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April

Newsletter

PLEASE NOTE - The March 26 Special Program has been Cancelled. It has been rescheduled for 5/15/2023

Three events in March

We are welcoming retired Aurora teacher and association executive Bill Lavezzi on Wednesday, **March 22 at 7:00** at the Museum. Bill will talk about how organizations help maintain democracy and promote strong communities. In keeping with National Women's week, he will give an overview of the League of Women Voters. He will review the important role that organizations have historically played in American civil life, using examples from his own community.

Another special edition of the Writer's Series will feature native Twinsburg writer Frank Latimore. He will join folks at the Riley House after his book signing at the library on Saturday, **March 25 from 5:00 to 6:30**. All are welcome and he will have copies of his books for purchase.

Sunday, March 26 will be our monthly Open House from 2:00 to 5:00. Enjoy the exhibits and take some time to find out more about who we are and what we do, Membership forms will be available too. As always this is very family friendly so bring the whole crew. Never too early to learn about your past, never too late either.

Check out the Face Book page for more details. Remember since the Bulletin is limiting it's print edition it is even more important that you share the news.

April 15 - Saturday - 5:00. Historical Society Annual Meeting. We will have old photos out for viewing as well as our giant picture that unrolls to show the I 480 corridor....before there was a 480! This is a potluck dinner so please bring a dish to share and your table service. After the dinner and quick meeting, Bonnie Williams and Rich Bissell will show some of Lea Bissell's slides of Historic Twinsburg. All welcome!
Location: First Congregational Church, Fellowship Hall, 9050 Church Street.

Rescheduled May 17 - Wednesday - 7:00. Crime Safety Speech This is a program offered by the office of the Summit County Prosecutor, Sherri Bevan Walsh. It will cover personal safety as well as cybersecurity and has been given great reviews by people who have already seen it.

Sad News:

The Twinsburg Historical Society recently lost one of our founding members. Marjorie (Marge) Percy passed away at the age of 100 on March 5. Marge was instrumental in establishing the organization in 1963 and later served as president. One of her memorable achievements was spearheading the painting of the Mail Pouch sign on the Freeman Barn. She remained quite active in the group as long as her health permitted.

Marge was also a founding member of the Twinsburg Garden Club and a kindergarten teacher in Twinsburg Schools for 30 years. Many of our board members have fond memories of her as our first teacher. She will be greatly missed.

Mark Your Calendar

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

4/15/2023, Annual Meeting, First Congregational Church, 5PM, Dinner at 5PM, short meeting then Bissell Slides. Bring a dish to share and your table service.

4/30/2023, Open House, 2-5PM, Museum.

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

5/15/2023, Special Program, 7PM, Museum, "Crime Safety Speech"

5/28/2023, Open House, 2-5PM, Museum & Riley House.

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

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

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

7/30/2023, Open House, 2-5PM, Museum.

8/2/2023, Trustee Meeting, 7PM, Museum.

8/4/2023, Special Twins Days Open House, 12-4PM, Museum.

8/27/2023, Open House, 2-5PM, Museum.

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TECH HELP FROM THE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY!

Many thanks to the *numerous members* of Twinsburg High School's National Honor Society who were on hand at our February 26 Open House. Several of you stopped in for help with your troublesome electronic devices. And, there were even a couple of folks who just came to see the Museum and were happily surprised at the opportunity for advice.

Are you sorry that you couldn't be with us in February? You have another chance! We will have another National Honor Society Tech Sunday at April's Open House, on the 30th, from 2:00-5:00. So put it on your calendar and start your list of questions!

On March 11 the Twinsburg Historical Society was one of many organizations and businesses with a presence at the Community Expo. The event is coordinated by the Chamber of Commerce and, this year, included a pancake breakfast, PTA carnival, basket raffles, music from high school groups and, it seemed, hundreds of people.



Families waited in line for pancakes and tried out our typewriter, rotary phone, and view master. Many children returned more than once, and several adults remarked that they had used similar devices when they were young. (Before we called things "devices".)

We passed out a fair amount of Historical Society info and reminded folks, as we remind all of you readers: Our official open houses are the last Sunday of the month, 2:00 to 5:00, but we are more than happy to arrange private visits. Contact info is on the front page of this Newsletter....near the top.

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.



Please note:

The Facebook page is open to all for sharing historical information or old picture. 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

New Members:

Mary Pencil

Renewing Members:

Mary Nemes

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SOLON TO TWINSBURG

A JOURNEY DOWN SOM CENTER ROAD,
NORTH STREET. ROUTE 91, DARROW ROAD,

OR AS YOU LIKE IT

By William T. Gillie

Part 2

Much of the territory between Solon and the line between Cuyahoga and Summit Counties was unknown to me except for a small airport just south of Solon on the east side of the road. There, by the generosity of Aunt Joe, I took my first airplane ride and in turn, supplied the same for my then fiancée Catherine Louise Wager.

The first and most northerly remembered residence was the home of a young man who occasionally traveled south to our farm and managed to be as obnoxious as anyone might imagine. Unsuccessful at winning our cordial companionship, he left the premises for good one afternoon when he tripped and fell from a hay rack in a fall as nasty as his own language. No one was happy he had been hurt but all appreciated the result -- his final departure up the road. While I hope I am wrong, I half-remember that we laughed at his misfortune and discomfort.

Next south was the house of Cecil Norris who maintained a small but well-kept farm. Word had it, purely on rumor, that Mr. Norris had at one time single-handedly foiled a robber. We were impressed.

Southwestwardly across the road from Norris was the home of Chris Hirschman, a man who by appearance could have stepped into a movie of the Old West. He invariably wore a battered but still serviceable straw hat, a full, dark beard, blue denims and boots to complete the aspect of an habitue of the saloon wherein glorious brawls were portrayed on the silent silver screen of the day.

This Month in History: April

1918 Royal Air force is Founded

1932 Charles Lindbergh, whose son was kidnapped paid \$50,000 ransom

1964 The Beatles hold an unprecedented record of twelve positions on Billboard Hot 100 singles chart

1976 American billionaire Howard Hughes dies at the age of 70.

1941 Germany invades Yugoslavia

1965 The Palm Sunday Tornadoes strike Indiana and the surrounding states

1923 first baseball game is played at Yankee Stadium in New York City

Trivia Challenge:

What was the first major war campaign fought entirely by air forces?

- A. Battle of Britain
- B. Operation Mole Cricket 19
- C. Operation Linebacker
- D. Battle of Kursk

The Battle of Britain, in which the Royal Air Force defended the United Kingdom against attacks from the German Air Force (Luftwaffe), was the first entirely aerial military campaign, as well as the first significant defeat for the Axis powers during World War II.

Answer: A

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