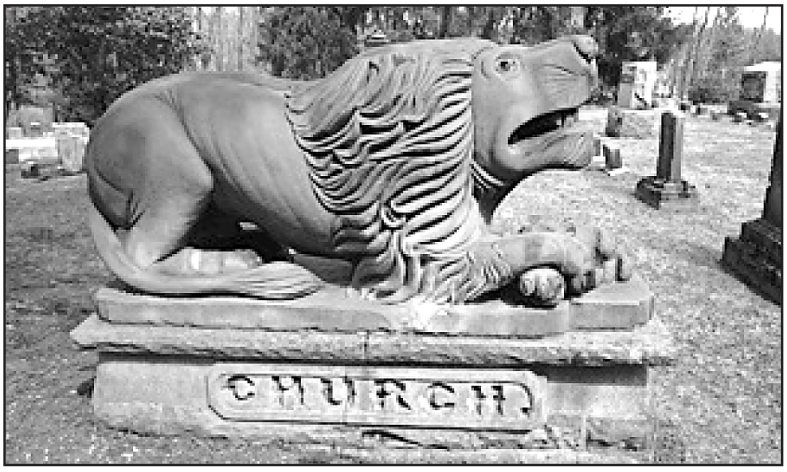
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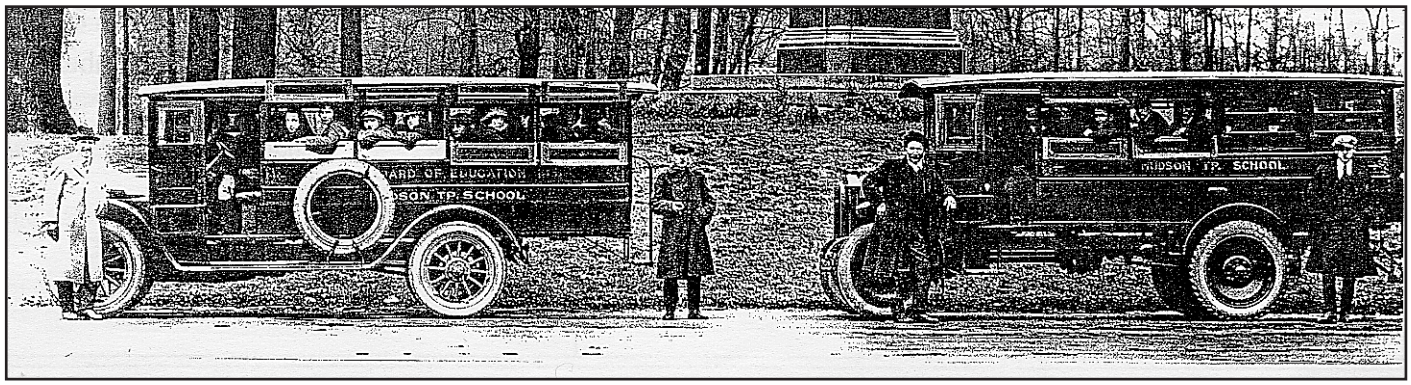
The Lion is Back!



Read the article by Jane Babinsky g-g-granddaughter of Henry Church Jr.

Road Trip!

Wednesday May 21, 8:30 am to 5 pm



Limited space is still available for our trip to the David Warther Carving Museum in Dover, Ohio. Lunch at the J.E. Reeves Home and Museum with a final stop at the "Famous Ending Museum". Cost: members $35, non-members $45 Call Pat Zalba for reservations 247-5209

Welcome New Members

Melvin C. Broniman

Kathleen Hale

Ken Kvacek

Condolences to the Families of

Dorothy Pauly

Sue Roby

&

Carolyn Beattie

APRIL PROGRAM

A crowd of more than 40 people came to the Shute Building on April 17, to hear Dan Ruminski speak on "The Famous Whites". From his chair in the front of the room, he kept the audience fascinated with stories of Cleveland's glorious past and the great wealth that was generated here by prominent business leaders like Thomas Howard White, founder of the White Sewing Machine Company. He shared a look inside the White home, told stories about his eight children, and the values he instilled in them. It was an enlightening talk that made one proud to live in Cleveland.

Following the program everyone enjoyed a wide variety of homemade pies.

Thank you to the pie makers, the setup crew, Gretchen Hamann, Jo Ann Roeder, Pat Zalba, Anne Burr and Karen and Bill Thailing. None of these events would be possible without you.

Anne Burr

OBER BUILDING UPDATE



George Ober home
87 East Washington Street

The core team of Laura Gorretta, John Bourisseau, Bill Hamann, Carolyn Sihler and Anne Burr have been meeting weekly with Transitions Unlimited consultant KC Henry. We are working on establishing committees to execute the various functions of our campaign. The committees will include Events, chaired by Anne, Corporate/ Merchant, chaired by Bill, Foundations, chaired by Laura, Marketing, chaired by Carolyn and a construction committee. John is working with all of the committees.

