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Welcome to new trustees **Marnie Albers, Todd D. Lyle and Ralph Razinger** and thank you to **Paul Neidhardt and Ken Kvacek** for accepting new 3 year terms. Marnie has been appointed to fulfill the term of **Laura Gorretta**. Laura has made the decision to divest herself from the many boards that she sits on—but not to worry, she will continue to serve as counsel for the Society, fill the role of archivist and chair the publications committee. Laura indicated that she will attend Trustee meetings, as needed, in her role as counsel.

We are thankful for all that Laura has done for the Society, and all that she will continue to do.

Memorial Gifts

Gifts in memory of **Harry Guinther** were
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Welcome to New Members**Karin Knutsen****Michelle, Nicholas & Jennifer
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Carolyn Sihler & Ken Kvacek

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Verner & Jill Welsh**Volunteer News**

Rod Chima has been donating his time and talents to us since we were getting ready to move to our new home. He took down our shelving and assembled it in the Research Room at 87 E. Washington. He is currently updating our website and adding many photographs to our site. He also works with Zo Sykora scanning and cataloging photographs. He scans glass plates, film negatives, 35mm slides and photographic prints. Rod has other skills as well. He is a wood carver and can built anything we need out of wood. He built the framework for the photo display of the timeline of the Bandstand in the Museum hallway. Rod also volunteers at the Cleveland Botanical Gardens where he takes care of the orchids. He recently received their Volunteer of the Year Award. Congratulate Rod the next time you see him.

Zo Sykora**Curator's Corner****End of the year Curators Report**

The Collections Committee accepted Chagrin Falls related accessions from 74 donors during 2017. Many donors gave more than one item. these have all been registered in the accession book, assigned a number and have each been marked with that number and photographed. The items are now ready to be entered into our museum software. We are completing last minute entries and sending a proper thank you to each donor.

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

Boxes of Chase Bag Company papers and photographs. Some small tools used in the paper making industry as well as some Adam's Bag papers and enlarged photos ready for an exhibit

Donor, Bob Darden

Chagrin Falls Exponent scrapbook of C.T. Blakelee's articles, "First Day" Post Office envelopes of historic Chagrin Falls events, photographs of Exponent Editor W. R. Bailey, photographs of the Hutchinson Family, Tim Conway 1965 Cleveland Press article.

Donor, Beth Bailey Skeel

Hamlet Hills Residents Association (newsletter) vol. 6 no.1 Chagrin Falls, Ohio—September 1970. It is filled with photographs and history of the Hamlet development.

Donor, Stan Wardwell

A poster size photograph/newspaper collage by the Chagrin Graphic artist Terry Taggart. It features early Chagrin Falls families, the Hendersons (earlier spelling Handerson) and the Bradleys. Ray Henderson made the wooden frame and the collage is ready for exhibition.

Donor, Ray Henderson

2 hardbacked books: "New Northern Ohio's Interurban" by Harry Christianson, The Bluejacket's manual, 1943, Navy Institution,(WWII). Both are well illustrated.

Donor, Margaret Roseum

A uniform from the Forest Citys re-enactment Base Ball team worn by Tim 'Ghost' Gardner. The Forest Citys team was founded by Lawrence 'Hairless Bo' Burr in the early 1990s. They traveled around the Midwest playing other re-enactment teams. The uniform was received in a museum display box

*Donors, Diana & Tim Gardner**Happy New Year to All !***Pat Zalba****Legacy Circle**

This past year, the Society benefited 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, or jbouisseau@gmail.com

Calendar

January

- 4 CFHS Museum Open 2-7 pm
- 6 CFHS Museum Open 11-3 pm
- 9 American Legion 7pm Bo Burr Room
- 10 Board of Trustee Meeting, 7 pm Bo Burr Room
- 11 CFHS Museum Open 2-7 pm
- 12 Intermediate School Students 1-2 pm
- 13 CFHS Museum Open 11-3
- 18 CFHS Museum Open 2-7
- 19 Intermediate School Students 11-3
- 20 CFHS Museum Open 11-3
- 23 Special Events Committee 3 pm Bo Burr Room
- 25 CFHS Museum Open 2-7 pm
- 26 Intermediate School Students 1-2 pm
- 27 CFHS Museum Open 11-3 pm

February

- 1 CFHS Museum Open 2-7 pm
- 2 Intermediate School Students 1-2 pm
- 3 CFHS Museum Open 11-3 pm
- 8 CFHS Museum Open 2-7
- 9 Intermediate School Students 1-2 pm
- 10 CFHS Museum Open 11-3
- 13 American Legion 7pm Bo Burr Room

What are you working on?

That's a question frequently asked here at the museum. Our volunteers work at tasks assigned to them by **Jane**, Museum Director, **Zo**, our Photo Archivist and, **Laura** Research Archivist. All of us here joke about how, as we get involved in projects, we can get distracted by some interesting historical fact that we come across—or even begin a research project. Here are some of the tasks that are being undertaken, **Rod Chima** and **Jenny Hogan** are scanning photographs into our ever expanding data base. **Jeanie Gaither** is learning how to interface and enter objects into our Past Perfect Museum Software, **Janice Vitullo** is transcribing the minutes of the Soldiers Aid Society, documents from the Civil War. **Joyce Teeft**, **Beth Van Lente** and **Parnell Tillotson** continue to work on categorizing clipping files, while curator **Pat Zalba** and assistant curator **Sally Hawkins** continue to work on the monumental task of entering all of the new accessions into our data base. **Marnie Albers** is methodically working away at researching, photographing and entering our doll collection into the museum data base. **Laurie Loveman** is working on cataloging a group of letters from WWI, while **Terry Blair** works on a variety of tasks from photographing buildings to cemetery research. And then there are the conversations and wisdom of **Don Barriball** who comes in on Thursdays to share his knowledge of Chagrin with all of us. **Laura Gorretta** is working her way through a collection of diaries and account books of John Ober dating from 1854 to 1900. After cataloging hundreds of photographs over the past year, **Rod Chima** has become interested in chronicling many of the catastrophes that were part Village life over the years. Treasurer, **Carolyn Sihler** puts in untold hours making sure that our books balance to the penny and Museum Director, **Jane Babinsky** makes sure that all is operating smoothly.



