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2023

March

Newsletter

Mark Your Calendar

“Unity” is the theme for Twinsburg Historical Society Black History Celebration.

We are presenting this year’s Black History Celebration on Saturday, February 25 at 2:00 at the First Congregational Church in Twinsburg. Music and entertainment provided by the renowned Gospel Group “Still Under Construction”, and the family of Larnie Zellner, DonnaShae White, The “Blue Diamonds” dance team from THS and the Black History Committee will do spoken word.

There will be guest appearances including Tom Schmidt from the Twinsburg Township Council, Mayor Sam Alonso from the city of Reminderville , Kathi Powers, Superintendent of the Twinsburg City Schools, Mark Curtis, Twinsburg City Schools Board of Education, Dr. Daisy Walker representing JEDI “Justice, Equality, Diversity, Inclusion” committee, Larnie Zellner Jr, Twinsburg Police Department. Marvin Bishop, Community Leader. Reverend Vicky Smith of Community A.M.E Church will be delivering the Invocation. Dr. Constance Longmire is the facilitator of the event.

Refreshments will be provided by Harmonii Social on Ravenna Rd and Sister, Sister a community service organization in Twinsburg Heights. Check out our Facebook page, our website, and the Twinsburg Bulletin for more details as we finalize our plans. Mark the date on your calendars too. This is a day to celebrate all faiths and ethnicities that we are blessed to have in our three communities, Twinsburg, the Township and Reminderville. This celebration is an annual

tradition and has grown every year. Check out our Facebook and our website twinsburghistoricalsociety.org for information and updates.

PLEASE NOTE - POSSIBLE CHANGE FOR MARCH 26: In our last Newsletter we said that we would have a special presentation during March’s Open House. We hoped to have a program by the Summit County Prosecutor’s Office - a “safety speech”. However, the Prosecutor’s Office has had some personnel changes, and may not be able to provide a speaker. Plans for the 26th are evolving, and we hope to have definite information in the next Newsletter.

Members of the National Honor Society at Twinsburg High School will be at two Open Houses this Spring, ready and able to help us with our multiple technical questions. In addition to our regularly scheduled “Tech Sunday”, April 30, students have kindly offered to come on Feb. 26. Bring your smart phones, laptops, iPads...and any other device that refuses to cooperate. And bring your list of questions!

Open Houses are from 2:00-5:00.

2/25/2023, Special Program, **Black History “Unity” Celebration**, 2PM, First Congregational Church

2/26/2023, Open House, 2-5PM, Museum.

3/1/2023, Trustee Meeting, 7PM, Museum,

3/26/2023, Open House, 2-5PM, Special Program, **“Safety Speech”** by the Summit County Prosecutor's Office, Museum. (See Body of March Newsletter for possible Changes)

4/5/2023, Trustee Meeting, 7PM, Museum.

4/15/2023, Annual Meeting, First Congregational Church, TBA

4/23/2023, Open House, 2-5PM, Museum.

5/3/2023, Trustee Meeting, 7PM, Museum.

5/21/2023, Open House, 2-5PM, Museum.

6/7/2023, Trustee Meeting, 7PM, Museum.

6/25/2023, Open House, 2-5PM, Museum.

7/5/2023, Trustee Meeting, 7PM, Museum.

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Smile.Amazon.com Update

In last's month's Newsletter we made a pitch to help support the Historical Society by registering our Society with your Amazon orders through AmazonSmile. But because we live in a constantly changing world, we recently received a notice from Amazon that effective February 20, 2023 they are closing down the nine year program.

Amazon further stated that "to help charities that have been a part of the AmazonSmile program with this transition, we will be providing them with a one-time donation equivalent to three months of what they earned in 2022 through the program".

Since we have been associated with this program, the Historical Society has received \$1,135.70 as of November 2022. For this we sincerely want to thank all those Members & non-members who participated for their support. It was good while it lasted.

