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# 2025

## April Newsletter

### Mark Your Calendar

**March 30th** - 3:00 at the Museum. "Small Towns of Ohio That Made National News" - A program by author and speaker, Wendy Koile. We chose this program because Twinsburg is mentioned. We've issued the challenge "how did Twinsburg make National news in 1903?" and offered a book as a prize for anyone who can tell us. We've heard that it's impossible to find anything, so we'll give you a hint: "Three Communities One Heritage", the book that the city gave residents during the 2017 Bicentennial, mentions what happened in 1903. Come on the 30th and tell us your answer before the program...or email: [president@twinsburghistoricalsociety.org](mailto:president@twinsburghistoricalsociety.org) The program will last about an hour, including questions and answers. It's during our usual Open House (2:00-5:00) so come early or stay late to look around - there's always something new!

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. **Special Program:** "Growing up Cleveland - Barnaby, Captain Penny and Ghoulandi". It will be presented by Dennis Sutcliffe

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)

7/2/2025 Trustee Meeting, 6:30PM,

7/27/2025 Open House, 2-5PM, (Museum & Riley)

8/1/2025 Special Twins Days Open House (Museum 2-4PM)

8/6/2025 Trustee Meeting,

The Congregational Church was alive with joyful sounds on February 22 as the Twinsburg Historical Society celebrated the annual Unity Celebration. Dr. Constance Longmire hosted the event and Larnie Zellner was the Master of ceremonies. Close to a hundred people came to share the afternoon of wonderful entertainment. The program included vocal soloists, a Praise dancer, instrumentalists, the returning band "Under Construction" and wound up with a lively jam session led by the Larnie Zellner Sr. and his son Larnie Jr. The audience ended the day with a wonderful dinner in the community room, and the energy of the music followed. Pastor Brandon Lipford of Beth El Church led us in prayer to open and close the day. Special thanks to all who worked so hard to put the day together and the Congregational Church that opened their doors to us again. Looking forward to next year.

**April 27** - "Tech Sunday". Members of Twinsburg High School's National Honor Society will be with us during our regular Open House, 2:00-5:00. They will be offering help with all of our challenging electronic devices, and *we will offer snacks*. We have done this for several years now and many of us have benefited. Start making a list of your questions and frustrations!

The Historical Society again had a table at the "Community Expo" - something that has become an annual event at the High School, organized by the Chamber of Commerce. Multiple organizations and businesses were represented, offering information and takeaways to families who stopped on their way to the pancake breakfast or PTA games in the gym. Various Twinsburg school system music groups entertained throughout the morning. Our table attracted people of all ages - adults wanted to know about our programs and buildings. Kids wanted to try a dial phone, vintage adding machine, and, of course, the marble roller coaster game. We felt it was a well-spent morning.



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**May 3** - A Saturday...It's our Annual Meeting and Potluck. This will be at the First Congregational Church, 9050 Church St. Bring your own table service and a dish to share. Doors open at 4:30, we'll eat around 5:00 and have a short meeting at 6:00. The program starts at 6:30 and should be a winner. It's "Growing up Cleveland - Barnaby, Captain Penny and Ghouardi". It will be presented by Dennis Sutcliffe, a lifelong Clevelander, who has been doing "Lost Cleveland Memories" programs since 2013.

## Feel like making a "Random" Donation to the Twinsburg Historical Society? ?

Use your smart phone camera and scan this QR Code!!! We are a Non-Profit 501 -3C. All donations are tax deductible. We appreciate your support!! Thank you!!



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](http://www.twinsburghistoricalsociety.org) (We have tried to accommodate everyone's level of technology for this)



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 at all Open House's and programs.

The crafters donate their time and all materials that go into the quilt.

Here is the 2025 Quilt. Get your tickets from any Trustee!!



The **Twinsburg Historical Society 2024 Year in Review** is now available for you to download. If you are receiving this by Email, just download the attachment. If you are receiving this by Snail Mail it should be included. But you can always download it right from our website.

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## Renewing & New Members:

Mari Beth Kirkland (5yrs)  
Keith Barnes (6 yrs)  
Mary Nemes (7 yrs)  
Ronald Osborn (5 yrs)  
Michael & Dottie Watson (1 yr)

## Renewing Business Partners:

Forest City Erectors (8 yrs)

## This month's Featured Business Partner:



At Taylor Dental, our dedicated team is driven by genuine care for the oral health of our Twinsburg community. We firmly believe that a healthy smile is not only essential for physical well-being but also plays a crucial role in boosting self-confidence and overall quality of life. With years of experience and a passion for dentistry, our team remains committed to delivering personalized and compassionate care.

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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 25

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the area slowly enough to contravene the old adage. Much more could be told of the road and town, and may yet be. With one final glimpse, we say our fond farewell in a look back over the shoulder.

South across the road which leaves the north side of the square to the east there stood, during my early years, the Twinsburg Tavern. It had been a stage on the road from Cleveland to Pittsburgh and was still open for dining. The stalls for stage horses and those of guests were open at the back or east side of the tavern and were downhill from the level of the square, hence, under the tavern itself. The fine old building complemented the colonial structure of the church across the square.

On a sultry summer afternoon, Dwight Hirschman, my brother Jim, and I were treated to ice cream cones at the Tavern. The cool dessert could not have come at a more appreciated moment in the history of the world.

Three happy barefoot boys stepped out onto the porch and stone entry. As he negotiated one of the high-riser steps, young Dwight, about six at the time, turned his wrist just far enough to allow gravity to seize his prize and the ice cream landed on the hot, sun-drenched sandstone. By this time, 1992, the ice cream, stone and tavern have all disappeared but the years have not erased the vicarious heart-break of this current survivor.

This is the end of this Serial story. Will have to see what I can dig up for the upcoming issues!! How about some Twinsboro Folklore?? (Yes, I spelled it correctly)

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### This Month in History: April

**April 2, 1863** - A bread riot occurred in the Confederate capital of Richmond, Virginia, as angry people demanded bread from a bakery wagon then wrecked nearby shops. The mob dispersed only after Confederate President Jefferson Davis made a personal plea and threatened to use force.

**April 18, 1906** - The San Francisco Earthquake struck at 5:13 a.m., followed by a massive fire from overturned wood stoves and broken gas pipes. The fire raged uncontrollably for three days resulting in the destruction of over 10,000 acres of property and 4,000 lives lost.

**April 21, 1918** - During World War I, the Red Baron (Manfred von Richtofen) was shot down and killed during the Battle of the Somme. He was credited with 80 kills in less than two years, flying a red Fokker triplane. British pilots recovered his body and buried him with full military honors.

**April 22, 1864** - "In God We Trust" was included on all newly minted U.S. coins by an Act of Congress.

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### Trivia Challenge:

Who was the first European to discover New Zealand?

- A. Marco Polo
- B. Abel Janszoon Tasman
- C. James Cook
- D. Marc-Joseph Marion Du Fresne

The first European explorer to discover New Zealand was Abel Janszoon Tasman on 13 December 1642. Captain James Cook, who reached New Zealand in October 1769 on the first of his three voyages, was the first European to circumnavigate and map New Zealand.

Answer: B

# Big News Coming Next Month!!!!

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