



# The Exponent

*The Monthly Newsletter of the Chagrin Falls Historical Society*  
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October

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*Annual Meeting and Pot Luck*  
*Wednesday October 18, 2017 6pm*  
**Federated Church Fellowship Hall 78 Bell Street.**



Everyone Brings Something to the Table.



**Curator's Corner**

A gift in Honor of  
**John & Mary Bourisseau**

by

Karen & Chuck Johns



This interesting item has baffled us for years. Recently, **Ken Kvacek** visited the **Hopewell Furnace National Historic Site** in Pennsylvania. In their illustration of the 'flask casting' method of casting stove parts, they showed a molder using this tool to pack course damp sand around the pattern to be cast.

This type of tool was most likely used in a number of the foundries in Chagrin like the J. W. Williams Foundry which made stoves, along with other cast iron items.



**Found in Collection**

Do you have any idea what these are?



Katie Wigglesworth & Mary Bourisseau

**The Gala : Memories of the Irving House Dance**

What a fun dinner dance we had in September. I enjoyed seeing all of the 1890s costumed party goers. The "Big Band" music was terrific and I "danced" in my chair! Dinner was delicious. I didn't win any of the raffle baskets but the contents looked enticing. I think everyone had a good time and I'm sorry if you missed it. Three cheers (huzzahs?) to the committee who planned and carried it out!

**Pat Zalba**

**Coming Attractions — —TURKEYS!**

The Turkeys are flying in for the Thanksgiving Holiday. We are pleased to present a private collection in a special exhibit for the month of November. On loan, from Beth Atherton, for this limited time, the collection will be featured in the long case in Gallery 3 of the museum. It is composed of various materials and sizes and from different eras. Don't miss it—this exhibit is really "for the birds",

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

Art work: An oil painting of Max Barnard, Chagrin Falls primitive artist, by John Talley. It was painted in 1969.

*Donor, Marge Overman for  
the Phipps family of Burton*

Wooden bookstands, 3 sketches of homes at 104 Maple Street and 34 Walnut Street. They were done by Chagrin Falls artists Bob Takatch, Jane LaVie and Maryann Boysen and had belonged to Gini Woodward Fast.

*Donor, Mary Ann Carothers*

A Chagrin Falls glass milk bottle embossed, "Larkworthy's Dairy, Pure Pasteurized Milk", Chagrin Falls, O.

*Donor, Judy Neuger*

Aerial map and enlarged photos of the IVEX property. (Formerly known as Chase Bag.)

*Donor, Bill Phillips*

A photocopy of an 1858 map of Chagrin Falls with Business Directory, framed, under glass ready for exhibit.

*Donor, Sandra Coyne*

A black and white photograph of a house fire, reported to be at 36 Bellview Street, circa 1900.

*Donor, Jo McGinnis*



**Pat Zalba**

**Calendar**

**October**

- 4 Jaycees Board, Bo Burr Room 6:30
- 5 CFHS Museum Open 2-7 pm
- 6 CFIS Community Farewell cmte.10:30 Bo Burr Room
- 6 Chagrin Schools Research group 1-2:15 pm
- 7 CFHS Museum Open 11 am - 3 pm
- 10 American Legion Bo Burr Room 7 pm
- 12 CFHS Museum Open 2-7 pm
- 14 Community Farewell to the Intermediate School, Bo Burr Community Room 10 am to 1 pm
- 14 CFHS Museum Open 11 - 3 pm
- 16 Jaycees Foundation 6:30 pm Bo Burr Community Room
- 18 Annual Meeting/Potluck Dinner 6 pm
- 18 Know Your Antiques, Bo Burr Community Room 7 pm
- 19 CFHS Museum Open 2-7 pm
- 19 Hudson Antiques Group Tour 11:30 am - 12:30 pm
- 20 Chagrin Schools Research group 1-2:15 pm
- 21 CFHS Museum Open 11 - 3 pm
- 26 CFHS Museum Open 2-7 pm
- 27 Chagrin Schools Research group 1-2:15 pm
- 28 CFHS Museum Open 11 - 3 pm

