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The Monthly Newsletter of the Chagrin Falls Historical Society

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AND MUSEUM

The Van Sweringen Brothers
7:30 Thursday November 17th
Bo Burr Community Room and Gallery
Chagrin Falls Historical Society



Come hear historian **Kevin Callahan** speak about the construction of Terminal Tower, the development of Shaker Heights and Daisy Hill and the effects of the Great Depression.

Chagrin Falls in the 1940's exhibit *The War Years*



ANNUAL MEETING/POTLUCK

We returned to the Lutheran Church this year for our Annual Meeting and Potluck Dinner. While the turnout was less than anticipated, it was a spirited group and the food selection was outstanding! Thanks to all the Chefs for bringing such tasty and wholesome selections.

Prior to the meeting we were treated to 4 selections from Tom Luckay and Marge Adler's CD, *If Chagrin Could Sing*, A Tribute to an American Town. We listened to a ballad about a River Town, a ragtime tune about a Bandstand, a song about a Hardware Guy and, since it was near Halloween, Pumpkin Roll Hill. All the lyrics and music were written by Tom and then arranged by Marge. We will be having a launch party at the museum November 5th. I guarantee, if you are from Chagrin, you won't be able to listen to these tunes without a smile. Proceeds from the CD will go to the Historical Society.

The meeting started at 7:16 pm. I reviewed our financial status. In the last 2 years, our assets have almost tripled. We have money in the bank, but still have a ways to go to finish our capital campaign. A big part of finishing the campaign will be to pay off the mortgage, which stands now at about \$350,000.(purchase price \$495,000). Our capital campaign will officially end next April. We recently sent a letter out to donors and potential donors soliciting additional funds, and we will send out an end of the year annual fund letter in early December. We are exploring utilizing an online platform like Go Fund Me to try and close out the mortgage if needed.

The Annual Fundraiser was amazing! Thanks to Anne Burr, Ann Thompson, Sally Hawkins, Janice Hill, Ann Cheney and all of the other amazing volunteers who created an incredible atmosphere for **On The Home Front**. The final total for the event was just under \$45,000. While this is a nice total, it is less than we had hoped for. The number in attendance was down somewhat, as were the number of sponsorships.

A slate of 12 names was presented to vote on for trustees. Margi O'Brien, Bill Hamann, Perry Clark, Ken Kvacek, Phil Koepf, John Bourisseau, Carolyn Sihler, Laura Gorretta, Jeff Polcar, Paul Neidhardt, Michelle McQuade, and Susan White were approved as Trustees by those in attendance. Their terms will begin January 1st. An organizational meeting will be held in late November.

The meeting adjourned at 7:32.

John Bourisseau

WHAT YOUR SUPPORT MEANS

Your support of the Chagrin Falls Historical Society through sponsorships of our events, the purchase of tickets to our events, donations of your time, contributions to our collections, and financial support of specific projects make it possible for the Society to provide so much to our community.

Following the purchase and renovation of our building at 87 East Washington Street, we now have the appropriate space to store and display our collections; our membership has increased dramatically (120 new members this past year); groups come to tour our museum; we are receiving wonderful new additions to our collection; our community room is being used by non-profit groups several times per week; our education committee is taking the story of Chagrin Falls into school classrooms; and we are answering questions posed to us.

We are a museum, a community meeting space and an historical society. As an historical society we store original documents (business ledgers, photographs, letters, diaries, organization minutes, property deeds and maps). We also hold school annuals, phone directories, books on local history, microfilm of local newspapers, obituaries, scrapbooks, and files on residents, businesses, and properties. The organization and cataloging of our large collection continues and we are able to more quickly respond to the many questions that are posed to us. We answer questions regarding genealogy, the history of properties and provide photographs of family members, houses, and business properties. This function of the Society brings us in contact with people from all over the country and occasionally around the world. We receive requests by phone, email, letter, and in person.

Our goal is to share our collections of artifacts, documents and photographs with residents, students, local organizations, local government and guests from all over the globe.

Our thanks for the support which we have had and we hope that ongoing support will enable us to care for our collections, maintain our building, and continue to share the rich history of our community.

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Photograph Chairman

Volunteer Thank You December 4th

At our last meeting, it was decided that we want to have an event to honor our many volunteers. Besides our volunteer docents, we have more and more people helping in different aspects of the museum and we want to let them know how much we appreciate all that they do for our mission. We will get information out shortly regarding a time.

Christmas Open House December 10th

Mark your calendar for our Annual Christmas Open House. The museum will be beautifully decorated and there will be seasonal treats. This is always a kid friendly event! Children will have an opportunity to make Gingerbread Houses to take home.

