Chagrin Falls Exponent

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March, 2012 Ron Humphrey, Graphics Editor

It is Pie Night!!



Thursday, March 15, 2012 7:30 p.m.
SHUTE Bldg.

Bring your favorite pie to share.
We supply ice cream, coffee and tea!

New Members:

Alice Allan
Karen and Lee Johns
Ellen Hollmeyer

Deceased:

Our Condolences to the Family of Russ Anderson

KNOW YOUR MEMBERS MEETING #3

Our Starring cast:
Jo Roeder with Bob Roeder's beautifully made model trucks.
Terry Taggart with his collection of vintage cameras
Katie Martin with her genealogy adventures and—Art Kvacek with part of his Seven Dwarves collection

Tim Scott

HERITAGE FUND

Thank you again for your many gifts to the Heritage Fund during our annual letter campaign. Our "Memory Book" has been updated and is on display in the main room at the museum. It is a lovely tribute to loved ones, special relatives and friends. The Society does accept Heritage Fund donations and memorial donations anytime throughout the year. Please call the museum with any questions.

Our thanks for the following gifts to the Heritage Fund: Carl and Carrie Gluf, Lucy Beattie in memory of Jack Bares and Judi Lawrence in memory of Don Lawrence.

Recent gifts were made to the Scrap Zalba Scholarship fund by Karen Perry and Tom & Jean Poultney.

Nancy Haag
Heritage Fund Chair

SAVE THE DATE! WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18, 2012

A day trip by bus to Kinsman, Ohio Birthplace of Clarence Darrow and a very early Western Reserve Town. We will be the guests of Dick and Susan Webb, well known antique dealers, for a tour of two, and possibly three very early houses, one of which is in the process of being restored. We will also visit a beautiful early church.
Lunch will be self-pay at the Times Square Restaurant, famous for its many pies--self pay, so you can eat as many pie slices as you like! The lunch menu is very reasonable.
The Historical Society underwrites this trip in order to keep the cost reasonable. Cost will be $20 per person or $35 for a couple.

Tim Scott

SOUPS AND BREADS LUNCHEON JANUARY 19, 2011

We want to thank all those--cooks, bakers, setter-uppers, decorator Diana Weber Gardner and speaker John Bourisseau--who took part in our wonderful soups and breads luncheon. A special thank you to Hamlet Village and Jean Hood for hosting us, and to Ann Goss (and her daughter in-law) for arranging the event.

Tim Scott

POT LUCK DINNER FEBRUARY 16TH

The Annual Members Only PotLuck Dinner at the Lutheran Church. While our numbers were a little down, a great time was had by all. The food was delicious, the desserts superb and the company was jovial and engaging. We had a lively and successful auction overseen by Zo Sykora, Pat Zalba Jo Roeder and Tim Scott. We were able to raise $231! A special thank you to all those who stayed to break down tables and clean up.

Tim Scott

TO KEEP OR NOT TO KEEP

I have never intentionally collected anything.

I have a lot of books about local history and a lot of purses but I wouldn't classify them as collections. I have, however, inherited other people's collections and I find it difficult to divest myself of these items. I am currently going through my parents' books. When I cleared out their house I packed up hundreds of books and took them to the library for the book sale but I packed away 30 small boxes of books that needed another "look at." I am now giving them that second look 16 years later and I wish for two things. I wish that I could throw away the book but keep the memory and that people didn't write their names in books. I found an 1884 edition of The Wanderings of Aeneas. This should be a no brainer but my sister put her name in it, I remember buying

it at Publix Books **and** there is a letter from my Great Aunt Berenice tucked in it with her translation of Dido's Curse on Aeneas. This book has gone in the "keep" bag. My Dad's tattered copy of Ogden Nash also went in the "keep" bag. He taught me about the one L lama from this copy. My Mom's 2nd edition of Gone With The Wind went in the "read again" bag because I remember reading it over Christmas vacation when I was 12. I should read it again. A 1902 copy of Silas Marner would be thrown away but my great aunt Eleanor who died before I was born signed it and a copy of Julius Caesar signed by a tenant of my folks' in the 1950s brought back sweet memories of the lovely lady who lived upstairs and made hand made chocolates and taught me to play canasta. She also gave me this book. A book of short stories made it into the "keep" bag because it was given to me by an English prof at Western Reserve University. Every time we visited him when I was a child he gave me a book. He started me reading plays when I was 11. I'm keeping a nasty old copy of The Age of Innocence simply because I can't remember reading it.

