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2025 February Newsletter

Mark Your Calendar

We hope you are all looking forward to a new year at the Historical Society. We certainly are! We are working on programs and activities.....some new and some that we trust you have enjoyed over the years. To start the year:

At our January Open House (the 26th - 2:00 to 5:00) we will be thinking of Valentine's Day. Our vintage Valentines will be on display and we will have all kinds of materials on hand for children of all ages to make Valentines. We'll even be offering heart-shaped cookies!
 At March's Open House (the 30th, 2:00-5:00) Wendy Koile, local speaker, author, and educator, will present a talk entitled "Small Towns of Ohio That Made National News". Twinsburg is mentioned, and not because of Twins Days. This fame dates to 1903! Her talk will start at 3:00pm - come early and see some of our new displays and enjoy refreshments. No charge.
 April's Open House (the 27th) is again called "Tech Sunday". This is because members of Twinsburg High School's National Honor Society will be on hand to offer help and advice on all of those maddening electronic devices that have taken over our lives. Perhaps that was a bit strong. But feel free to start planning - making lists of issues and questions about your phones, iPads and tablets, watches, etc.
 And there will be more....check our website and future Newsletters.

Join us for our Annual Unity Celebration on 2/22/2025, the last Saturday in Black History Month. Once again we will gather for an afternoon of music and entertainment at the First Congregational Church in Twinsburg at 9050 Church Street on the Square. The festivities begin at 2:00 PM and will be followed by food and fellowship. This is an opportunity to meet your local city officials from Twinsburg City, Township and Reminderville. This is a perfect opportunity to meet your fellow community members and to reunite with people you haven't seen in a while. Come as a family. Bring the kids and grandkids. Plenty of room and food for all.

Mark your calendars now and check the Website and the Face Book page for updates.

Are you a person that 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. You can also fill out the online form on our website: www.twinsburghistoricalsociety.org
 (We have tried to accommodate everyone's level of technology for this)



A Reminder:

We are "officially" open only once a month, with a special Open House on the Friday of Twins Days week end. However - it is always possible to plan special visits. Leave a message on our answering machine (330-487-5565) or contact us through our website: twinsburghistoricalsociety.org

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)

5/3/2025 Annual Meeting,
4:30PM, First Congregational Church.

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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Mark your calendars now and join us at our Annual Meeting !!

All are Welcome! Members or not!!

Bring a dish to share, your table service and come have a good meal with us!! Program to be decided, but we are sure it will be an interesting one. We are having it at the First Congregational Church on the Square. (9050 Church St.) Plenty of parking on the street or around behind the church. Doors open at 4:30PM. We plan to eat at 5:00PM. Will have a brief meeting right after dinner around 6:00PM and the program will follow that.

Pictures from the past:



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. Last 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!!



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. (If you are not sure check our calendar on our website)

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.

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Renewing
Members:

Diana Reis (7yrs)
Genevieve Spera (7yrs)

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Jilek Roofing (8yrs)

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Featured Business
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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 23

moustache exactly like that which I now see in my mirror.

There was no clutter of junk mail to weigh down his buggy.

Mrs. Chambers was a star. She was matronly with snow-white hair and would probably have denied a charge of beguiling youngsters into stopping for a chat by the production and display of a large blue cookie jar, usually full, at first. She loved children and they knew it.

Near the town itself were a pair of sisters Effie and Eloda Holt. Their father, a respected elder in the community lived with his two daughters. The house was at the very edge of the stores which made up the town.

Once, in front of their house, I, at 11 or 12, still fairly small in stature, had difficulty with a fractious horse who was determined I was not going to get into the buggy I had driven to town. One of the Holt ladies, perceiving my plight, came out and held the beast until I could get one foot on the mounting step and then the other on the floor of the buggy. The gratitude I felt is still fresh in my memory for I had reached a point at which I would gladly have terminated the horse had that been in my power.

The Holt sisters were regular church-goers and, in their quiet way, pillars of the community.

This Month in History: February

February 1, 1960 - In Greensboro, North Carolina, four African American students sat down and ordered coffee at a lunch counter inside a Woolworth's store. They were refused service, but did not leave. Instead, they waited all day. The scene was repeated over the next few days, with protests spreading to other southern states, resulting in the eventual arrest of over 1,600 persons for participating in sit-ins.

February 14, 1929 - The St. Valentine's Day massacre occurred in Chicago as seven members of the Bugs Moran gang were gunned down by five of Al Capone's mobsters posing as police.

February 23, 1942 - During World War II, the first attack on the U.S. mainland occurred as a Japanese submarine shelled an oil refinery near Santa Barbara, California, causing minor damage.

Trivia Challenge:

What Mesoamerican civilization was known for its hieroglyphic script?

- A. Olmec Civilization
- B. Aztec Civilization
- C. Maya Civilization
- D. Inca Civilization

Answer: C.
The Maya civilization was noted for its hieroglyphic script--the only known fully developed writing system of the pre-Columbian Americas--as well as for its art, architecture, mathematics, calendar, and astronomical system.

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