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AND MUSEUM

Pat Zalba, Volunteer of the Year.

On December 4th, Curator Pat Zalba was awarded the 1st annual Pat Zalba 'Volunteer of the Year Award' at the volunteer recognition reception. The Bo Burr Community Room and Gallery was standing room only, as 80 volunteers were personally thanked by Museum Director Jane Babinsky. Each volunteer was given a certificate and pin commemorating their service to the Historical Society.

Certificates and pins were awarded in alphabetical order, so guess who was last! Pat Zalba! In addition to her certificate and pin, Pat was given a 16" x 16" engraved paver that recognizes her decades of service to the Historical Society. The paver was put in place that day near the front entrance. Pat also received a cash gift from membership contributions.

There is a quote from Pat on the wall in the main exhibit hall that recognizes that we could not have gotten to where we are today without the contributions of those who have gone before us.

Pat Zalba exemplifies that spirit.

Thank you Pat!

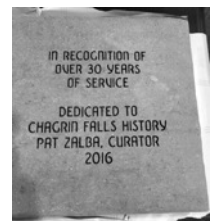
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Welcome to New Members

Rick & Kathleen Higley, Barbara Pickford, Art Witzel, John & Jane Favret, Jacqueline Kerlek, Richard & Jude Parke, Skip & Sally Lyle, Laurie & Stephen Bilger



Pat unwrapping her paver surrounded by friends and volunteers, **Beth Skeel, JoAnn Roeder, Lucy Beattie, Perry & Jen Clark and Gloria Beaven**



A Special Thank you to Joe Saccone



One of the many highlights of our volunteer recognition reception was the food! All of the food was provided by Joe Saccone of the Hyde Park Restaurant Group. Not only did Joe provide delectable goodies, but he was personally present to serve it and make sure that everything went well.



Joe Saccone bringing a tray of shrimp for everyone to enjoy at the volunteer recognition reception get together

In addition to the food, Joe provided everyone of our 80 volunteers with a \$25 gift certificate to Jekyll's. Many of the volunteers have shared with me that they have already enjoyed this dining at Jekyll's.

John Bourisseau

Notes from the Director's Office

Happy 2017 to all of our friends and members! 2017 is shaping up to be a busy year for the Historical Society. The CFHS will be hosting programs and special events throughout the year starting with our *Soups & Breads Luncheon* on Wednesday, March 15th, Hamlet Atrium, at noon. The Program Committee would like your ideas for topics and speakers, so give us a call!

All committee members from any and all committees are invited to a Meet 'n Greet continental breakfast on Tuesday, January 24, 2017, 10:00am to noon. We have some new committees and new members, and thought it would be beneficial for people to meet. Many of the committees will be working together for several of our events. The Museum Staff will be

meeting with the committee chairs on the 4th Tuesday of every month at 10:00am starting in March.

We would like a few more volunteers for the Newsletter Committee, Oral History Committee and Special Events Committee. If you are interested in any of these committees please contact Jane by email k9piper@yahoo.com or phone (440)247-4695.

Some of our exhibits will be changing at the end of January. In March we will be featuring Girl Scouts throughout the years, with uniform displays and other items in our collection. We are working on a Chagrin Timeline that will be a permanent exhibit. The 1890s will be our theme for our exhibit June through December 2017.

Please do not forget to renew your membership if you have not already done so! We have extra forms if you lost yours and make sure you send the entire form to us (the green sheet in your December newsletter).

Jane Babinsky, Museum Director

Board Of Trustees

With a New Year, we start a new chapter in the history of the Chagrin Falls Historical Society. Not only do we have a new museum, but we have a new organizational structure. Our first Board of Trustees meeting will be January 11 at 7 pm in the Bo Burr Community Room.

There is much to be done. We will be completing our Capital Campaign in April. To date we have raised just over 1.6 million. Finishing the campaign means that we can pay off our mortgage which will put us in a good place moving forward.

Our Museum Director, Jane Babinsky, is now officially in charge of the museum. Jane meets with the staff regularly to develop goals and objectives and to discuss exhibits. We will be seeing a series of new exhibits starting the end of January. Jane reports directly to the Board of Trustees.

There is a need to develop new policies in the areas of personnel, marketing, development and other areas.

It is an exciting time.!

John Bourisseau



Calendar

Happy New Year!!

