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AND MUSEUM



Annual Meeting and Potluck Dinner
 Thursday October 20, 6pm
 Valley Lutheran Church

We are returning to the Valley Lutheran Church for our Annual Meeting and Potluck Dinner.

This year, in addition to an update on our finances, we will vote on our new Board of Trustees. Biographies of prospective trustees will be available at the museum.

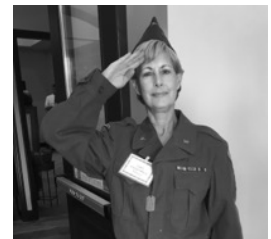
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 wearing her
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Notes from the Director's Office

Please come to the museum to see our exhibit "On the Home Front: Chagrin Falls During the 1940s". Several volunteers helped our Curator, Pat, put the exhibit together. A special thank you goes to the following for loaning us items from their collections: The Aurora Historical Society, Marnie Albers, Jane Babinsky, Chagrin Falls Alumni Association, Lou Fow, Sally Hawkins, Janice Hill, Andrew Hosey, Zo Sykora, Joyce Teeft and Pat Zalba. The exhibit will be up through January 2017.

Join us for our 2nd annual Halloween Ghost Hunt on Saturday, October 29, 2016, 8:00 pm to 11:00 pm. We will have a guided tour through our museum with three Ghost Hunters, as well as a presentation from one of the Ghost Hunters. Space is limited to 20 participants and the admission fee is \$75 per person. Bring your cameras and tape recorders and be prepared to see what goes on in the museum after hours!

Everyone is invited to our "If Chagrin Could Sing" CD Launch Party on Saturday, Nov. 5, 2016, 5:00-7:00 pm in the Historical Society Community Room. Tom Luckay wrote the lyrics, Marge Adler did the arranging and played keyboard. All of the songs are about Chagrin Falls and are sure to be a hit! Come listen to the music, purchase a CD and have it signed by the artists! Proceeds from the sale of the CD will benefit the Chagrin Falls Historical Society. The CD is a great stocking stuffer or gift for all those friends and family who miss Chagrin Falls.

Speaking of gifts, if you are looking for a unique gift for someone, we have several wood bowls made by local craftsman Stewart Matthews in our museum gift shop. We also have our publications, holiday cards, notecards and posters of a Henry Church, Jr painting.

Jane Babinsky, Museum Director

Kanzinger Gardens

We receive numerous compliments about the beautiful gardens in front of the building. Thank you to Kim and Frank Kanzinger and their committee of Sally Hawkins, Marie Hobart and Becky Thomas who have faithfully tended the Gardens all summer. Thank you also to Dennis and Lauren Barriball, owners of Hemlock Landscapes, who have donated their service to keep our lawn green and free of weeds.

Foundation Grant

We have received a donation from the **William O. and Gertrude Lewis Frohring Foundation** of just under \$2000. Along with a donation to the general fund, they have requested a paver and to have a chair in the name of the Foundation.

Board of Trustees

The Executive Board Committee of Carolyn Sihler, Bill Hamann, Laura Gorretta and myself have been hard at work interviewing candidates for the trustee positions. We started with a list of more than 50 individuals, many recommended by various members of the Society. We developed a grid as a means of analyzing various factors related to the potential candidates. Factors on the grid included, Community reach, previous non-profit experience, previous commitment to the Society, Donor History and age group. We included age group, because we wanted to try and get a cross section of people. We put together a packet of information about the Society to utilize during our interviews. Each packet contained a copy of our constitution, investment policy, insurance coverage, 2 year budget, sustainability projections and a variety of other information relating to fundraising and organizational objectives for the future. Each candidate was then walked through the Board Expectations. If the individual was interested in a Trustee position, they were then asked to sign the form. We also asked them to complete a basic information form, which we will use to summarize information to the membership.

We feel this vetting process to be critical to getting qualified Trustees who will support and sustain the mission of the Society into the future.

We will vote on the slate of candidates at our annual meeting October 20th, and their terms will begin January 1, 2017.

While our new constitution allows for nominations from the floor, I would hope the membership recognizes the efforts of our committee to bring forth good candidates who are willing to fulfill the expectations which have been outlined.

There were a couple of excellent candidates who are very interested, but declined in the short term because of their personal situations. As of the writing of this report, those who have signed the Board Expectations sheet are Phil Koepf, Susan White, Paul Neidhardt, Perry Clark, Michelle McQuade, Margi O'Brien and Jeff Polcar. Also signing will be current Executive Board members Bill Hamann, Carolyn Sihler, Laura Gorretta and myself. We have two other people who are thinking it over and will get back to us.

