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This month's newsletter is dedicated to the memory of our uncle, Larry Richner, who passed away on March 15. Larry was the last surviving member of the society's original board of trustees, and a perpetual member. He was only twenty seven when he helped found the organization in 1963, and was very busy with a young family, working with Richner Hardware and Heating and Plumbing, and serving as a volunteer with the Twinsburg Fire Department. Though he moved to Boulder City, Nevada in 1976, Larry always remained interested in Twinsburg and its history. One of his major projects, in collaboration with his sister, Lea Bissell was to compile an extensive selection of slides documenting Twinsburg history.

Bonnie Bissell Williams and Richard Bissell

Looking ahead to Memorial Day Weekend and beyond -

Our May Open House is the 26th, the day before Memorial Day. Twinsburg residents have served our country since the Civil War. At the Museum we have information, pictures, and even uniforms of many of these heroes. An interesting read from WWII is the collection of "Mail Call" - saved editions of the Twinsburg Newsletter sent to Twinsburg residents serving around the world. We're open 2:00-5:00 and welcome all.

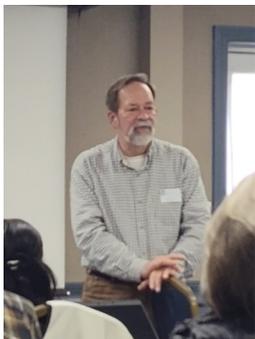
Special Program with the Twinsburg VFW

A week later, June 2, the VFW and Historical Society are presenting: "Two Families, One Flag". This is the story, told by Bill Cook, of two soldiers MIA in WWII and the Japanese flag that connects them. The program will be at 2:00 at the VFW - 9835 Ravenna Rd.

Garden Club Plant Sale

This always-popular sale by the Garden Club is May 11, the day before Mothers' Day. It's an opportunity to shop for gifts as well as for your own plant needs. The sale is at the Historical Society Barn from 9AM to Noon.

The Annual Meeting was brief. Gayle Davet reported on finances, and the need for fund raising is apparent. Bonnie Williams recounted many of our activities over the past year, and we had election of officers: President: Bonnie Williams, Vice President: Rich Bissell, Secretary: Audrey Kancler, Treasurer: Gayle Davet.



Pictured is Dave Gates from the Summit County Historical Society, guest speaker at this year's Annual Meeting. April 13 had it all - a delicious potluck dinner, our Annual Meeting, and a truly interesting presentation - Understanding the Underground Railroad in Ohio. Mr. Gates' knowledge about his topic was apparent as was his interest. He stayed after his talk and answered many questions. But we still know little about Twinsburg's role other than it is felt that one Ohio route to freedom might have been on what is now Rt. 91, through Twinsburg.

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Mark Your Calendar

4/28/2024, Open House, 2-5PM, Museum.

5/1/2024, Open Mic Program, 7PM, Freeman Barn

5/8/2024, Trustee Meeting, 7PM, Museum. (MOVED)

5/26/2024, Open House, 2-5PM, Museum.

6/2/2024, **Special Program, 2-4PM, Twinsburg VFW, "2 Families, One Flag"** by Bill Cook.

6/5/2024, Trustee Meeting, 7PM, Museum.

6/30/2024, Open House, 2-5PM, Museum.

7/3/2024, Trustee Meeting, 7PM, Museum.

7/28/2024, Open House, 2-5PM, Museum.

8/7/2024, Trustee Meeting, 7PM, Museum.

9/4/2024, Trustee Meeting, 7PM, Museum.

9/7/2024, **Special Program, Olde Thyme Fayre, 10AM-5PM, Museum and Freeman Barn.**

9/8/2024, **Special Program, Olde Thyme Fayre, 12-5PM, Museum and Freeman Barn.**

9/29/2024, Open House, 2-5PM, Museum.

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Pictured are Trustees Diana Kriedman and Roy Meier greeting attendees at a recent seminar sponsored by the NEOIMC. The seminar provided a wealth of information on ways to increase interest in our Historical Society and the enjoyment of visitors.

Do you know about the NEOIMC? That's the North-east Ohio InterMuseum Council. It was founded in 1942 and has over 130 members in seven counties - Cuyahoga and the six counties that border it. Membership includes numerous avenues of support and education that benefit the various institutions and, thus, the people who visit them. It's most recent "Guide" is available in print form at our Museum and gives a wealth of info on members....location, contact info, focus - stop in and pick up your copy!



