



T W I N S B U R G HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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May 18 Adventure

Looking for a place to have fun on a Saturday morning? Join the crew on May 18 and help spiff up the Museum. It's always more enjoyable to clean someplace other than home! Work starts at 9AM. Bring your own bucket and gloves. Or, rake and trowel, just in case there is some outside area that escaped Stan Jewell. Donuts provided!

Congratulations!

Our congratulations to Craig Davenport, who attained the rank of Eagle Scout on April 14. Craig's Eagle Scout project was the much appreciated improvements to the back of the Museum: the brick walkway from back door to parking lot and the new railings going down to the Barn. Craig's parents, Deb & Rob Davenport, are familiar faces at our Olde Thyme Fayre. They are among those who volunteer their time to provide music on pioneer instruments. Apparently community service runs in the family!

More on Girls' Basketball

Last month we reported about girls' basketball, or the lack thereof, in 1963. This month we want to share information from the Twinsburg High School Yearbook of 1930 - The Wilcoxon. What a difference! There were 19 girls on the team that year, while the boys' team had only 10! The girls in 1929-30 played a full season, against other area high schools. (Could Macedonia and Northfield have been separate schools then?) A brief description of every game was given in the yearbook, which was the same coverage given the boys. To look for familiar names...and find out if either squad had a winning season, come to an open house.

Bob Evans Report:

Thanks to all who supported us via the Bob Evans fundraiser back in January. Even though the weather was horrible that day, enough of you came out to bring in over \$1250 worth of business to Bob Evans. This resulted in \$193 for the Historical Society!

May 2013

Mark Your Calendars:

**Monthly Meetings First
Wednesday of every
month at 7:00 PM**

**Open House the last
Sunday of Every Month
from 2-5PM**

**May 11, 2013, 9AM-
Noon**

Garden Club Sale

**May 18, 2013, 9AM- ??
Cleaning Party at the
Museum**

**May 26, 2013, 2PM-
5PM**

Open House, Cash Mob

**July 28, 2013 2PM-5PM
Open House**

**August 3, 2013
Twins Day Parade**

**September 7 & 8, 2013
Olde Thyme Fayre**

**October 2013
Tales of Locust Grove**

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Nearby Program:

His Promised Land: John Parker and the Underground Railroad
Presented by Anthony Gibbs as part of the Peninsula Valley Historic and Education Foundation
Civil War Lecture Series
May 23 - 7 PM,
GAR Hall
1785 Main St., Peninsula

Annual Meeting

Thirty plus people spent a fun Saturday evening at the Annual Potluck and Meeting. We caught up with old friends, shared wonderful food, and marveled over Dan Simecek's gigantic aerial photo of the 480 corridor - on display in a month or so at the Museum. Gail Herrilko described the various ways that we are celebrating our 50th Anniversary - the Barn Quilt, commemorative cups, special open house on May 26th, a float in the Twins Day parade, and hopefully planting a tree in the town square.

This year's quilt, to be raffled at our Christmas party, was on display, and Dolly Raines sold several tickets. Twenty-four lucky people went home with favors made by Giz Roddie - framed, quilt like decorations, hanging on stands made by Ken. On the bottom of the stand: "Made in Twinsburg OH."

Election of officers was held, and the same officers will stay in place for the next year.

The highlight of the evening, of course, was our visit with Esther and Jerry Corbett. They entertained us with stories about their experiences on the farm and Jerry gave us some of the history. Eventually we all said good-bye and headed for home....but it was difficult.

Miniature Buildings

Our miniature buildings are now available for purchase at the Twinsburg Chamber of Commerce (next to the Congregational Church on Church Street) and the Friends Gift Shop at the Library. Same price as at the Museum! This year's building, the Corbett barn, should be available by the end of April.

The Twinsburg World War I Memorial



This large rock contains a plaque listing Twinsburg Veterans serving in World War I. It was cleaned and coated in 2000 to preserve and protect the surface.

Photo by Lea Bissell

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Another Look at 1963

The difference between history and memory is time and point of view. As we celebrate our founding year we think about what happened and how we remember that. Twinsburg looked very different then. Many of you can remember 1963 as the year you were married or graduated from high school or started in the first grade. These are the events that mark our personal journeys and they occur in the context of the history of the city, the nation and the world. Last month I wrote about some of the major moments shared around the globe. This month we look back and see that time through the lens of life as reported by the local news media. The Twinsburg Bulletin was the main rag and it covered nine communities. As I wandered through the fragile pages, crisped by time, I found not only stories but a sense of what the people of Twinsburg valued.

The assassination of the President prompted 751 students to present a petition to the Board of Education asking that the new elementary school on Glenwood Drive be named Kennedy in his honor. A year later Bissell Elementary opened its doors

The Women's Fellowship of the First Congregational Church operated the Ethan Alling shop selling new and used clothing at reasonable prices. The McGhee Market named a new manager, Mr. Richard Foutty, to take charge of grocery and produce.

The mothers of Boy Scout Troop #223 held a bake sale in March "Around the Square" sponsored by Twinsburg Banking Company, Kollman's Market and the Twinsburg Pharmacy. Richner Hardware was already on the square.

In a column called Suburban Life, Susan Thompson kept the town abreast of the important news. The column was divided into the news of Twinsburg and that of Northfield-Macedonia Meadow Ridge Colony. It had a very intimate tone. Smith "Enjoyed seeing Mr. Edward Simonds this past week. The 78 year young gentleman walks from his home on Darrow Road to town at least once weekly." A weekend trip to Pittsburg and a trip to the Cherry Blossom festival in Washington DC were worthy of note. The column kept up on the health of the community by telling of it's illnesses. A six year old "fat faced boy" had a case of the mumps at the same time his mother had a siege of the flu. I think the 'fat face' reference had to do with the mumps. Attacks of sinusitis and a family wide epidemic of intestinal flu all were reported. Club meetings were reported as well. The Chat N Tat welcomed its 27th member and offered a 40 cup coffee urn available to rent for a fee of 1.00.

The Twinsburg Board of Education Evening School opened on October 14, offering a "revitalized program" that included "high school credit classes, vocational courses, arts and hobbies, and recreation." The classes met twice a week for two hours and twenty minutes. The tuition was 15.00 per course.

People could eat at The SPOT Restaurant on 82 and 14 for 15 cent hamburgers, or buy a bag of 7 for \$1.00. The Super Special was a double decker for 45 cents. This was the year that Edward and Eleanore Krakowski opened Shortie's a drive in across from the Chrysler plant. What a great spot. Shortie's and Chrysler and The Spot are all history now

City Council debated sidewalk installation and the township discussed the annexation of Twinsburg Heights.

The JAY-C-Ettes presented Noel Coward's Blithe Spirit for their homecoming production at Chamberlin High School.

This is a taste of what appeared in the Bulletin during our founding year. Unhampered by HIPPA regulations but regulated by common courtesy and common sense, the Bulletin did an important job in what seemed like a simpler time.

Next month we would like to hear from you. If you have memories of your life in Twinsburg during 1963 would you share them with us? Do you have memories of the places mentioned or places not mentioned? Were you in school during that time? Did you have a house here? Did you belong to a club? Were you a scout leader or a business owner? Anything from your memory that will help us write the history of our founding year would be greatly appreciated.

You can email martifalk@aol.com and put 1963 in the subject line, or you can stop by the museum on May 11 on your way to the Garden Club Plant Sale between 9:00 and 12:00, or you can come to the anniversary celebration on May 26 between 2:00 and 5:00. If all else fails call the Historical Society at 330 487 5565.

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