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May

Newsletter

Mark Your Calendar

This months Newsletter dedication is to Ken and Giz Roddie.

Ken and Giz are celebrating their 53rd Wedding Anniversary! If you see them, please congratulate them and wish them many more. They are an integral part of the Twinburg Historical Society and the Twinsburg VFW.

Finally, an Annual Meeting!!

Due to the COVID restrictions that were put in place back in February of 2020, we have not been able to have our Annual meeting. Well, on Saturday, 4/9/2022, we were able to put on this meeting for the first time in 3 years!! We had about 32 people attend this dinner, meeting and program. There was plenty of delicious appetizers, main courses and desserts to feed an Army. After we had had our fill of food, President Bonnie Williams, started the meeting and did a basic recap of what had happened since the last Annual meeting 3 years ago. After that Ray Diersing, put on his program called "Going down Memory Lane, Our School Days". This consisted of a video that he made about his high school class and a few others. Year book pictures and stories of different teachers and other employees in the school district at that time were a part of this program. He then opened up the floor for anyone to reminisce and tell stories that they remembered from their school days. It was a very fun program and everyone had a smiles on their faces during the entire presentation. We would like to thank the First Congregational Church of Twinsburg for allowing us to utilize their Fellowship Hall for this event. It was the perfect venue for this event.

April 24 is our "Tech Sunday" Open House. The hours are the usual, 2:00-5:00, but we will have unusually helpful guests. Brilliant, patient young people from the National Honor Society at Twinsburg High School will be with us. They will be willing - and able - to help with many of the electronic devices we so often struggle with. Bring your problems and a list of questions. There is no charge for this help. We will have several "stations" set up, but if you DO have to wait a bit, there is lots at the Museum to enjoy.

May 7 - The Twinsburg Garden Club Plant Sale returns. It will be in the Freeman Barn and the parking lot in front of the Barn, starting at 9:00. In addition to selling plants on the 7th, the Garden Club is offering a way to pay for and then pick out a hanging basket from Kollman's Greenhouse. This starts online - go to the Garden Club website at twinsburg-garden-club.com and click on TGC 2022 Plant Sale.

The first of our Local Writer's Series will be on April 20th at 7PM at the Riley House on liberty Road with Dave Painter, poet, Lisa Peek, children's writer, Denny Carlton, singer song writer and Veronica Hughes local writer of many books. We are still looking for presenters for our next writer's event on Wednesday, May 25.

The Chagrin Falls Historic Home and Garden Tour is on Saturday, June 4, from 10am-5pm. This has to be a great tour of homes! Information on buying tickets is on the Chagrin Falls Historical Society website chagrinhistorical.org or - call 440-247-4695.

4/20/2022, 7PM, Authors Forum, 7PM, Riley House.

4/24/2022, 2PM-5PM, Open House, Museum. Tech Sunday.

5/4/2022, 7PM, Trustee Meeting, Museum.

5/7/2022, 9AM, Garden Club Plant Sale, Freeman Barn.

5/25/2022, 7PM, Authors Forum, 7PM, Riley House.

5/29/2022, 2PM-5PM, Open House, Museum.

6/1/2022, 7PM, Trustee Meeting, Museum.

6/26/2021, 2PM-5PM, Open House, Museum.

7/6/2022, 7PM, Trustee Meeting, Museum.

7/31/2022, 2PM-5PM, Open House, Museum.

8/3/2022, 7PM, Trustee Meeting, Museum.

8/6/2022, 12PM-4PM, Twinsdays Special Open House, Museum.

8/28/2022, 2PM-5PM, Open House, Museum.

9/7/2022, 7PM, Trustee Meeting, Museum.

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LOOKING FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS OR VOLUNTEERS

Do you know of a high school student who is looking for some Community Service hours?? A child? Grandchild? Neighbor?

We always welcome help at the Historical Society - especially in the Spring when there are leaves to rake, flower beds to clean out, and weeds to pull.

Anyone interested can leave a message at 330-487-5565

or send an email to president@twinsburghistorical.org

STRONGSVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY PRESENTS *THE HISTORY HOOLIGAN'S RANDOM STORIES*

What: "The History Hooligan's Random Stories"

When: April 26, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Where: Strongsville Library

[18700 Westwood Dr., Strongsville, OH](https://www.google.com/maps/place/18700+Westwood+Dr.,+Strongsville,+OH)

Speaker: Strongsville Historical Society Researcher, Valerie Mattingley

Taking inspiration from the TV show Drunk History, the Strongsville Historical Society history archive researcher will tell a collection of historical takes in a non-academic style to inform and entertain the curious public. This is a free event open to the public.

Don't forget about the Strongsville memorabilia sold in the Olds General Store in the Historic Village. Call the Village number at 440-572-0057 to make an appointment with the Store Proprietors to buy pottery, aprons, sweatshirts, afghans, vintage Deganhart glass, postcards and note cards, Strongsville Family history books, etc. The latest book is a compilation of letters written to Strongsville's Asa and Charlotte Drake between 1821 and 1857. The letters along with reference maps and articles highlighting various places and events look into the life of our pioneer ancestors. The Strongsville Historical Village will resume regular hours for walk-ins beginning in May. The Village will be open 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. the 1st Wednesday and 3rd Saturday of each month May through August. The Strongsville Historical Society and Historic Village invites you to become a member by calling 440-572-0057. Family, corporate, student, senior and individual memberships are available. Please learn more about the Strongsville Historical Society by going to www.strongvillehistoricalsociety.org.