**November**

- 1 Jaycees Board 6:30 pm
- 2 CFHS Museum Open 2-7 pm
- 3 Chagrin Schools Research group 1-2:15 pm
- 4 CFHS Museum Open 11 - 3 pm
- 7 Program, Author Mike Johnson 7:30 pm Bo Burr Room
- 9 CFHS Museum Open 2-7 pm

**Welcome to New Members**

- Connie Brown**
- H.D. & Arlene Chafe**
- Gordon & Thelma Hill**
- Paul T. Evans, Jr.**
- Carol & Bruce Trapp**
- Jeanne McMillion**
- Lee & Larry Wiley**
- Brian Bammel**
- The Krejci Family**
- Patrick & Lois McCartan**
- Theresa Simko**
- Brian Paul**
- Blanche Torday**

**Upcoming Programs**

**Wednesday, October 18, 6:00 pm** *Annual Meeting and Potluck* – Federated Church 76 Bell St. Bring a dish to share. RSVP (440)247-4695. \*Members Only\*

**Tuesday, November 7, 7:30 pm** **\*Please note the date change from the original calendar\*** *Celebrate Veterans Day with author Mike Johnson. His program will focus on the stories behind the stories – people who helped change the course of wars and world history* – Bo Burr Community Room 87 E. Washington Street.

**Saturday, December 9, 2:00 – 4:00 pm** *Christmas Open House at the Museum* – Come enjoy Jody Roliff on the Hammered Dulcimer, decorate a gingerbread cookie, sing with the carolers and celebrate an 1890s Christmas! Chagrin Falls Historical Society, 87 E. Washington Street.

**ADDITIONS TO OUR PHOTO COLLECTION**

All donations to our Society are greeted with interest and enthusiasm by staff and volunteers. We never know what amazing and sometimes baffling items will show up at our door. The volunteers who work with the photograph collection are especially excited when a donation includes photographs. Recent donations of a collection of archives from the Chagrin Valley Rotary Club and a group of clippings and items about Tim Conway both included photos. What a joy to see these and to add them to our collection. This summer several people donated photos of the Blossom Time Parade in the 1960s and '70s. Several scrapbooks donated by the Chagrin Valley Chamber of Commerce include images from newspapers which we are processing and filing.

A resident of Chagrin Falls Park is kindly sharing photographs saved by her family going back to the late 1940s. The Park School, Mt. Zion Church, the Park Fire Department, school pictures and social groups and organizations are included in this collection. We are so grateful for the opportunity to scan and catalog these photographs.

Zo Sykora  
Photograph Archivist



Chagrin Falls Park Fire Truck c. late 1940's



Tim Conway leading the 1963 Blossom Parade



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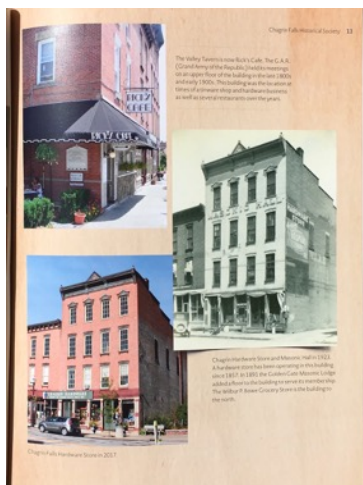
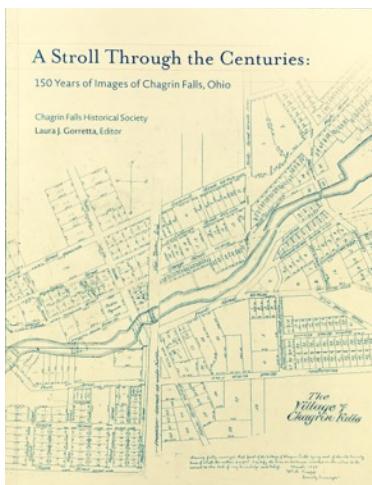
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### It's Here!

