



T W I N S B U R G HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Raffle:

We received a gift certificate for Sunday Brunch from Blue Canyon for the Tales of Locust. We could not use it at the Tales so we are offering it as a raffle. Get 3 chances for \$5.00. We will have tickets at the open house November 30th. The winner will be picked at our Christmas party on December 3 at the Riley House. Don't forget to get your quilt tickets. The quilt winner will also be chosen at Christmas Party.

Open every Tuesday:

The museum is opened every Tuesday from 9:00 AM—Noon for the crafters and quilters so there is still plenty of time to get those raffle tickets.

Christmas Kickoff:

Let's kick off the Christmas season right. Join us at the Riley House December 3 at 6:30 for our Christmas party. We'll have punch and goodies. Take a look around at the upstairs bedrooms. Ed Ponter finished painting and placing the furniture earlier this year. If you would like to participate in the "white elephant" gift exchange remember to bring a gift.

By-Law Revisions:

We would like to get a group together to look at and maybe revise the by-laws of the Historical Society. There are some issues that need some attention and definition. If you would like to part of this group please leave word at the museum. I would like to start the process in January.

First of the New Year:

Our first open house for 2015 will be January 25th. We will be having open house at the Riley house and the museum. We decided to have the museum open too because the December open house is cancelled. Plan to attend both locations. We'll have several hosts to answer all your questions.

December 2014

Mark Your Calendars:

Nov. 30th— 2:00-5:00
Open House

Dec. 3rd—6:30
Christmas Party at the
Riley House

Jan. 25—2:00-5:00
Open House at the Riley
House and the Museum.

Feb. 22—2:00 –5:00
Open House

Mar. 29—2:00—5:00
Open House

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Richner Hardware:

It's been almost 35 years since a Richner Hardware customer proclaimed "businesses like this are a thing of the past". The customer was a young new college graduate, and Richner owner Dave Murch thought he was nuts.

Sadly, the prophesy is being realized, as the business will close its doors in December. It might have happened sooner due to the competition from nearby chain stores were it not for a variety of factors. The personal and knowledgeable service provided over the years top the list. And the fact that Richners has been such an integral, supportive part of the community, with a loyal customer base, can't be ignored.

Dave and Liz Murch purchased the business from Liz's father, Wilfred Terrill in 1979. Mr. Terrill had worked at the store after returning from serving in WWII. He ultimately owned the business along with Ray Richner, Ray's son, Larry, and George (Joe) Richner. Although not a Richner in name, Mr. Terrill's wife, Carol, was a Richner, a cousin of George and Larry. The three were all grandchildren of Charles Richner, who formed the business in 1919 with his oldest son, Edward, beginning what is certainly Twinsburg's oldest family business. It served the community for 95 years!

Richner Hardware's original building, at the same spot on the north side of the Square, was the site of the hardware and tinning business owned by Edward Crouse, in operation more than 100 years ago. In 2009 George (Joe) Richner created the Tin Shop in the Freeman Barn at the Historical Society, displaying many tools that might have been used by Mr. Crouse.

The early Richners added to the Crouse building, creating the building pictured on page 3. In the late 1940s or early '50s a red brick façade was added. For awhile, perhaps 75 years ago, the post office was located in the west end of the building, and for a short time it also housed a beauty shop. In 1962 this building was razed and a new one built just to the west. It was home to Richner Hardware until 1974 when the current addition was made and the business moved back. The Taylor dental offices now occupy the western portion of the building.

Richner Hardware is part of the history of many current and former Twinsburg residents. And it has continued to create history. Fifteen or twenty years ago it became the home of the "Round Knights of the Plastic Table"....an informal morning gathering place for anyone looking for a cup of coffee and friendly conversation. Organized by Ken Roddie, many Vietnam Vets are part of the group. More recently Richners was the scene of Twinsburg's first ever "Cash Mob", in July of 2012.

Richner Hardware will be truly missed. We are grateful to the Murches, their employees, and all of the extensive and extended Richner family of the past for 95 years of a uniquely Twinsburg business. There will be a chance to show our appreciation on Saturday, Dec. 13, as the Cash Mob is having a reverse event, inviting people to bring refreshments to the store for a day long thank you party.

Monthly Meetings First Wednesday of every month at 7:00 PM
Open House the last Sunday of Every Month from 2-5PM

Check us out on the Web: www.twinsburghistoricalsociety.org



Open house Hosts Needed:

We are still looking for a few more people to help with our open houses. You wouldn't be alone but with one of our trustees. If you're interested in a month or two just leave word on the museum answering machine and we'll get back to you.

Emailing of Newsletters:

It looks like my "nagging" is working!!!

If you would like your newsletter delivered by email, you need to go to the web site, www.twinsburghistoricalsociety.org, and then go to the "Officers" page and click on the email link for the "Newsletter", (that's me). Send me an email with your name and email address in it and I will put you on the list for email delivery. This started with the June edition of the newsletter. Every month we get a few more requests for the email delivery. We are up to 20 recipients now!! Let's keep that number growing!!

Thanks, Bob

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