Thanks to NEOIMC we can share some publicity about a few upcoming programs:

April 30 - 6:00-8:00 - Trivia Night/Fundraiser to benefit the International Women's Air & Space Museum. Held at Southern Tier Brewing Co., 811 Prospect (Cleveland), your ticket enters you in the trivia contest and support IWASM, but food and drinks are self-pay. Registration is required at www.iwasm.org. Early bird tickets, purchased before April 23, are \$17; it's \$20 after that. The IWASM is at Burke Lakefront Airport, 1501 N. Marginal Rd. Admission is free and it's a great place to take a Granddaughter

May 8 - 7PM - Bainbridge Township Historical Society Program Meeting:

"Ohio Amusement Parks" - presented by John Frato of the Cleveland History Center.

Location: Bainbridge Twp. Library, 17222 Snyder Rd., Chagrin Falls. Free.

Two programs by the Richfield Historical Society. Both held at Richfield Fellowship Hall, 3903 Broadview Rd:

May 29 - 7PM - "Black Friday - October 10, 1916" - Hear about the worst day in commercial shipping on Lake Erie, with four ships and over 50 lives lost.

June 23 - 2PM - "Chief Pontiac of the Ottawa/The First Tecumseh" - Born near Boston Mills, Pontiac became the leader of the largest group of Native Americans to confront early European settlers.

IN MEMORIAM

Frank & Joan Hanzel were retired and living in Twinsburg. Both were native "Clevelanders", who met while working for J.C. Penney. Frank was 81 yrs old when he passed on January 10, 2022 & Joan was 70 yrs old when she passed on February 21, 2024. They were both long time perpetual members of the Twinsburg Historical Society. They will be missed by family & friends alike.

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Renewing Members:

Marlene Campagna (6Yrs)

Beverly Hegedish (7yrs)

Kathy Vichos (6yrs)

James & Donna Hawersaat (14)

Charles Gant (10yrs)

Bert Zahn (13yrs)

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

OR AS YOU LIKE IT

By William T. Gillie

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Most memorable to me was a Jewel family in the little house. Treva Jewel, just only age, became, in a month, the most interesting eleven year old I'd ever seen, and I didn't know why. She had light brown hair, green eyes. The title of mere Queen would have been an affront to my estimate of her standing in my esteem. A small stream flowed gently from the ledges behind the house out to the road. A plank had been placed across the stream for pedestrian convenience.

Thereon, one day with the sun creating an auburn halo around her head, Treva and I sat, our bare feet in the water. The stars stopped in their courses for one of the golden moments of my life.

Other families came and went, but I never learned what became of my Jewel.

Just across the road from the Jewel house lived an elderly lady named Wilcox. It was our supposition, probably totally unfounded, that she was in some way connected with the Wilcox twins after whose siblignal connection the town was named.

In any event, old Miss Wilcox kept pretty much to herself but was known to bring wintergreen candies out to very young people trudging by in mud, sand, or snow.

The house is now and for many years last past has been occupied by the Edgar Percy family, good friends of modern times, Edgar himself an occasional tennis companion of earlier days.

This Month in History: May

1962 The first Kmart department store opens

1886 Haymarket Square Riot Chicago

1941 Germany continues to send large numbers of Bombers laden with bombs targeting Liverpool, North East, North West, Bristol and London

1938 "When the Saints Go Marching In" was recorded by Louis Armstrong and his Orchestra.

1954 The United States Supreme Court ruled unanimously in Brown v. Board of Education , ruling that racial segregation in public educational facilities is unconstitutional.

1937 Golden Gate Bridge connecting San Francisco and Marin County, California is opened to pedestrian traffic and more than 200,000 pedestrians walked across on opening day.

Trivia Challenge:

When Santa Anna had his leg amputated after engaging the French at Veracruz, what did he do with it?

- A. Put it in a Museum
- B. Ordered a full military burial
- C. Sent it to the French General
- D. Had it bronzed

Answer: B
In 1838, General Antonio López de Santa Anna had part of his leg amputated after it was destroyed by cannon-fire. He ordered a full military burial for the lost limb.

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