The International Women's Air & Space Museum (IWASM) is excited to partner with Southern Tier Brewing Cleveland to host Trivia Night on Tuesday, April 26, 2022, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. EDT.

Trivia will feature questions on space, museums, and Cleveland history with tickets supporting IWASM's newest exhibit, *Quest for the Stars*. The new exhibition is the long-overdue update to the current display highlighting members of the Mercury 13 of the 1960s. Trivia participants are encouraged to attend, participate, and try the newest addition to Southern Tier Brewing's line-up: *Amelia Beerhart*. This strawberry ale is available starting April 13, 2022. The trivia grand prize includes a \$100 Amazon gift card, 1 one-year membership to the museum, and a prize from Southern Tier Brewing. Trivia participants do not need to be experts in space, Cleveland, museum or women's history to have fun.

Registration for Trivia Night is required and can be purchased by visiting www.iwasm.org. Early bird tickets are \$17 per person until April 12 and \$20 per person through the event's start. Parking information will be available at the time of registration. Southern Tier Brewing Cleveland is located at [811 Prospect Ave. E., Cleveland, OH 44115](https://www.google.com/maps/place/811+Prospect+Ave.+E.,+Cleveland,+OH+44115).

For more information, call the museum at 216-623-1111 or email info@iwasm.org.

Renewing Members:

Veronica Hughes

Frank Carr

Barbara Beijer

Emily Gielink

Marlene Campagna

Carla Crawford

Betty Schatz

Bert Zahn

Larry & Susan Hurd

Randy & Donna Oyaski

New Members:

Emmalee Moyer



Above is the finished Eagle Scout Project done by Emmett Geul. This bell was in the original wooden school building then moved to the brick building (torn down). The bell was housed in the school system till they gave it to the Historical Society. It was house inside till we needed more room. The brick pillars are bricks from the original brick building. (The Old School)

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Starting another Timeline this month by Dayle Diersing. This one is about "Racing in Northfield". He has been gracious enough to allow THS to use his research in our newsletters.

Thanks Dale!!

Racing in Northfield Timeline by D. Diersing 2015

To understand the timeline on racing in Northfield it's important to include what happened at the Bainbridge Park track.

May 8, 1926 – Newspapers claim that race track followers are making a farce out of gambling laws and demand betting be stopped at Beulah Park Race Track in Grove City. Ohio Attorney General Crabbe will demand the Governor Vie Donahey order out state troops to suppress gambling.

July 1926 - Promoters were planning to bring Dog Racing to Northfield. Northfield Village Council passed an ordinance to regulate race tracks. The ordinance requires a license issued by the mayor and payment of a 20% of the race track gate receipts to the Village treasury. After the ordinance was passed, opponents claimed they didn't know that an ordinance on Dog Racing was under consideration and didn't have an opportunity to be heard. Opposition to the track came from local industrialists C.W. Seiberling and Cyrus Eaton who planned to fight it. Planning and construction of Sportsmans Park soon followed.

July 21, 1928 – Americas newest one-mile track "Bainbridge Park" opens. They offered seven daily races with eight races on Saturdays and Holidays. Track manager was Tommy McGinty.

August 10, 1928 – Recall petitions are circulated to recall Geauga County Sheriff Frank Nelson and Prosecutor Richard Bostwick unless they stop the alleged gambling at Bainbridge Park. The Common Pleas Court will not be in session to receive the petitions until August 15th.

September 9, 1928 – The track manager for Bainbridge Park, Thomas McGinty, is arrested for gambling law violations. The track straddles Cuyahoga and Portage counties. The Geauga County Sheriff had declared the "contribution" system of betting as constitutional. Reverend Warren Bechtold of Huntsburg swore a warrant for the arrest. On December 3, 1929, Reverend Warren Bechtold presents a petition against gambling to Ohio Governor Cooper.

June 11, 1929 – Ohio governor Myers Cooper declares he will not interfere with gambling under the "contribution" system being used in Bainbridge. He emphasized that enforcement of antigambling laws is up to county officials. If the county and citizens of the county wish to take no action that the state will not step in. Geauga County Sheriff Bostwick said he did not believe the "contribution" system of wagering illegal.

July 27, 1929 – Dog Racing at Sportsmans Park returns. A "contribution and refund" system of betting is used. If you support your favorite dog by making a contribution and the dog loses it considered a contribution and if your dog wins you may receive a refunded more than you contributed. Since there was no promise of a refund the argument was it could not be considered gambling.

August 1, 1929 - Sheriff's from Cuyahoga and Summit counties promise to arrest anyone betting at the Northfield track.

This Month in History:

1931 The Empire State Building in New York Officially opens

1970 National Guards fired on protesters at Kent State University and 4 were killed and a further 10 were injured.

1941 Glenn Miller and His Orchestra recorded "Chattanooga Choo Choo."

1994 South Africa's newly elected parliament chose an Unopposed Nelson Mandela to be the country's first black president.

1943 Lancaster bombers use the revolutionary bomb designed to bounce on the water to bypass dam defences (immortalised in a 1954 war film Dambusters) .

1883 The Brooklyn Bridge, linking Brooklyn and Manhattan over the East River opens to traffic.

1941 The German battleship Bismarck is sunk in the Atlantic by the Royal Naval ships Dorsetshire, King George V and Rodney

Trivia Challenge:

What Greek general is responsible for the project that generated most of the surviving structures on the Acropolis, including the Parthenon?

- A. Pericles
- B. Alcibiades
- C. Leonidas
- D. Xenophon

A. Pericles promoted the arts and literature, and it is principally through his efforts that Athens holds the reputation of being the educational and cultural center of the ancient Greek world.

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