



T W I N S B U R G HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Christmas Party Wrap up

Those of you who read the Twinsburg Bulletin already know that we had a great Christmas Party at the December 29th Open House. Many of you were there! We enjoyed the caroling provided by six students or former students at Twinsburg High School, had dessert throughout the afternoon, and did lots of visiting. One family, which gathers in the area every year from Chicago, the Washington DC area, and upstate New York, spent much time in the Museum and plans to return. The party ended with the Annual Quilt Raffle, won by Carol Cornell. This might sound familiar. This is the third quilt won by Carol, but then she buys many, many raffle tickets. This year's raffle brought in \$560.

February 2014

Mark Your Calendars:

Wednesday, Feb. 19
"Grandma's Attic & Grandpa's Garage"
7:00 PM

Saturday, April 12th.
Annual Meeting

And now it is January :

Christmas decorations are down, thanks to Gail Herrilko and Charlotte Wike, and plans are being made for 2014. Look for information on February's program on page 2 of this newsletter.

2014 Quilt:

When you come to February's program and the open house on Feb. 23rd you will have a first hand look at this year's quilt. (Amazingly, it is almost done, and the Tuesday morning group is already working on the one for 2015!!) This year's is queen sized, in shades of blues and browns, in a pattern titled "Rhythm and Blues". Also on display will be our fine collection of Valentines from the early 1900s and some very elegant dresses, possibly from the 40's and 50's, donated by Evelyn Steuer.

Annual Meeting:

Save Saturday, April 12, for our Annual Meeting/Potluck. Time to be announced in our next newsletter. A program has been planned for the evening, entitled "Happy Days are Here Again - The Baby Boom Years". It will be presented by representatives from the Summit County Historical Society who will bring photos, collectibles, music, and memorabilia highlighting the various forms of entertainment from 1946-1964. They promise we will "take a trip down memory lane".

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February Program:

I am looking forward with much anticipation to the program "Grandma's Attic, Grandpa's Garage" which the Summit County Historical Society will present for us at our museum on Wednesday, February 19th at 7:00.

Many years ago I was present when my grandparents went through all their "stuff" before moving to a smaller home. I followed my "Grandpa" into the attic, through a crawl space in a bedroom ceiling, and was overwhelmed by what I saw! Most of the items up there were not taken with them, but I did receive two cherished items: my mother's childhood doll and my uncle's ukulele. I still have them both.

Please join us for this "sure to bring back memories" program as we examine some memorable treasures from yesteryear. As usual, refreshments will follow the program.

Thanks!

Sue Graham

Future Happenings:

Dates will soon be set for the Olde Thyme Fayre and "Tales of Locust Grove". We will have a "Focus on Toys" theme at one of the open houses, and look for us to be involved in the first ever "Taste of Twinsburg" in June. Who has some good old fashioned recipes??

Photos from the December 29th Open House / Christmas Party



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

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TWINSBURG'S FIGHT FOR TEMPERANCE

MRS. MARY FESSENDEN

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State legislation had placed some restrictions upon liquor selling, especially as to selling on Sundays and to minors and habitual drunkards. Our people were convinced that liquor was being unlawfully sold in Twinsburg, yet they could obtain no evidence.

Forbearance ceased to be a virtue and two of our men went to Cleveland and secured two or three secret service men to come and board at the hotel. If I remember rightly they came as stone contractors, there being a number of stone quarries being worked at that time. The detectives spent most of their time loafing about the saloon and soon found out just what they were expected to learn, namely, that liquor was being sold on Sunday and that habitual drunkards, minors, and anybody with the price could obtain liquor. As a result the whole saloon squad was arrested, taken to Akron, tried and convicted and in some slick way skipped the country. For the latter condition of affairs Twinsburg was, for several reasons, very thankful.

I am reminded of an incident of about this time. We were planning and preparing for a big temperance rally to be held soon. Brother Charles Lane said to me, "Mrs. Fessenden, you women have been singing and praying for years. Now there is going to be something doing." "Yes," said I, "that is just what we have been doing praying that you men might take a little interest and responsibility in this reform work. And now, don't you see, our prayers are being answered.?" "Well," said he, "I guess that is so."

Twinsburg began to realize what a blessing it was to be rid of a saloon and the accompanying disgrace. The reform work went on. The W. C. T. U. kept the subject before the people by holding special meetings and conventions. Much credit is due the good men who were a great help in every effort for reform. There began an agitation to hold an election under the Local Option law. Finally the election was held and Twinsburg was voted "dry" and has ever since continued dry.

Twinsburg has a priceless heritage in the devoted service of the Christian sisters who labored so faithfully in the days now passed.

The W. C. T. U. has been fortunate in having faithful workers enter the ranks year after year, until now we have a strong and flourishing organization. When the three churches were in a prosperous condition it was the custom to elect an officer from each church. In 1893 Mrs. A. J. Brown was elected second vice president from the Baptist church, and in 1897 was elected president of the Union, and as such she has continued most of the time since, ever faithfully keeping before us the object of our organization. Mrs. Ethel Twerell and Mrs. Sadie Twerell have since both been presidents of the Union.

Of those who belonged to the first organization only three have continuously maintained their membership. They are Miss Nellie Dodge, Miss Sabra Dodge and Mrs. Mary Fessenden.

The above is from the Green "Nosey Book". Which still can be purchased from the Historical Society

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