John Bourisseau

Calendar

November

- 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
- 15 Rec Board Meeting 7 pm Bo Burr Community Room
- 17 Museum Open 2:00-7:00 pm
- 17 Program **The Van Sweringen's** presented by **Kevin Callahan** Bo Burr Community Room 7:30 pm.
- 19 Museum Open 11:00 am to 3:00 pm
- 21 Intermediate School Students 2:45-3:15 pm, Sihler Research Center
- 21 Jaycees Foundation Meeting 6:30 pm Bo Burr Community Room
- 24 **Museum Closed Happy Thanksgiving**
- 26 Museum Open 11:00 am-3:00 pm
- 27 Intermediate School Students 2:45-3:15 pm, Sihler Research Center

December

- 1 Museum Open 2:00-7:00 pm
- 3 Museum Open 11:00 am-3:00 pm
- 4 Volunteer Thank You TBD
- 5 Intermediate School Students 2:45-3:15 pm, Sihler Research Center
- 7 Chagrin Valley Jaycees Board Meeting 6:30 pm Sihler Research Center
- 7 Know Your Antiques 7 pm Bo Burr Community Room
- 8 Museum Open 2:00-7:00 pm
- 10 CFHS Museum Open 11:00 am to 2:00 pm
- 10 Historical Society 1940s **Christmas Open House** 2:00 to 4:00 pm

Exponent Nov. 7, 1876 —Two or three spats were indulged in our election in this place, but no blows were exchanged. The vote was very close and larger than ever polled before. There were 394 votes cast. For Hayes 330, Tildon 64. Republican gain 18, Democratic gain 7.

Student involvement

Gretchen Hamann and her Education Committee have developed an excellent program that they have been presenting in the 3rd and 4th grade classrooms. The program has been well received by students and teachers alike.

In addition, a number of High School students have sought volunteer opportunities. Madeline Holley, a junior at Laurel, is fulfilling the requirements for the Girl Scout Gold award by scanning some of our glass plate negatives and entering them into our data base. Part of the requirement for the award is for Madeline to train and supervise other students in the process.

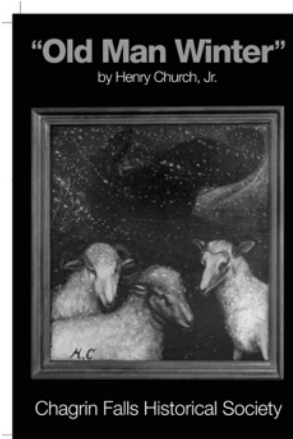
Chagrin Falls High School Seniors Charlie Reardon and Trout Westbrook are researching our early founders and writing short biographies to be posted on the website in the word cloud.

It is exciting to see the interest that our museum is generating within the youth of the community.

John Bourisseau



High School students (L-R) Madeline Holley, Abby & Alice Patton, Owen Gruss & Eddie Patton with Anne Burr. The students had a great time volunteering at the **On The Home Front** event.



We have had this beautiful painting by Henry Church Jr. made into a poster that soon will be available on our website and at the museum.

Also available for your Christmas gifting will be the new CD described above and a variety of Christmas cards.

Curator's Report



Pledges through the Legacy Circle program are now at \$223,000.

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

Memorial Gifts

A Gift in Memory of
Don Byrnes

from **Loretta Pinkett**

A Gift in Memory of
Tracey Jane Stokes
from **Roberta A. Stokes**

Condolences to the
Family of:
Anne Perry



Patti & Jeff Widmar
Always ready to help!

Thank You Sewing Bee Volunteers!

We had an enjoyable, productive afternoon sewing accession numbers on textiles last week. We also had a good time visiting, sewing and learning about our Costume collection. (We sewed numbers on garments from the 1880s through the 1930s. Wedding dresses, undergarments, children's clothing and hats.) If you missed this time, don't fret. We'll meet again after the Holidays. It takes time to prepare!

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

A 1944 CF High School Diploma, Zenith (yearbook), commencement program and varsity letters once belonging to Robert Clemens were received.

Donor Anne Clemens-Steel

A Daybook of M.F. Brewster Funeral Home 1911-1918 and a book entitled, FIVE GENERATIONS of BREWSTER FAMILY of NORTHERN OHIO were received.

Donor Stroud Lawrence Funeral Home

The paper backed book, REAL CHAGRINITES DON'T STAND IN LINE AT THE POPCORN SHOP, by locals Barbara Christian, the late Joan Brandon and illustrated by the late Joan Kerber.

Donor Stan Wardwell

A cookbook, three ringed style, from Windsor Hospital, by dietician Emma C. Dobler., Windsor Hospital once stood on East Summit Street.

Donor Carolyn Sihler

A Chagrin Falls Lodge #290 gold metal member badge, IOOF, which belonged to Forrest Reed (Reed Nichols Funeral Home) and a wooden yard stick advertising for "Ober Furniture Co Licensed Funeral Directors" were received.

Donor Dale and Colleen Reed

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

Have a Wonderful Thanksgiving from all of us to all of you!



Pat Zalba, Curator



Gala Medical Staff

Frank Kanzinger & Ann Murphy



Chagrin Falls 1940's Museum Exhibit

