvres! Flappers! Silent Auction! Gambling! Bathtub Gin!

Attire - Flappers and Dames, Big Shots and Bootleggers, wear your swanky 1920's garb! Or just put your glad rags on!

Please RSVP by October 5
Space is limited, so get a wiggle on and make your reservations early!

Proceeds to benefit your Chagrin Falls Historical Society's campaign to preserve and share our local history.

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ASSOCIATION

The Chagrin Falls Historical Society discusses, preserves, and shares evidence of and knowledge about the history of Chagrin Falls and vicinity. The Society does this to enable all who live, work, and visit the area to appreciate its past, understand its present, and plan for its future.

ADMISSION

Admission is available at 87 E. Washington St. on Philadelphia St. and enter through gate behind THE '87 CLUB (Oliver House).

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Our October 17 fundraiser “An Evening at The '87' Club” is fast approaching. The Event Committee is diligently working to make this an evening that is not only entertaining and fun, but one that will raise significant funds.

Last November's 'Fall Back, Spring Forward, It's Time' raised nearly \$50,000 because of the generosity of those who showed their support through sponsorships, ticket purchases and donations when they couldn't attend. Everyone who donated to the silent auction, wine pull, barrel of booze and those who bought raffle tickets and purchased auction items all contributed to our success. Hundreds of volunteer hours were logged which kept costs down and allowed us to raise as much as possible.

We are most grateful to everyone who helped in big and small ways last year. It all added up to us being one step closer to reaching our Historical Society's \$2

million goal. As of this writing, we have raised \$1,137,000. That is an incredible amount but still, \$863,000 shy of having the funds needed to make our Historical Society all we've envisioned.

This year, we are hoping to raise more than last year, but “Your” Historical Society needs your help. The biggest way you can help is through financial donations. Sponsorships are an effective way to purchase tickets to the event and make a contribution. See John's article on the next page for details. If you can't attend, please consider making a donation.

As we work to assemble some of the raffle items, like the 'Bathtub of Gin', this year's version of a barrel of booze, we are looking for donations of gin, bourbon, scotch, vodka and rye etc. Contact Carolyn Sihler at 440-247-4695 or cjsihler1@gmail.com to donate liquor.

Club '87' Continued

Bill Hamann has collected some wonderful wines for the wine pull and most are worth more than the \$20 people will be paying for them. Being a wine aficionado, Bill will also tell you all about the wine you get. This is the best wine pull you will ever experience. He is still accepting donations of wine, or funds to purchase more. Contact him at 440-543-3161 or williamnuttinghamann@gmail.com.

Gretchen Hamann and her team have put together an exciting list of silent auction items including a week at

two different vacation spots. Check the website for more details on these beautiful places.

The success of your historical society's campaign to raise funds for its incredible transformation rests on all of our shoulders. Please think how you can help.

Anne Burr
Event Committee Chair

Thank you Sponsors!!

Our Sponsors are critical to the success of our fund raiser. Please support their businesses, or thank them for supporting us.

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Join the Campaign! Donate at
www.CHAGRINHISTORICAL.org



Sponsorship Levels

We are thankful for all of our sponsors. Sponsorships are a great way to get exposure for your business. Our program brochure will go to print sometime after October 5th, so there is still time to add your name to the list. Sponsorships come with differing levels of exposure on our website, Facebook page and newsletter. Curator level and above (\$1500) receive 4 tickets and can attend the VIP party prior to the event. They also can have a banner at the event, provide a promotional item for giveaway and a 1/2 page ad in the program. Heritage (\$2500) receives all of the above, plus recognition on our promotional materials. Legacy level (\$5000) 6 tickets, special recognition at a CFHS event, link from our website and all of the above. The Title sponsor (\$10,000) receives 8 tickets, naming rights on all literature, the ability to display products at the event, and a special press release. Historian (\$750) and Docent (\$1000) receive tickets and other recognitions.

To become a sponsor—please contact Bill Hamann at the phone # and email mentioned in the previous article.



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Tickets, Tickets, Tickets

Space is limited for the '87 Club'. Last year we sold out, and we expect to do so again this year. Between sponsorships and tickets sales through the mail and internet, we have sold more than half our tickets. Anyone who purchases a ticket after they have sold out will be contacted and put on a waiting list. Don't be left out!