We have employed Phil Koepf as the architect for this project. He has completed some preliminary drawings, but will be meeting with our executive board and construction committee to begin refining his drawings based on how we perceive that we will use the space. At this point we are pretty much in agreement that the first priority will be to ensure that the buildings infrastructure will support our needs into the future. To this end, Phil has had engineers in the building to assess climate control, structure and electrical needs. While everything is in good working order, the engineers will provide us with a range of options on how to proceed.

We have joined the Intermuseum Conservation Association (ICA). For our annual membership, we get three hours of consultation on our collection. It is our intent to have our collections assessed and get recommendations for restoration and storage needs.

I have met with representatives from the Chagrin schools to discuss the possibility of putting a gate in the fence that spans our mutual property line. This would allow for easy access for school children to the museum, and would give us the ability to use the school parking lot for additional parking in the evening when we have programs. While it appears that there is ample parking, a large part of the paved area in the back belongs to the property to the east and we cannot count on it for our future needs.

Over the next few months, we are planning a series of meetings where we can discuss our vision with those who are interested in being part of our campaign. We look forward to involving as many as want to help.

John Bourisseau

NEW BLOSSOM TRADITION!

Third graders at Gurney elementary study the history of the Village. We are hoping to start a new tradition for Blossom Time. We are going to ask the members of the third grade class to complete the sentence



Chagrin Falls Historical Society Police Car

"The most interesting thing I learned about Chagrin Falls this year is ....."

All of the statements will be collected and then we will pull 3 or 4 from a hat, and those students will be able to ride in the Historical Society's 1957 Chevy police car at the front of the Blossom Time Parade! While the Historical Society owns the beautifully restored police car, it is maintained by the police department.

This year the students in Mr. Brad Jones 3rd grade class completed a project involving the creation of 'glogs' These are short video presentations of landmarks in the Chagrin area. They are really quite interesting and well done. You can see them online by going to http://padlet.com/gurneytech/bk0aswc39z

John Bourisseau

SHARING CHAGRIN'S HISTORY

A few weeks ago Molly Gebler, who is the secretary for the Chagrin Valley Chamber of Commerce, invited representatives from many local historical societies to participate on a panel for one of the Chamber breakfast meetings. The breakfast was well attended, a lot of fun, and we all shared historical information about our communities.

Following the meeting, Molly told me that in a few weeks there was going to be a group of people from Libya coming to Chagrin, and would I be willing to give them a tour sharing with them the history of Chagrin Falls. I agreed, so on Friday the 24th of April, I had breakfast with 6 judges from 6 different cities in Libya. They were here to learn about the US judicial system and were going to meet later in the day with Michael Scharf at Case University. Dr. Scharf is an expert in international law.



Judges from Libya in front of Township Hall

Through an interpreter, I shared with the judges the history and significance of Chagrin Township Hall, and on our walking tour, discussed how the river supplied the water power that drew the settlers and entrepreneurs to our Village. They were very interested, engaged and asked good questions. I must admit I felt a little funny talking about our history--less than two hundred years, when they shared pictures of the 2000 year old Greek ruins in their home cities.

John Bourisseau

WHERE THERE IS A WILL, THERE IS A WAY

Have you considered planned giving. While monies from bequests may not be available for our immediate needs, they can certainly help to sustain the Society in the future. Talk to your financial planner to discuss how you can help to sustain our future.

John Bourisseau



Curator's Corner

Overview Calendar

May	**13**	**Chagrin Falls Historical Society Board Meeting, Shute Building, 9:30 am**
	21	**Spring Bus Trip to museums in Sugarcreek-Dover area. Reservations required, 8:30-5:00**
	25	**Blossom Time Parade "Lemonade on the Lawn" at our new home at 87 East Washington**
	28	**Plaque Committee meets at Shute Building, 10 am**

The Core Planning Team has been meeting weekly with facilitator KC Henry. The nominating Committee has met and you will find a Ballot for 2014-2015 officers enclosed in this newsletter to be returned by May 31. The Board approved the nominating committees slate at the April meeting and also voted unanimously to allow for the extension of the terms of the President, VP for Membership and the Treasurer beyond the 3 years stipulated by the constitution.

Thank You Chagrin Arts

We enjoyed working with the Chagrin Arts organization at their Gershwin program held at the Performing Arts Center. We want to thank Karen Lazar and Lauren Brocone for giving us the opportunity to display and share some of our 1930's photographs, memorabilia and costume collection. We received many positive comments.

Accessions with a Chagrin Falls Connection:

Two Chagrin Falls postcards were added to our collection. One is a black and white photograph of the paper mill dam. The other is a cartoon-like drawing, in color, stating "I'm right here in Chagrin Falls...", circa 1914.

(Donor--Carolyn Sihler)

22 digital images were received. They include a 1912 plat map of Chagrin Falls and Chagrin Falls Township. Other images show points of interest or people in nearby areas.

(Donor--Ken Kvacek)

A small glass pitcher, clear turquoise, with the words "Souvenir of Chagrin Falls" etched on its side, has been added to our growing Chagrin Falls souvenir collection.

(Donor--John Bourisseau)

Have a wonderful Blossom weekend!

Pat Zalba
Volunteer Curator