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Meetings as we Start 2025

Trustee meetings are open to everyone. They are still on the first Wednesday of each month unless that's a Holiday....and that means January's meeting will be on the 8th. Starting times have been moved to 6:30. And, for the first three months of 2025, meetings will be held in the warmth of the basement at the First Congregational Church (on Church Street!) - enter through the back door.

2024 Quilt Raffle Winner!

Congratulations to Betsy Diersing, winner of this year's quilt raffle! When asked if she had a place in mind for the quilt, Betsy quickly said "yes". She will hang it on a wall to add to a room's decor. What a compliment! Betsy Diersing and her sister, Susan, donate their time, skills, and baked goods for their Bake Sales held at our Olde Thyme Fayre in September. It seems so appropriate that Betsy won the quilt!

We rounded out the year with our annual Christmas Party at the Museum. It was a great ending for a great year. We are pleased to announce that we are partnering with the Friends of the Twinsburg Library to sell some of our Quilters products in the their book store. We will have more details soon but in the meantime, you will find some great gifts including the merchandise that will benefit not only the Historical Society but the library too.



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2025 January Newsletter

Mark Your Calendar

- 1/8/2025 Trustee Meeting, 6:30PM, (At First Congregational Church)
- 1/26/2025 Open House, 2-5PM, (Museum) (Valentine Day Craft)
- 2/5/2025 Trustee Meeting, 6:30PM, (At First Congregational Church)
- 2/23/2025 Open House, 2-5PM, (Museum)
- 3/5/2025 Trustee Meeting, 6:30PM, (At First Congregational Church)
- 3/30/2025 Open House, 2-5PM, (Museum) Special Program starts at 3PM, "Small Towns of Ohio That Made National News" by Wendy Koile
- 4/2/2025 Trustee Meeting, 6:30PM
- 4/27/2025 Open House, 2-5PM, (Museum) (Tech Day)
- 5/7/2025 Trustee Meeting, 6:30PM,
- 5/25/2025 Open House, 2-5PM, (Museum & Riley) (Memorial Day Weekend)
- 6/4/2025 Trustee Meeting, 6:30PM
- 6/29/2025 Open House, 2-5PM, (Museum)

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Every year Dolly Raines and the Tuesday Morning Crafters produce a quilt for raffle. Tickets are sold all year and the drawing is held at our Holiday party in early December. This has been going on since 2007 and has resulted in over \$10,000 being donated to the Historical Society. This year's raffle brought in \$540.

The 2025 quilt is almost finished and ready for display in the Craft Room at the Museum. It is "Vintage Flowering Baskets" and is pictured here. Tickets (\$5.00/ticket) will be available starting with open house on January 26.

The crafters donate their time and all materials that go into the quilt. Here is the 2025 Quilt. Get your tickets from any Trustee!!



2024 in Review

As we close 2024, let's take some time to thank all our volunteers for their time and hard work for our programs.

Beginning our year making Valentines is always a good time. The Black History Unity Celebration was well attended and the National Honor Society presented a program on the Solar Eclipse and helped us on our Tech Sunday.

We learned about the Underground Railroad at our Annual Meeting and had good music in the barn at the Open Mic night.

In a joint program with the VFW we heard the story of 2 Families, 1 Flag.

We had a special Tales of Locust Grove for the Twins that came to Twins Days and had good reactions from them.

Our normal programs for the Olde Thyme Fayre and official Tales of Locust Grove was a lot of work but deemed a big success.

Our Library used the barn for the annual Halloween Story Telling and had Spiderman with the Bookmobile. Greg Feketik had us entertained telling about his Ghost Hunting adventures.

We welcomed many authors to the Riley House at different times through out the year and those programs were very interesting.

We've had a busy year and look forward to what 2025 will bring!!

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 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.

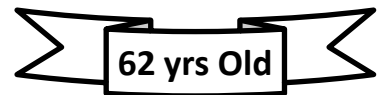
Renewing Members:

Martin Golembiewski (3yrs)
Daniel Nichols (12ys)
Ralph & Katherine Linton (8yrs)

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M & G Pools (7yrs)

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Established in 1963



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Don't forget to get it in before January 1, 2025!!

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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

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trees, but I did go through the ice on skates near the bridge once. The bridge leads to the last quarter-mile to town.

On the east side of the road just south of the bridge, in a small house pretty far back from the road lived Gratus Doan and her sister Ruby. Gratus was reclusive, seldom seen. She may have been a fine person, but from her appearance would have been at some peril in colonial Salem, Massachusetts. Ruby participated modestly in community events and was often seen in the Congregational Church, the only church in town, in fact.

In an old house south of the bridge, and across from the Doans, lived Charlie Wright who did odd jobs and worked as a farm hand when needed. Poor Charlie was afflicted with poor eyesight almost to the point of blindness and I react with guilty feelings over my memory of my laughing, along with other juveniles, at Charlie Wright's fumbling efforts when his duties were related to visual capacity. He was a good-hearted person, a virtue not readily appreciated by small boys.

Some of the houses from the bridge to town were the homes of people I didn't know, but a few should be mentioned.

On the east side, in a house behind the then largest tree in Twinsburg, lived Mr. & Mrs. Chambers. Mr. Chambers' horse and buggy moved at the behest of the U.S. Postal Service, and I still see mail delivery as a friendly transaction accompanied by a smile over Mr. Chamber's spectacles

While I did not consciously use him as a model, he wore a

This Month in History: January

January 1, 1942 - Twenty six countries signed the *Declaration of the United Nations*, in Washington, D.C., reaffirming their opposition to the Axis powers and confirming that no single nation would make a separate peace.

January 3, 1777 - During the American Revolution, General George Washington defeated the British at Princeton and drove them back toward New Brunswick. Washington then established winter quarters at Morristown, New Jersey. During the long harsh winter, Washington's army shrank to about a thousand men as enlistments expired and deserters fled.

January 17, 1945 - During World War II, Warsaw, Poland, was liberated by Soviet Russian troops.

January 20, 1945 - Franklin Delano Roosevelt was inaugurated to an unprecedented fourth term as president of the United States. He had served since 1933.

Trivia Challenge:

In 1912, what did a Paris orphanage give away as prizes when it held a raffle to raise money?

- A. Gold
- B. Absinthe
- C. Babies
- D. Rocks

In 1912, a Paris orphanage held a raffle to raise money--the prizes were live babies. The proceeds of the raffle were divided among several charitable institutions. An investigation of the winners was made, of course, to determine their desirability as foster parents.

Answer: C

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