From the Museum Director

Happy New Year to all of you! I hope 2018 will be a healthy, happy year for you. We are ready to begin a new year at the museum after a busy 2017. Here is what happened at the Chagrin Falls Historical Society and Museum this past year:

- 67 New Members for a total of 397 memberships (count does not include multiple family members)
- 12 Monthly Programs with a total of 606 attendees
- June Home & Garden Tour – 600 toured the Museum
- Museum Attendance for 2017 was 1,563 (2016 was 898)
- Community Room use by outside groups – 17
- Historic Homes receiving plaques – 8
- Tours given to outside groups – 18
- 4 different topics presented by our Education Committee to a total of 584 students (3rd- 6th grade)
- 2 Senior Projects
- 1 student from Laurel School Protégé Program
- 1 Girl Scout completed her Gold Award project

New Publication: *A Stroll Through the Centuries: 150 Years of Images of Chagrin Falls*

- 4 changing exhibits in the museum
- 810 Objects now cataloged in the computer (thousands more to go!)
- 8,704 Photos cataloged and digitized
- 407 Archives/records cataloged
- Our new logo designed by JoAnne DeHamel
- An official Museum Gift Shop
- A new website

This year we will have 2 special art exhibits, 2 fund raisers, an exhibit on wedding dresses through the decades, 13 monthly programs and special volunteer training programs. Please come visit us in 2018 and don't forget to renew your memberships!

Jane Babinsky, Museum Director



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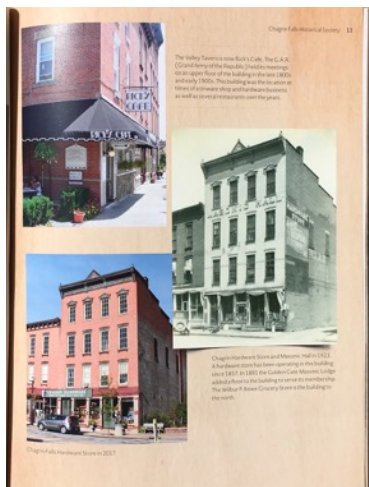
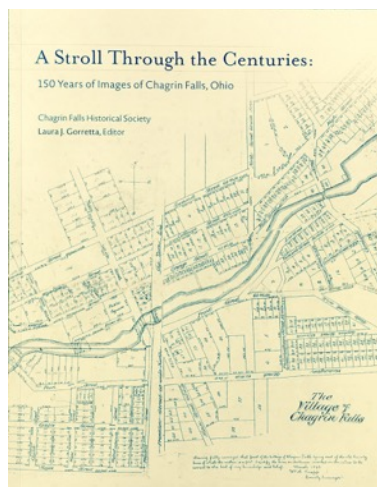
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It's Here!

NEW FROM THE CHAGRIN FALLS HISTORICAL SOCIETY PRESS—Buy at the museum or online at
www.chagrinhistorical.org

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.



You can still purchase that special gift for your favorite Chagrin person

We now have sweatshirts, t-shirts and a tote bag silk-screened with the interesting art of Marnie Albers which depicts Chagrin History along with some of its present day attractions

And of course, we have many of our books that tell the history of Chagrin, including the newest addition, *A Stroll Through the Centuries: 150 Years of Images of Chagrin Falls, Ohio*, which is a photographic tour of the Village, then and now. Purchase now at www.chagrinhistorical.org

The Year in Pictures



Madeline Halley with her Gold Award project



Doll Storage Case built by Perry Clark



The Plaque Committee developed a walking tour brochure with graphics by Joyce Tefft



Jean Hood with her cousin Duncan Jamison who gave a wonderful program on the Wright Brothers



Bill & Gretchen Hammond shared their experiences with the Historical Society



Our Education Team with 3rd Graders



Students from Gary Dole's class researching buildings in the downtown historical district



John Bourisseau & Gretchen Hammond teaching a lesson on Chagrin History to Mr. McKenna's Government classes



The new Heinen's in Chagrin worked with the Historical Society to create these panels that are by the checkout counter



3rd graders who won the 'Lead the Parade' contest touring the museum before the parade



Violet
dressed for
the 1890s



Scholarship Award
recipients Trout Westbrook,
Michael Weimann and Colin
Briggs with scholarship
committee members Don
Raker and Gretchen
Hamann



The Society benefitted
from a number of bequests
this year

Our **Annual Gala** was a huge success again this year. Thanks to all who worked so hard!



Sally & Pat at the Civil War
Memorial Commemoration



We had a special exhibit of
Chagrin artists in the Bo Burr
Community Room and Gallery



John Bourisseau was
asked to participate in the
ground breaking for the
new school. The Bo Burr
room at the Historical
Society was used by the
schools for numerous
informational meeting
relating to the school levy
and then the new
construction.



Our **Volunteer Appreciation Event** was another huge success. We are thankful for the over 100 volunteers who give of their time to help us in so many ways. Thanks again Joe Saccone of Jekyll's Kitchen and the Hyde Park Group for Sponsoring this event again this year



Our **Christmas Open House** was also
a huge success! Thank you to Kris
Tesar for arranging the carolers, and to
Jeff Holbury Jr., for donating the
beautiful picture of Chagrin Falls that
was given as a door prize.