NEW FROM THE CHAGRIN FALLS HISTORICAL SOCIETY PRESS—Buy at the museum or online at [www.chagrinhistorical.org](http://www.chagrinhistorical.org)

## Chagrin Falls: A Stroll Through the Centuries \$29.95

Featuring a selection of photos from our extensive photograph collection illustrating how much we have changed—and how much we have stayed the same.



Thanks to all of our sponsors, and all who attended our benefit. It was a great event!





## Annual Meeting/Potluck

The Annual Meeting and Potluck will be held Wednesday October 18th at 6 pm at the **Federated Church Fellowship Hall**. This is a new venue and we hope to see you there.

Under our new constitution, it is at the annual meeting where we present the nominations of candidates for the Board of Trustees for voting by those members present.

Three candidates are being nominated for 3 year terms, and one for a 1 year term. And they are:

**Paul D. Neidhardt** Paul is presently serving as a Trustee. He is the managing director of the Glenmede Trust Company and has been involved with Fieldstone Farms and other non-profits.

**Todd D. Lyle** Todd is the founder of Duncan Shared Services. A veteran, he produced the documentary Mission One-Chagrin Falls which involved interviews with a number of veterans from WW2, Korean War, Vietnam and the Gulf Wars. He coordinated the fundraising for the new flag pole at the High School Stadium and helped raise funds for the refurbishment of the Civil War Monument.

**Ralph Razingar** Ralph is the CEO of CABMAT, a recycler of both nonferrous and ferrous scrap metal for use as raw materials for mills and foundries around the world. Ralph enjoys finance, accounting and banking. He previously served on the board of the Cleveland Clinic Wellness Institute.

**Ken Kvacek** has been asked to stay on the board for a 1 year term. He has been involved in developing a personnel manual which we hope to complete, as well as a marketing plan that will be implemented over the year.

Rotating off the Board are Perry Clark and Margi O'Brien.

### Legacy Circle

This past year, the Society benefitted from the estates of individuals who felt strongly enough about the mission of the Historical Society that they included us in their estate planning. This is an important part of sustaining the Society into the future. Please consider joining our Legacy Circle. For further information, contact Carolyn Sihler or John Bourisseau at 440-247-4695 or email [cjsihler1@gmail.com](mailto:cjsihler1@gmail.com), or [jbouisseau@gmail.com](mailto:jbouisseau@gmail.com)

### Our Condolences to

**Anne, Scott and Corrine Burr on the death of Anne's Father**

**Bob Hemstreet**

**and to**

**Jo Roeder on the death of her daughter**

**Gayle Ehrenbeit**



**Pat Zalba and Jo Roeder**



**Steve King with Jo and Bob Royer**

### Fundraiser

It most certainly was a "hot time in the old town tonight"! There are so many people to thank for making this event so successful, it is hardly possible to know where to start.

I'm going to start with thanking our sponsors. They are listed on the front of the newsletter. Please thank them for their support when you see them. Then there are those individuals who donated items for, or created the wonderful baskets. They include, GHill Art, W Design Interiors, Lemon Falls, Mug and Brush, Mazzulo's Fresh Market, Accents Salon and Spa, The Olive Scene, Chucks's Fine Wine, The Popcorn Shop, Unwind Hair Lounge & Spa, The Tanglewood Club, Chestnut Hill Home, Fireside Book Shop, Village Nail Salon, Billy's a Cappelli Martini Bar, Warren's Spirited Kitchen, The Inn of Chagrin Falls, Base Attitude Bath & Body, Giant Eagle, Luciano Scalera, Jane Babinsky, Rose Pospisil, Barbara Pickford, Sally Hawkins and Mariann Kvacek. And finally a thank you to those who donated items for the silent auction. Gary & Jean Hood, Steve and Debi Thomas, Jack Polcar, Jeffrey Polcar, Bill and Friday Tomko, Cliff and Diana Nazelli and Carol Dolan.