Calendar

October

- 17 Intermediate School Students 2:45-3:15 pm, Sihler Research Center
- 17 Jaycees Foundation 6:30-8:00 pm, Bo Burr Community Room
- 18 Sewing Bee 1:00-3:00 Bo Burr Community Room
- 19 Education Committee 2:00-3:00 pm, Bo Burr Community Room
- 19 Know Your Antiques 7:00-9:30 pm, Bo Burr Community Room
- 20 Bayview Club 11:00-12:30 Meeting, Lunch and Tour
- 20 Museum Open 2:00-5:00 pm
- 20 Members only Annual Meeting and Potluck 6:00-9:00 pm, **Valley Lutheran Church**
- 21 Safe Walks Historic Scavenger Hunt, Village
- 22 Museum Open 11:00 am- 3:00 pm
- 24 Intermediate School Students 2:45-3:15 pm, Sihler Research Center
- 29 Ghost Hunt 8:00-11:00 pm
- 31 Intermediate School Students 2:45-3:15 pm, Sihler Research Center
- 31 Trick or Treat 6:00-8:00 pm

November

- 2 Jaycees Foundation 6:30-8:30 pm Bo Burr Community Room
- 3 Museum Open 2:00-7:00 pm
- 3 Dad's Club 7:00-8:30 pm Bo Burr Community Room
- 5 "*If Chagrin Could Sing*" Party 5:00-7:00 pm
- 7 Intermediate School Students 2:45-3:15 pm, Sihler Research Center
- 8 CFHS Board Meeting 9:30-11:30 am Bo Burr Community Room
- 8 American Legion 7:30-9:00 pm Bo Burr Community Room
- 10 Museum Open 2:00-7:00 pm
- 11 Veterans Dinner, Bo Burr Room 5:30-9:00 pm
- 12 Methodist Church Ladies Tour of Museum 10:00-11:30 am
- 12 James A. Garfield Post of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War 10:00-11:30 Bo Burr Community Room
- 12 Museum Open 11:00 am-3:00 pm
- 14 Intermediate School Students 2:45-3:15 pm, Sihler Research Center

"If Chagrin Could Sing"

On Saturday November 5th from 5:00 to 7:00 pm, we will be having a Launch party at the museum for a wonderful musical CD—all about Chagrin Falls. The lyrics and music were written by Society member Tom Luckay and have been delightfully arranged by Marge Adler. The songs all deal with landmarks, legends and the people who made Chagrin such a special place to live for over 180 years.

I guarantee, that if you are a Chagrinite, you won't be able to listen to these songs without a smile. Songs deal with such diverse subjects as the Hardware, the Popcorn Shop, Henry Church Jr. and the Bandstand (It's not a Gazebo)

John Bourisseau

Doll Fund

As many of you know, a number of years ago, former curator Marian Jencick gifted the Society with her collection of dolls. Marnie Albers, a relatively new member, has taken 'ownership' of the collection—we refer to her as our doll curator. Marnie has created a wonderful display showing how dolls reflect the time period when they were made. In addition to the loving care that Marnie gives the dolls, she has made a generous contribution and created a fund to help with any necessary repairs. Should you wish to make a donation in support of the doll fund, send it to Carolyn Sihler, Treasurer CFHS 87 E. Washington St. CF 44022



New Members

Gloria Walas
 Jeanette & Glenn Brown
 Frank Fitzpatrick
 Harry Guinther
 Katherine Kohl
 Harriet Bakalar
 Edward & Monica Wagner
 Mary Blalock
 Katherine Callahan
 Maggie Tomaro

Curator's Report



Contact us about how to become a member of the 1833 Legacy Circle.

Memorial Gifts

Gifts in memory of
Gini Woodward Fast
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A Gift in Memory of
Don Byrnes
Priscella B. Hoag

A Gift in Memory of
Sara Williams
Priscilla B. Hoag

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Betsy & Jack Van Nort
and Helen Stranz
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Peter Van Nort
Gretchen Van Nort
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A gift in Honor of
Ann Thompson
Jeffrey H. Grover

Carolyn Sihler
Marnie Albers

Condolences to the Families of:
Bobbie Kagy
Eva Jean Trace
Ellen Quigley
John J. Wolf

What's all the buzz about? The Sewing Bee!

On Tuesday, October 18th, we will meet in the Bo Burr Community Room, from 1:00-3:00 pm, to sew cotton accession number tags to textiles in our collection. You don't need to have the skills of a seamstress. It just takes a few simple stitches and it's done. We'll have needles and thread ready but bring a thimble if you use one. We'll get acquainted and visit while we work. Call me please at 440-247-4695 (museum) if you can come. Or just drop in. I hope **you** can come!

