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We have decided to shift the Black History Celebration to our Open House on February 27. We are hoping that folks will bring anything that relates to Black History in Twinsburg to share on that Sunday. If there are any special needs for a table or display area email us or call. Other wise you can just bring it with you on that Sunday. This will be a great way to bring those memories to life.

We are looking forward to our first Local Author talk in April. More details soon. Follow us on Facebook and watch for an article in the Bulletin.

### MARCH 9th - 7:00PM "HISTORY OF TOYS IN SUMMIT COUNTY"

Mark your calendars now for what should be a truly interesting program on Wednesday, March 9. Michael Cohill's "History of Toys in Summit County" is once again scheduled. Many of you know of Michael Cohill because of the marble games he provided at the 2019 and 2021 Olde Thyme Fayres - but marble games are just one small piece of Mr. Cohill's knowledge of toys and their Summit County origins. He has much to share - as an historian, artist, inventor, big-time toy enthusiast, and the head of the American Toy Marble Museum. Hopefully, he will tell us a bit about the original Blue Santa (pictured below) and how it happened to be found. Who would guess there was an archeological dig in downtown Akron...

This program starts at 7:00 and there is no charge.



### The Blue Santa

America's Oldest Figurine of a Santa

The original Blue Santa pictured here was found at Lock 3 Park in Akron, Ohio during an archeological dig by The American Toy Marble Museum. It was manufactured on the site by The American Marble & Toy Manufacturing Co. in the mid - 1890s.

This company was the first toy marble factory in the USA; it mass produced a million marbles a day and turned out dozens of other toys including the Blue Santa.

Do you like history? Want to spend an evening with friends seeing some old slides? In conjunction with the First Congregational Church of Twinsburg, all are welcome to attend a "Twinsburg & Church History" slide show. This will be held on Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at the church.

The Church is celebrating their 200 year birthday with different activities all year long on the square. These slides belong to the Bissell Family and Lea Bissell has done slide shows in the past. Now Richard and Bonnie will try their hand at showing what things were like in our part of the world.

Join us for a nice evening if you can. Masks are not required, but suggested in you are not vaccinated.

# 2022

## March

## Newsletter

### Mark Your Calendar

2/27/2022, 2PM-5PM, Open House, Museum. Special Program:

**"Celebrating Black History"**

3/2/2022, 7PM, Trustee Meeting, Museum.

3/9/2022, 7PM, Special Program, "Marble Museum, History of Toys in summit County", Museum.

3/19/2022, 7PM, Special Program, "Historic Slides of First Congregational Church and Twinsburg", Celebrating the 200 Anniversary of First Congregational Church, First Congregational Church.

3/27/2022, 2PM-5PM, Open House, Museum & Riley House.

4/9/2022, Annual Meeting, 5PM, First Congregational Church. Potluck dinner, Bring table wear, Eat at 5:30PM, Ray Diersing program "Going down Memory Lane, Our school days" at 7PM

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.

5/18/2022, 7PM, Authors Forum, 7PM, Riley House.

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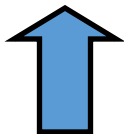
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### TECH SUNDAY - APRIL 24

April's Open House brings back a group we have not seen since 2019 - members of Twinsburg High School's National Honor Society. They and their advisor, Ryan Merriman, will be on hand during Open House to help unravel the mysteries of all of your electronic gadgets and whatever programs are supposedly "so simple" to use. Bring your phone, smart watch, iPad, tablet, and whatever else mystifies you. Based on past experiences, the students will be patient as well as knowledgeable. They have probably had a lot of practice helping parents and grandparents over the years. Yes, this is two months away - so it's a good time to start your list of questions.

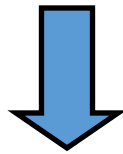
Open House is from 2:00 to 5:00.

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The original "Old School" it sat in front of the Brick Old School while it was being build.

Ethan Alling House. Once was the oldest house in Twinsburg.



