



Crosby Township Historical Society Newsletter

OCTOBER — DECEMBER 2023

We Need You !!!

At some time or another, most historical societies face one of two problems and eventually both. They are a lack of money and waning membership. At the present, our finances are stable. We have been good stewards with the money that we have in our possession. We have not spent unwisely and have endeavored to accumulate more. Nevertheless, we could always do more if we had more. In the spring, we will be needing to replace the roof on the log cabin and do some repairs. We continue to wait on the township trustees to finish work on the Old Town Hall. Then we can finalize our remodeling of the inside and realize our hopes of having a museum and research center. We are looking into grants to fund our part of the repairs for both buildings.

Even more than money, our problem is membership. The pandemic and aging continues to reduce our numbers. Commitment has changed since COVID. Also, age has taken good members from our midst and health issues keep others from attendance. Fewer people are doing more work and the stress is beginning to show. We are looking into ways to counteract this predicament. But for now, if you are able to attend our meetings yet haven't, please make it your New Year's promise to return. We miss you! We need you!

Thank You

A big thank you to Don Knollman who donated materials and pictures of the New Haven E.U.B church. In the past, others have given family items, community items and church items. We appreciate all donations. If you would like to donate something, please contact Melba Guard at 513 519-6237.

2024 Programs

March

Saturday, the 9th

10:00 a.m.

We will have another Saturday meeting. During the March meeting, we will be voting on officers that will serve for two years. Our program will be Show n Tell. Please bring an item to share with the members. It is always a fun and informative time. Snacks will be served afterwards.

We Enjoyed These Speakers

We have had some wonderful speakers that have given us informative and enjoyable presentations over the years. This year was no exception. These were the speakers for 2023, and next year will be just as delightful.

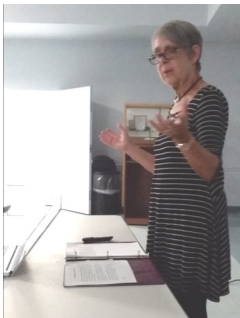


Mike Minges: *Lieutenant Tom Griffin and the Doolittle Raiders (April)*

Lt. Griffin was a navigator on Doolittle's B-25 bomber the "Whirling Dervish" that bombed Japan. His plane crash-landed, and with the help of the Chinese, escaped to safety only later to be shot down over Germany becoming a POW the rest of the war.

Dr. Susan Pinney and Jenny Buckholz: *New Information About Health Risks in the Fernald Community Cohort (May)*

Dr. Pinney, Research Director and Jenny Buckholz, RN, MSN, of the Fernald Community Cohort Program gave us an update on the exciting studies conducted using the biospecimens from the Fernald Medical Monitoring Program. In *July* members took a field trip to the Fernald Education Center to see the displays on the history of the Fernald Feed Production Plant.



Joyce Baer: *Feisty Women (June)*

Over the years local women from ordinary backgrounds found the time and their voices to stand up for extraordinary causes. Joyce spoke about how these women made an impact on those around them and the times in which they lived.

Ed Creighton: *Chester Park (November)*

Before 1935, people of Hamilton County and surrounding areas could ride a streetcar to Spring Grove Avenue to enjoy a fun time at an amusement park called Chester Park. Ed presented the history of the park and showed photos of its featured attractions such as the large lake used for swimming, a clubhouse and some very exciting rides.





Ron Vance: *Bible Walking Sticks (December)*

Ron, an associate pastor at Western Hills Church of Christ, discussed his journey carving Biblical depictions on “walking sticks”. Taking a simple hobby that became a ministry, Ron used his carvings to inspire thousands of people. His canes are intricate and unique, and we were excited to view and handle them.

Cathy Creighton: *Victorian Christmas (December)*

Do you know when Christmas became our national holiday? How did our Christmas traditions begin? Santa Claus, decorating a Christmas tree, what the number one Christmas song is, and much more was the subject matter of Cathy’s Victorian Christmas power-point presentation.



Email Addresses Wanted

If you haven’t yet given us your email address, the Board is asking you to allow us to place it on file with the Society. Having email addresses makes it easier to contact you. It will also be a way to send you this newsletter and save the Society money on printing and postage. To give us your email address, contact Melba Guard either by her email at guard_m@fuse.net or phone at 513 519-6237.

~ Sales Corner ~

Crosby Township Bicentennial History
\$15 plus shipping

Stanley McClure’s Crosby Township Cemetery Transcriptions Collection

\$5 plus shipping

Back Issues of the Newsletter \$1.00

Passmore Log Cabin Reconstruction CD
\$5 plus shipping

The McClure books are in and ready for purchase!!!

Order Blank for:

History of Crosby Township (reprint)
by Stanley W. McClure

\$22 a book, plus **\$9** postage if mailed

Make checks available to:

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Send check and this order to the following address:

Chuck Heis, Treasurer,

8910 Willey Road, Harrison, Ohio 45030

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CTHS Board meetings are held an hour before the regular meetings. **April through August** regular meetings are held on the third Thursday at **7:00 p.m.** **October, November, December and March** are on the second Saturday at **10:00 a.m.** Meetings are held in the Crosby Township Senior Center, 8910 Willey Road and are open to the public. **September** picnic is the third Thursday at **6:00 p.m.** at the log cabin,

Our Purpose...to encourage the preservation of historic structures and sites; identify, collect, and preserve literary, graphic and artefactual materials significant to prehistoric and historic cultures, schools, churches, businesses, and families of Crosby Township; to increase community awareness and appreciation of this heritage through documentation, educational programs and other public events; and to assist persons interested in this history by making our collected cultural resources available for study.

2023 Membership Dues

Single \$10.00

Family (2 or more in same house) \$15.00

Life Member \$100.00

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