Are you a High School Student that needs community service hours? Are you a person that just wants to get involved with the Historical Society as a volunteer? Please consider signing up as a THS Volunteer. It is simple, Just fill out the Volunteer Information Sheet and we will put you on our Volunteer list. When things come up we will contact you and give you dates, times and what we need help with. You can download the form by scanning this QR Code.



We are also in search of photographers. We need folks to capture our events, programs and Open Houses. We are in need of fresh pictures of our properties, the Barn, the museum, the Riley House and the Moses Roach House. We would like to freshen our Facebook banner and add pictures to our press releases. We would always give photo credit. Email your pictures to president@twinsburghistoricalsociety.org. If you have any questions you can also call us at 330-487-5565 and leave a message.

Please note:

*Our Facebook page is open to all for sharing historical information or old pictures. It is a great way to drop great information and tasty historical tidbits. It is **NOT** for advertising or discussions about local issues or politics. We are a non-partisan group dedicated to the preservation of and participation in the history of our three communities. If you are not sure don't post. Send us a private message, email or give us a call.*

"The challenge of history is to recover the past and introduce it to the present."

David P Thelen

Renewing Members:

Madelon Curtis
Stephen & Judy Velimesis
Sue Graham

Renewing Business Partners:

Emery Electric, Inc.

This month's Featured Business Partner:



Forest City Erectors, Inc. (FCE), a Woman owned, Female Business Enterprise (FBE) is one of the largest full service structural steel & construction material erection providers in the state of Ohio with over 55 years of experience working in the Commercial, Institutional & Industrial areas of the market. FCE's main office is based in Twinsburg OH, with other offices in Cleveland and Canton OH.

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Starting a new history of the area series this month. I hope that you find it interesting. I have read this document and found it very interesting. I tried to put the picture of Mr. Gillie's story to what is there today. Very interesting in what has happened over all these years to this road.

I will add a page or so a month till I run out.

SOLON TO TWINSBURG

A JOURNEY DOWN SOM CENTER ROAD,
NORTH STREET. ROUTE 91, DARROW ROAD,
OR AS YOU LIKE IT

By William T. Gillie

Memory Lane is the titled thoroughfare. Truth to tell, it has, in its time, been over-titled, re-titled, and sub-titled. No doubt it was known by the Erie and their successor Seneca Indians by different and probably better names.

When this writer was toddling and youthling, it was a one-lane dirt road .

In dry, summer weather, large sections of it were sand; in wet or semi-winter weather, the mud was easily ankle deep. Snow added interesting challenges as well as great beauty to the country road "SOM Center".

This trip down the old road, taken in the 20's and 30's of the 20th

Century, starts at Solon, the top of the map if you are direction oriented.

It, must not be received as denigration of the present bustling and burgeoning city of Solon nor its thriving populace when we say that at the time of our consideration, it was impossible to determine whether Solon was asleep or simply dead. A dog or a hog could enjoy a noontide nap in the dust of the town's main thoroughfare in tranquil and total disregard of the world.

The one point of interest in Solon, for a small boy, at least, was Johnny

Mell's slaughterhouse where things were done which indeed widened a lad's eyes and horizon.

This Month in History:

1941 Nashville, Tennessee becomes the home of the very first FM radio station

1952 Communist Teachers Banned From Public Schools

1936 Daytona Car Racing Begins

1928 St. Francis dam burst flooding into the San Francisquito Canyon in California

1956 The musical "My Fair Lady" opened on Broadway

1969 Golda Meir becomes first female Prime Minister of Israel

1981 Prince Charles and Diana Wedding

1978 The tanker Amoco Cadiz splits in two off the coast of France

Trivia Challenge:

What was the name of Woodrow Wilson's plan for peace after World War I?

- A. Eighteen Points
- B. Twelve Points
- C. Sixteen Points
- D. Fourteen Points

The **Fourteen Points** was a statement of principles for peace that was to be used for negotiations in order to end World War I. The principles were outlined in a January 8, 1918 speech on war aims and peace terms to the United States Congress by President Woodrow Wilson.

Answer: D

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