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June

Newsletter

This month's Newsletter is dedicated to the memory of Sue Graham, who passed away in late April. Sue was a Historical Society officer and long-time Trustee until health problems resulted in a move from Twinsburg. She was the one who initiated the collaborative program with the Library - "Halloween Storytelling at the Barn" which continues every October. She was an integral part of the practice that brings third-graders to the Olde Thyme Fayre and was very dedicated to the OTF itself. She had a passion for nature, worried terribly about the environment, and always, according to husband Gerry, "loved the Historical Society"

Looking ahead to Memorial Day Weekend and beyond -

Sunday, May 26: Open House at the Museum (8996 Darrow Rd.) 2:00-5:00. Uniforms and information from many Twinsburg Veterans are on display as are saved copies of "Mail Call" - the Twinsburg Newsletter sent to residents who were serving in WWII all around the world. And, we have copies of "Beyond the Monument" for sale - this is Veronica Hughes' comprehensive book about people from Twinsburg who fought in the Civil War.

Monday, May 27: Annual Parade, starting at the High School at 10:30 and ending at the Town Square, where the VFW will conduct Memorial Day Services. A C-130 aircraft from the 910th Air Wing, based in Youngstown, is scheduled to fly over the parade.

Sunday, June 2:

Special Program with the Twinsburg 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.

Here we are heading straight into Summer and as you can see by the calendar things will be hopping. We know you care about the Historical Society, so we know you are looking for ways to become more involved. We need a few dedicated photographers. I do my best with my iPhone but a real photographer makes all of the difference. We need a few good folks who are willing to commit to certain events and programs. We have a very busy calendar and a variety of activities divided around four venues. We need fresh views of all the spaces, and we would like to be able to change with the seasons. If we can organize a small posse we can assign by events. You may have an idea for something we never even thought of. If you are interested, or know someone who might be, please contact us by either email or phone message and we will get right back to you. Students are welcome. Though we cannot pay you we can offer exposure (see what I did there?) We will give you credit, and students can put us on your resume. Hope to hear from you soon.

While we are on the subject, we really appreciate folks who share our Facebook posts or forward our emails. We also put our flyers on the website and Facebook in down loadable format. Remember we do not post ads even if you are a member. We keep the page free of controversy, but we love posts about the past. We are making history every day. Today is tomorrow's yesterday, if you know what I mean.

NEVER TOO EARLY.....

As you plan your garden and contemplate sewing and craft projects.....keep the Olde Thyme Fayre in mind. It's September 7th and 8th this year. Mark your calendars!

Mark Your Calendar

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 & Riley House. Special Fund Raiser Scavenger Hunt.

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

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

8/2/2024, Special Twins Days Open House, Museum, 12-4PM

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

8/25/2024, Open House, 2-5PM, 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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If you missed our Open Mic night in conjunction with the library check out the pictures here. Thanks to lovely Laura Leonard, the director of the Twinsburg Library for bringing the show to the Barn. The performers were wonderful and our toes were a tapping the whole night.



A FUNDRAISER AND A WAY TO HAVE FUN!!

Who doesn't like a Scavenger Hunt?? Especially when you don't have to travel far! Help us meet some of our expenses - learn a bit more about the history of Twinsburg - and possibly win a prize! June's Open House (on the 30th) has it all. For a \$5.00 donation you can take part in a scavenger hunt that covers artifacts and information in our Museum and Barn. Save the date - Open House is 2:00-5:00. There will be more info and possibly a hint or two in next month's Newsletter.

If you are receiving this via USPS (aka Snail Mail) this request is for you.

On June 30, 2002 postage was 37¢ to mail the news letters. Since then postage rates have gone up 16 times. Currently it is 68¢ to mail a letter. **On July 14, 2024 it will be raised again to 73¢ to mail a letter.**

The Twinsburg Historical Society is trying its best to keep our costs down. We had to raise our Membership Dues for the first time in many, many years. If you are getting this via USPS (aka Snail Mail) then we are asking you to consider switching to the email version of the newsletter. This will help us save postage, paper and printing costs. We understand that you may not have the technology or feel comfortable making this switch. That is OK. But, if you can, we ask that you consider it. Just contact the museum or any Trustee and we will get back to you and get your email information.

Kent State Twinsburg DeStress Day:

April 21 - Along with our Senior Experience student, Lleyton Torok, two of our Trustees participated in the Twinsburg Kent University Campus DeStress Day. The plan was to offer the students a way to DeStress from their exams by hugging a stuffed dog. While not a super diversion, it did garner some smiles.



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Renewing Members:

Leslie Bowers (7yrs)

Linda Mistur (10yrs)

Annette & Ronald Hazlett (7yrs)

Charles & Katherine Bonacci (6yrs)

Feel like making a "Random" Donation to the Twinsburg Historical Society? Use your smart phone camera on the QR Code below!!



This month's Featured Business Partner:



M & G Pools has more than 50 years of combined experience in the pool industry and we are a locally owned and operated company that always goes the extra mile. We are your complete swimming pool specialists, and our services include pool equipment and repairs, pool liners, automation, and more. Here's why we are your leading pool company in Twinsburg, OH

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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 15

The next house on the west side is a small house in which the propane gas man lived for many years. It was not there when I was young. The propane gas utility still seems to me like a recent innovation. Time!

The large barn which bears the legend "Stone Ledge Farms" was the property of Frank Bowman, a man of means and a gentleman farmer. Mr. Bowman's barn had cement floor throughout, locking metal stanchions for the cows, water circulating to various points, and a hay fork on a monorail which could carry a forkful from one end of the barn to the other. The opening and use of this ultra-modern facility provided the occasion for a large open-air picnic on a beautiful summer evening. The lot between the barn and the road was the site and, at carefully selected hills and dales, a wide variety of tempting viands were served. The crowd, now dimmed by the years but inflated by a young boy's saucer eyes, is remembered as approximating 300 people. It was, in any event, a major social event, a grand affair, and made that farm and barn seem like the mark of aristocracy at its best. Mr. Bowman was a fine gentleman.

His wife was a sweet lady and the only driver of the Bowman Buick four door sedan. Out of caution born of early traffic statistics, Mrs. Bowman never drove. In any but the second gear and her car could be heard toiling up the road some time before its appearance. All cars of the period were equipped with the 'stick' shift and three forward gears, one reverse. Automatic transmission was many years and a world war down the road.

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This Month in History: June

1924 Congress passed the Indian Citizenship Act.

1975 The United Kingdom had its first nationwide referendum over continued membership of the European Economic Community.

1966 Chief Justice Earl Warren delivered The Supreme Court landmark Miranda vs. Arizona decision, establishing the Miranda rights.

1923 Walls of lava one mile wide descended from Mount Etna towards the town of Lingauglossa in Italy and buried the town.

1948 Soviets blockade West Berlin, blocking off all land and water routes between West Germany and West Berlin.

1963 President John F. Kennedy made famous speech in front of the Berlin Wall when he declared to the crowd, "Ich bin ein Berliner."

Trivia Challenge:

What series of laws passed by the British Parliament were meant to punish Massachusetts colonists after the Boston Tea Party?

- A. Punitive Acts
- B. Intolerable Acts
- C. Subversive Acts
- D. Vindictive Acts

The Intolerable Acts were the American Patriots' term for a series of punitive laws passed by the British Parliament in 1774 after the Boston Tea Party and meant to punish the Massachusetts colonists for their defiance. The British hoped these punitive measures would reverse the trend of colonial resistance to parliamentary authority, but tensions soon escalated, and the American Revolution broke out in April 1775.

Answer: B

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