Scavenger Hunt—"Passport to Chagrin Falls"

Our scavenger hunt for historic sites in Chagrin Falls—Walk to School program—was rained out in September. We'll try again on October 21st from 3:00-5:00 pm. Would you like to help? If you would enjoy working with seventh and eighth graders in a fun activity NOW is your chance. Give us a call please.

Pat Zalba

The Collections Committee has accepted the following Chagrin Falls Related Accessions:

We received 26 photographs and slides showing the interior and exterior of the Chase Bag Co. during the years 1971-1984

Donor—Bruno Baldacci

A survey map of Maple Street, 1953, and a sketch of the home at 41 Maple Street were received.

Donor—Stan Emerling

From the estate of Gini Woodward Fast we received the following: a CF souvenir cup and saucer from Mr. Tenny's store, circa 1900, 5 straw hats & many Chagrin Falls related publications

Donor—Ann Woodward Searles

A P.H.A (Professional Horsemen's Association) scrap book that belonged to Chuck C. Mapes, full of Cleveland Grand Prix information, 1965 into 1997, was received.

Donor—Laura Gorretta

Be sure to come to see the WWII exhibit—now thru January. It is quite special.

Happy Halloween!



Pat Zalba

On the Home Front Special!



ON THE HOME FRONT, Stars, Stripes & Swing!

What a night! About 150 people attended what was a truly delightful and financially successful event. The fun began at the 'Enlistment Center' where upon entering guests were checked in to military service and sent on to Dr. Frank Kanzinger and Nurse Anne Murphy who convinced almost everyone they needed (jello) 'shots' "to get through the war". The good times continued with great music, swing dancing, delicious food, Mick McGuire's 40s Daiquiri and even an air raid. Comments heard: "The historical society puts on the best party in town." and "The energy was so great, we didn't want it to end."

In addition to all of that fun, we raised \$42,000! Thank you to everyone who helped make this happen: our sponsors, whose support is so vital, those who bought tickets and those who couldn't attend but sent donations, silent auction and wine pull donors, everyone who made a pledge that night, bought a bottle of wine, raffle tickets or silent auction items. It all helps!

Another thank you goes to our wonderful volunteers. It took about 50 volunteers and hundreds of volunteer hours to put on this event. We are most grateful to everyone for generously donating their time and talents to support your historical society.

Anne Burr and the Events Committee

Thank You

I was so proud to be a part of the decorating committee again this year. Thanks to those who so unselfishly gave of their time and talent to make our event the success it was. Thank you again to Mariann & Ken Kvacek, Mary Bourisseau, Janice Hill, Meg King, Frank Kanzinger and Joyce Teeft.

Sally Hawkins

Annual Meeting Wine Pull

Another opportunity to support the historical society. We still have about a dozen bottles of wine left from the fundraiser wine pull and will be offering them for \$20 each at the Annual Meeting on October 20. If you weren't able to attend ON THE HOME FRONT, this is your chance to show your support and make a \$20 donation. You'll walk away with a bottle of wine and chances are good that it will be worth more than your donation.



Our Veterans On the Home Front!!

We were delighted to have five of our WWII veterans in attendance at *ON THE HOME FRONT, Stars, Stripes & Swing!*: Don Barriball, Aaron Fox, Harry Guinther, Ed Shields and Stewart Matthews. Special thanks to Don Barriball for making the trip from his new home in Macedonia and for sharing the important role the historical society has played in his life over the past 15 years. We treasure Don and appreciate all he's contributed to the Society.



Ruthanne & Aaron Fox



Don Barriball, Stewart Matthews & Ed Shields



Harry Guinther & Priscilla Hoag



Jack & Pam Polcar receiving their "shots" from Major Frank Kanzinger, MD & 2LT Ann Lanza



Jodi & Todd Lyle



Jenny Clark & Paul Neidhardt



Signe & Casey Forbes

Photos by Cliff Nazelli, Mary & John Bourisseau



Jo Roeder & Pat Zalba "Cuttin' a rug"



Kris Tesar & Aaron Fox



Mary, John & Jonathan Bourisseau



Mo Corrigan, Mary Ann Ponce, Dewey Forward & Kathy Simone



Jack Shutts looking at the Shutts exhibit in the Blue Star Room



Janice Hill & Barb Christian



Pat Zalba, Jo Roeder & Sally Hawkins



Perry & Jenny Clark, Paul Neidhardt & Anne Burr