January

- 7 Museum Open 2:00-7:00 pm
- 9 Intermediate School students 2:45 - 3:15
- 10 American Legion 7:30 pm Bo Burr Community Room
- 11 CFHS Trustees Meeting 7 pm
- 12 CFHS Museum Open 2:00 pm - 7:00 pm
- 14 CFHS Museum Open 11:00 am - 3:00 pm
- 16 Jaycees Foundation 6:30 pm Bo Burr Comm. Room
- 18 Plaque Committee 1:30 pm Sihler Research Room
- 18 Dogwood Garden Club 11:00 am -2:00 pm Bo Burr CR
- 19 CFHS Museum Open 2:00 pm -7:00 pm
- 21 CFHS Museum Open 11:00 am - 3:00 pm
- 23 Intermediate School students 2:45 - 3:15
- 24 Committee Meet and Greet 10:00 am Bo Burr CR
- 26 CFHS Museum Open 2:00 pm - 7:00 pm
- 28 CFHS Museum Open 11:00 am - 3:00 pm
- 30 Intermediate School students 2:45 - 3:15

February

- 1 Chagrin Valley Jaycees Board Meeting
- 2 CFHS Museum Open 2:00 pm - 7:00 pm
- 4 CFHS Museum Open 11:00 am - 3:00 pm
- 6 Intermediate School students 2:45-3:15
- 9 CFHS Museum Open 2:00 pm - 7:00 pm
- 11 CFHS Museum Open 11:00 am - 3:00 pm



Volunteers Randy Hamann, Mathew Charles and Gretchen Hamann helping make gingerbread houses at the Christmas Open House.



Upcoming Programs

Our Programs Committee has decided to try something a little different this year. We are taking a Winter Break, because the weather is so unpredictable and affects attendance. We will be exploring adding additional programs during the Summer.

Winter Break

No programs in January and February.

Wednesday, March 15, 2017

Soups & Breads Luncheon **Hamlet Atrium**

Set up 11:30, lunch 12:00, program to follow, *Got Harmony, female barbershop quartet will sing a variety of songs.*

Thursday, April 20, 2017, 7:30 pm

Bo Burr Community Room ***"To Conserve and Preserve..." Cleveland*** ***Metroparks History 101***

Cleveland Metroparks Historian, **Judy MacKeigan**, shares a brief history of some of the people, places and events that helped create and build Cleveland Metroparks. Come and learn some of the fascinating history of our past 100 years.

Thursday May 11, 2017, 7:30 PM

Bo Burr Community Room ***Growing Up Wright***

Duncan Jameson, great-grandnephew of Wilbur and Orville Wright, will speak about the Wright brothers, their impact, and personal experiences of the Wright family.

Duncan is an advertising professional and teaches at Point Park University. He lives in Pittsburgh with his wife, Sarah. Duncan spoke on behalf of the Wright family at the 112th Anniversary of Powered Flight at Kitty Hawk on December 17, 2015.

Anne Burr



Delectable Goodies at the volunteer appreciation reception.



Curator's Report

THANK YOU ALL

Thank you one and all for honoring me by naming the Historical Society "Volunteer of the Year Award" in my name and bestowing the first one on me! That would have been enough, but in addition to also receive a "paver" and a "gift" put it over the top. I was overwhelmed by it all. What a wonderful surprise! Thank You for whatever part you played in the day. Volunteering is NOT a one way street. You get back so much more than you give. For instance, you use whatever skills you have and keep them sharp, you feel as if your making a difference and you meet and make such good friends! So, in this new year, find your niche—and "scratch" it by volunteering.

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

Gifts in Memory of

Ann Goss

from

Angela Fuller Wildt

Keith & Zo Sykora

John & Mary Bourisseau

Dr. Nancy J. Keogh

Kathryn B. Watterson

A Gift in Memory of

Sandy Bartter

from

Amy Bartter

The Collections Committee Has Accepted the Following Chagrin Falls Related Accessions:

Interurban (electric railway that ran through Chagrin Falls from 1897-1925) scavenged items found by three generations of the Brackett family near Wiley Creek. 12 railway spikes, 3 insulators, overhead copper wire, bricks etc.

(Donor The Thomas Brackett Family)

6 Chagrin Postcards, 4 Black and white older Chagrin Falls photos. Given in memory of her childhood neighbor Floyd Whitney.

(Donor Virginia Stevenson Driggs)

A 1913 Silver Cornet and a 1911 violin, both once owned by Joseph Verne Crago. Mr. Crago was a member of the Chagrin Falls Cornet Band. Photos were also received showing Mr. Crago in his band uniform.

(Donor Alice M. Crago Kneen)

Photographs, programs, marriage certificate, civil war discharge paper, typed memories of Laurie Baldwin McCabe who grew up in Chagrin Falls at 18 Maple Street. (born 1908)

(Donor Laurie Zakaroff)

A C.D. of photographs of the 2016 Memorial Day Parade and Evergreen Hill Cemetery program.

(Donor Tim Driscoll)

Happy New Year to all of you from all of us!

Pat Zalba, Curator

Condolences to the Families of

Ann Goss

Donna Barriball

Frieda "Pudge"

Bodwell

Elaine Welsh King



Volunteers



Pat & Jo checking people in



Sally Hawkins, Gil Plavcan & Gretchen Hamann