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Join us on Saturday, April 9 at 5:00 PM at the Congregational Church fellowship hall for our annual meeting. We haven't held an annual meeting for 2 years, so this will be a good time to come and see what your Historical Society has been doing. **Bring your own table service and a dish to share. Drinks will be provided, and we plan to eat at 5:30.**

While we are getting ready for the meal, we are asking people to bring their high school year books to share with everyone! What fun that will be to spend time looking at memories from years ago!

After dinner we will have a short business meeting, followed by a program presented by Ray Diersing – Going down memory lane – Our School Days.

Sure sounds like a great time and it will be good to be together again. All are welcome to attend!

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## Renewing Members:

January was a slow renewal month. Please renew your membership. Without you and your support, we can't continue to preserve our Twinsburg History.

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## New Members:

Not a member? Why wait!! You can become one by going to our website and becoming a member there. Online or mail-in.

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## Business Partners:

Want to support an excellent local community group? Businesses can become members too. Go to our website and become a member there. Online or mail-in.

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We made up our 2022 schedule of events.

Haven't even got through the first quarter of 2022 and changes are happening already.

Please keep up with these changes via our website: [www.twinsburghistoricalsociety.org](http://www.twinsburghistoricalsociety.org) and our **Facebook page**.

We will get any changes out there as quickly as possible.

Thanks

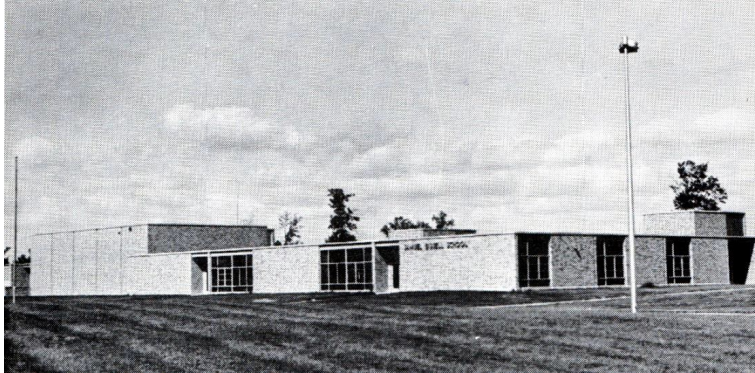
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## TWINSBURG SCHOOL TIMELINE by D. Diersing 2015

**1964** - Bissell Elementary School is built on Glenwood Drive. Named after Samuel Bissell.



Between 1828 and 1860 Samuel Bissell and the Twinsburg Institute instructed over 6,000 students, 300 of which were Indians of the Seneca, Ottawa, Pottawatomie and Ojibway tribes. He also gave the funeral service for the Wilcox twins.

**1970** – Dodge Junior High School is built. George G. Dodge was a custodian at the "Old School". Mr. Dodge was so respected and loved the new Junior High School was named in his honor. In January of 1999 the school was renamed Dodge Intermediate School.



## This Month in History:

**1932** The Lindbergh baby is kidnapped

**1933** The Original King Kong movie has its world premiere in New York

**1899** The Patent Office in Berlin registers Aspirin Patent

**1876** Alexander Graham Bell receives a patent for his revolutionary new invention the telephone

**1969** Golda Meir becomes first female Prime Minister of Israel

**2003** President George W. Bush addresses the nation via live television and announces that Operation Iraqi Freedom has begun

**1972** The Equal Rights Amendment Passed By U.S. Senate and sent to the states for ratification.

## Trivia Challenge:

What military award was established during the Civil War?

- A. Bronze Star
- B. Purple Heart
- C. Navy Cross
- D. Medal of Honor

Senator Henry Wilson, the chair-  
man of the Senate Committee on  
Military Affairs, introduced a  
resolution on February 15, 1862  
for an **Army Medal of Honor**.  
This measure provided for  
awarding a medal of honor "to  
such non-commissioned officers  
and privates as shall most distin-  
guish themselves by their gal-  
lantry in action and other soldier-  
like qualities during the present  
insurrection."

D. Medal of Honor

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