Grant Proposal

We have submitted a grant proposal to the Ohio History Connection to help us purchase equipment to begin the monumental process of photographing, scanning and entering our collections into a data base. Zo Sykora, John Bourisseau, Laura Gorretta and Jane Babinsky all participated in the writing of the grant, with Zo doing a lot of the 'heavy lifting'. Over the past 60 years or so, we have accumulated literally thousands of items. Most of these items have been properly accessed into our collections, labeled and stored to the best of our ability. Now we need to photograph them and place the information about them into a digital format.

Funds from the Ohio History Connection come primarily from a 'check off' on your Ohio Tax return. This last year only \$50,000 was deposited in this manner. Previous years the fund has been well over \$200,000. All of this money goes directly back to local historical societies. If the tax check off does not generate a minimum of \$150,000 in 2 consecutive years, then the check off will be discontinued. Please consider providing support when you do your Ohio taxes this year.

John Bourisseau



Part of the estimated 9000 pounds of artifacts, manuscripts, books and maps still in the attic at 21 Walnut St.



Ohio Lottery Commercial

Have you seen the new Ohio Lottery Commission commercial where the guy is sitting on an orange couch? When he throws his lottery ticket away, a basketball player appears in his wastebasket—upside down. That commercial, along with another one, was filmed in the museum. They transformed our exhibit space into a 'man cave' for the shoot. It was all very interesting—and they gave us a \$1500 donation.

John Bourisseau



This beautiful hooked rug was designed and made by **Darci Spilman** and donated to the Historical Society. The colors are beautiful. You will see this work of art displayed at **The '87 Club'** and will be able to bid on the opportunity to have Darci make one for you. Also, in the silent auction, we will have week long stays in beautiful homes in the Outer Banks, as well as Virginia. Check out this website for Ooh La La <http://www.vrbo.com/671504>



Pat Zalba
Curator

Curator's Corner

Overview Calendar

September

- 2 The moving van brought the display cases and heavy furniture to 87 E. Washington.
- 8 Chagrin Falls Historical Society Board Meeting, 87 E. Washington, 9:30 am.
- 9 Laura Gorretta presented "Molly Goes to War", at S. Franklin Circle
- 18 Safe Routes Chagrin "Scavenger Hunt for Historic Sites", downtown Chagrin Falls, 3-5 pm.
- 19 John Bourisseau will lead a historical tour of the downtown business district for a group from the Methodist Church, 10:30 am.

October

- 13 Chagrin Falls Historical Society Board Meeting, 87 E. Washington St., 9:30 am

We are continuing to move items and settle in. Committees are meeting and we strive to carry out our mission while we are in transition.

Thank You Scavenger Hunt Volunteers

Thank you, in advance, to all of the volunteers who make the Safe Routes to School Scavenger Hunt for Historic Sites such a success. There are many volunteers with all of the school classes and many activities for the day. This is all under the guidance of Kathryn Garvey. But in particular, thank you to our Historical Society Volunteers! John Bourisseau, Jane Babinsky, Bill and Gretchen Hamann, Ken Kvacek, Kim and Frank Kanzinger, Laurie Loveman, Jo Roeder, Carolyn Sihler and Pat Zalba.

Pat Zalba
Curator

Welcome to New Members

- Carolyn Horn
- Betty Fredman
- Laurie Loveman
- Sheila Simpson
- Michael Rosenshein
- George Bakalar
- Jenny Hogan
- Bill & Linda Kinde
- Margaret Horner
- Kathy & Jeff Cameron

Condolences

to the family of
Phyllis Patton

Words from The Office...

Things are very busy at 87 East Washington Street! The display cases have been moved from the Shute Building and will soon be filled with items from our collection for our 1920's era gala, An Evening at the '87' Club".

When you visit the museum, please notice the wastebaskets with the Ober House and Chagrin Falls Historical Society printed on them. A huge shout out and thank you goes to MAR-BAL, Inc who made and donated them!

We are looking for donations of alcohol for our "booze barrel" raffle. (No open bottles) **Please call Carolyn Sihler at 440-991-7787 and she will pick them up!**

Just a reminder that we have our **Ghost Hunt** on October 31st, 9:00 pm – midnight. Tickets are \$75 for members and \$100 for non-members. Bring your cameras and tape recorders and join us for a fun evening! (For those of you who haven't heard we have actually captured orbs on our security camera flying around). The Hunt will be led by two Ghost Hunters who are members of TAPS. Space is limited, so call in your reservation at 440-247-4695.

Also in October is our Open House on Sunday the 25th and our members only Potluck on Thursday the 29th. I hope to see all of you at one or all of the events next month!

Jane Babinsky, Museum Director