Laura Gorretta and I went through the same struggle recently in the attic at the Society. We decided that if a book has the owner's name in the front the book has provenance and tells us something about the owner and his tastes and level of education, We saved a collection of books owned by James White for that reason not because of the value of the books.

I don't know if my children will keep the bookshelf of books we have with names of ancestors written on the first page. We have them from both sides of the family and going back 4 generations. Maybe it's time to buy an e-reader and not leave behind more books for another generation to have to decide whether they go in the "keep" or "not keep" bag. *Zo Sykora*

SOULS OF THE VILLAGE

Save the Date!

Friday and Saturday June 8 & 9 2012 7:30 PM

The planning for Souls of the Village: Chagrin Falls during the Civil War is well underway. The initial script, which has been taken from the diaries & letters of Chagrin Falls residents who served during the Civil War, is about 80% completed and the auditions have been held. The script features elements of the stories of



Boys from Chagrin Falls atop Lookout Mountain, Dec. 1863

Austin Church, Jane Church, A. E. Smith, Westel Hunt and G. W. Hodges. The performance will be done by students of the Chagrin Academy for the Performing Arts and will be held in the Performing Arts Center at the High School.

The planning committee has met numerous times and includes Pat Zalba, Carolyn Sihler, Anne Burr and new members Perry Clark and Kris Tesar. We have worked out a timeline in conjunction with the Performing Arts Academy that includes all the various tasks and activities.

Member Terry Taggart will be working with some of our historical photographs to create materials that can be used for education and promotion.

We will need numerous volunteers to help on the evenings of the performances and for some of the promotional activities.

We estimate that we will need around 50 volunteers for the various activities. Ticket takers, ushers, information table etc. Plus some people to promote at Blossom--(we will have some space in the Alumni Booth0. Ticket and volunteer information will be forthcoming.

John Bourisseau

Curator's Corner

Overview Calendar

March

12 **"Souls of the Village"** committee meeting at PAC 10:30 a.m.

13 C.F. Historical Society Board Meeting, Shute Bldg. 9:30 a.m.

15 Evening Program: **"Pastimes and Collections"** (some of our members will talk about their hobbies) Shute Bldg 7:30 p.m.

18 Music at the Library, sponsored by the Friends of the Library: Buzz Cronquist and his Jazz group, 2-4 p.m. Everyone Welcome

Looking ahead to

April

18 **SPRING BUS TRIP**—please see details elsewhere in this newsletter

21 Chagrin Valley Consortium will meet at the Chagrin Falls Historical Society 10:00-noon

Historical Society committees that have recently met (or will be meeting) include the Nominating , Oral History, Souls of the Village (Civil War Performance), Scholarship, House and Advisory committee. (your chairman will notify you of dates and times of meetings)

Acquisitions:

The Historical Society recently purchased, from Ebay, an iron seal or letter stamp which was used by the Chagrin Falls C&S Farmers Exchange. The Farmers Exchange was once located on East Washington St. by the old R.R. tracks. We also have feed bags imprinted with their logo in our collections.

Accessions:

A Max Barnard Primitive Painting, on cardboard, of the Sears-Adams house on E. Summit St. A photo snapshot of the Sihler family in the yard at Linden Hall in 1927.

(Donors--Carolyn and Herb Sihler)

A photograph of Edith Gilmore-Schneider and her husband Homer Schneider: a W.W II related letter and photographs of Ralph E. Miller in uniform.

(Donor--Arline Moore)

A paper card or ink blotter with "Dr. W.R. Brewster, Chagrin Falls", printed on it.

(Donor--Gini Fast)

Happy St. Patricks Day!

Pat Zalba
Volunteer Curator