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SPRING NEWSLETTER 2017

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

After a slow start we are hoping the bad weather is behind us and the sun will shine on our many and various summer events. I wish to thank Jim Bolla, Sabina Freeman, Mike Gallagher, Jane Hess, and Caroline Reichel for their planning and presentation efforts. Also, thanks to the three groups of reenactors we will be hosting. I also want to thank in advance all our members and friends who will be helping with summer events, if only by your attendance.

Please check our Calendar of Events closely, especially the 40th Anniversary in July. We hope many of our members and friends will attend and celebrate with us.

Some may not realize that June Hetz has annually made a slide presentation to the second graders before their end-of-school-year visit to the Sturgeon House. She shows them how Fairview once looked and how it looks today. This is followed up by the students' visit to the Sturgeon House and the Chapel at the Cemetery. These and other activities need people to "man" them. We also need hosts, hostesses, cookie-bakers, someone to help clean - both inside and out - lawn mowers, phone callers, Christmas decorators, etc. If everyone did a little, no one would need to do a lot.

For all your help we say - thank you.

An idea currently under consideration is to develop a coloring book for visiting children. Also, our 20-year-old furnace will need replacing soon. We have asked two local companies and one Erie company to provide estimates, with additional cost considerations for air-conditioning the first floor and maintaining a level of heat and humidity on the second floor. We will keep you informed.

Kay Lynne (866-1203)

IT'S TIME FOR THE 200 CLUB!

This mailing includes a letter about our 200 Club plus two tickets. It is one of our annual fundraisers and has been quite successful in the past. Remember, we only sell up to 200 tickets!

UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May – Our own member, aka Erie's "Cemetery Lady," is Caroline Reichel. She will present "Millionaires who Lived on Millionaire Row and Are Now Living in the Erie Cemetery" on Wednesday, May 17. The meeting starts at 7 p.m. You absolutely will not want to miss this program!

Memorial Weekend – We will be remembering World War I in our weekend exhibit; the U.S. entered this war 100 years ago. Our FACEBOOK posts are currently highlighting Fairview veterans of this war. Open hours are Sunday, Noon to 4 p.m. and Monday (Memorial Day), 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. And, as in the past, members of the French Creek Living History Association will set up their own exhibit outside during this weekend. Our Board's Member-at-Large, Jim Bolla, Sr., has spearheaded this activity for many years. As always, the Chapel will be open for an hour after the ceremonies conclude at the Cemetery.

June – On Saturday, June 3, reenactors from a World War II, 1ST Marine Division, Pacific Theater, will be present outside with their displays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

And on June 24 & 25, reenactors of the Civil War's 83rd PA Veteran Volunteer Regiment will bivouac in the side lawn. They will be demonstrating, exhibiting and recruiting, as they did last summer. Our own World War I exhibit also will be available for view during these two June weekends. Hours are: Saturday (6/24) – 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday (6/25) – Noon to 4 p.m.

Calendar of Events, continued –

JULY – Something *very* special! On Saturday, July 15, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. we will sponsor a Yard Sale, rain or shine. Anyone wishing to sell their “stuff” may rent space from us for \$5.00. If you also need a table, that will be an additional \$5.00. Sellers will keep all their proceeds. Call Mike Gallaher, (814) 840-4016, to reserve your spot.

ALSO... Everyone attending is invited to come into the Sturgeon House for ice cream and a cupcake in celebration of our 40th Anniversary. **YES!** The Fairview Area Historical Society organized and received its charter in 1977. Come help us celebrate – whether or not you plan to sell your stuff!

AUGUST – Jane Hess has a collection of aprons and Kitchen Gadgets that will be on display on Saturday and Sunday, August 19 and 20. (Saturday hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday - Noon to 4 p.m.) A few other members will be displaying oldtime kitchen gadgets; some of our own collection of these items will be on view as well. Just how did our ancestors make do?

Docents will be needed for all our weekend openings in the summer. Call Kay Lynne Picheco, 866-1203, if you have two hours to volunteer on any of the above dates!

Our Membership Picnic is Wednesday, August 16 at the Avonia Beach Park once again. Set up begins at 6 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m. Bring a dish to share and your table service. Beverages will be provided.

SEPTEMBER – Melinda Meyer will present a program on the Underground Railroad in NW Erie County. The meeting begins at 7 p.m.

Watch for our FALL NEWSLETTER for more details and for upcoming fall activities.

BOARD ELECTIONS

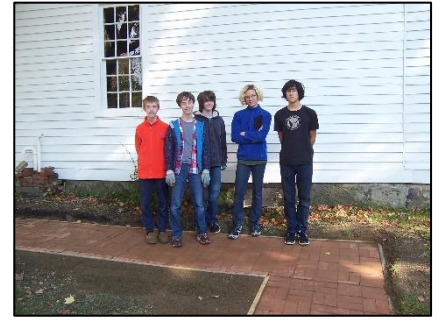
Due to the weather, elections were not held until our April Meeting. Elected to two-year terms were Kay Lynne Picheco, Carole Hanna and James Bolla Sr.

Board positions are:

President – Kay Lynne Picheco; Vice President – Michael Gallagher; Secretary – Carole Hanna; Treasurer – James Getz; Ways & Means – Patricia Linkoski; Maintenance – J. R. Freeman; and Member-at-Large – James Bolla Sr.

Have you seen our walkway?

The brick walkway around the House has been completed. It represents several Boy Scout Eagle Scout Projects.



The latest was completed by Caleb Confer (right in photo) from Troup #146. Many thanks to this fine organization for their support and help!

YEAR-END TREASURER’S REPORT, 2016

BALANCE, JANUARY 1, 2016 - \$47,198.47

Expenses:

Utilities	\$2,112.07	
Supplies	241.40	
Donations	375.00	
Security	365.00	
Repairs	3,070.82	
Taxes	18.18	
Mailings	252.10	
200 Club	1,925.00	
Insurance	1,364.00	
Quilt	212.00	
Wreaths	3,626.00	
Computer Items	138.74	
Caning	424.40	
Summer Picnic	100.00	
TOTAL		\$14,224.71

Revenue:

Memberships	\$ 752.00	
200 Club	3,650.00	
Donations	734.50	
Wreaths	5,386.00	
Chinese Auction	174.25	
Bake Sale	143.00	
Quilt	359.00	
Caning	100.00	
Knife Sales	68.00	
Gift Shop Sales	5.00	
TOTAL		\$11,371.75

BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 2016 \$44,345.51

Think Summer!