Our net for the evening was around \$46,000 **Thank You!!**

**John Bourisseau**



On September 10 we had a ceremony at Evergreen Hill Cemetery to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the dedication of this very special memorial. We recognized the individuals and organizations who donated funds for its restoration. A lead donation was given in honor of Bill Donley, Captain US Army World War 2 and Korean Conflict. Other

individual donors are Paul D. Neidhardt, Kathryn Watterson, Pat & Wayne Hosmer, Kristen & Martin Schultz, Robert Thomas and Karen Swan. Organization donations include the Chagrin Valley Jaycees, Chagrin Falls Historical Society, American Legion Post 383, Cuyahoga County Council, Chagrin Falls Village, Fraternal Order of Eagles #2436, Schron Family Foundation, Molly Chittenden Chapter of the DAR and the James A. Garfield Camp, Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War.

The names on the monument were read aloud, along with the cemetery where they were laid to rest—when known.

A commemorative plaque was mounted in granite that has been respectfully repurposed from the Cuyahoga County Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument grounds.

## Trustee Notes

At the Trustee meeting on September 6th, the trustees authorized an additional payment of \$50,000 toward the balance of our mortgage. A goal of our capital campaign is to raise sufficient funds to completely pay off the mortgage by April of 2019. Under the terms of our mortgage agreement a balloon payment of the balance of the mortgage will be due in May of 2019.

Our capital campaign stands at \$1.72 million raised, and from those funds, payments of \$150,000 have now been made against the mortgage balance. This latest payment will bring the balance down to about \$200,000.

A discussion ensued exploring various scenarios to retire our mortgage, and will continue to be discussed over the next few months.

Another item for discussion relates to insurance appraisals. Good stewardship requires a museum to have certified appraisals of the items in their collections. The cost for appraisals can be significant. Contributing to our situation is

the fact that a large portion of our collection has not yet been entered into our digital data base. Laura and Jane have both been focusing on entering items, and we are in the process of training additional volunteers. There are some funds in the Church Legacy Fund, but they will be used for only Church family items. Other funds will need to come out of the general fund or from a grant.

The Trustees understand the need, but feel that funds need to be directed towards paying down the mortgage at this time. Laura, Jane and other volunteers will continue to prioritize and enter items into our digital data base.

Trustee, Ken Kvacek, presented a draft marketing plan for discussion.

We most likely will have a special trustee meeting in November.

**John Bourisseau**, President  
Board of Trustees



Suffragette **Kathy Kolcaba** with  
**Diana Nazelli**



**Nicholas** and **Barbara Tonchef**



New member **Lee Wiley** with **Tom & Linda Mattern**

Gala Photos Courtesy of **Cliff Nazelli**

## Notes from the Museum Director

Thank you to our Special Events Committee, volunteers, sponsors and to all of you who attended "A Hot Time in the Old Town Tonight"! We had a full house and all enjoyed the music of *Sophisticated Swing*. Congrats to Janice Hill for winning the 50/50 raffle. We are already planning next year's event, so, put Saturday, October 27, 2018 on your calendar for next year's fund raiser.

The Chagrin Falls Historical Society is on the committee for the Community Farewell and Groundbreaking for the Intermediate School. The event will be on Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 to 1:00 pm. Following the Groundbreaking in front of the school, tours will be lead through the old school one last time. After your tour of the school you will come to the Bo Burr Community Room of the Historical Society to view items from the Alumni Room Collection and have refreshments. October 14<sup>th</sup> is also Homecoming, so it will be fun to return to the old (Middle School in my day) school and see Tiger Alumni of all ages. The Historical Society will also be the repository for items you would like to bring to be placed in a time capsule.

Don't forget about our Annual Meeting and Potluck Dinner on Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. This year the potluck will be held at the **Federated Church, 76 Bell Street**. It is important that you attend – we will be voting on new board members and updating the membership on the day to day operations of the Society. Please RSVP by Monday October 16<sup>th</sup> at 440-247-4695.

**Jane Babinsky**



**Gary & Jean Hood**

