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President's Message:

What a wonderful year of accomplishments at the Sturgeon House. If you haven't looked, please do so. The house is painted. Beautiful! This year's summer exhibit was exceptionally well done by Biney, June, Joan, Pat, Karen. And to all who contributed time, talent, information and artifacts, we thank you. It was a great 'Gone Fishin' exhibit.

Our summer picnic was very well attended this year with wonderful food as usual. The climax was the final random picking of 200 Club tickets. And what a nice collection of winners we had this year. They truly came from far and wide!

Vice President, Karen Brady, engaged speakers for September, October, and November, with two of the three on the topic of the War of 1812. Next year the Perry Commission is planning many marvelous activities to commemorate the Battle of Lake Erie and our exhibit will reflect this as well. Did you know that our citizens played an active role in preparing for this battle? Plan to visit our exhibit next summer and discover their story.

FAHS was very fortunate to be the recipient of a bequest from Evelyn Osterberg's estate. With it we have been able to accomplish many goals without financial strain.

Nevertheless, we must continue raising money to pay the bills for the coming years.

Accomplishments for the house so far this year include: the exterior has been scraped, primed and, painted, windows were puttied and caulked, and the second floor renovation is now being electrified. Thanks to a matching-cash grant from the Erie County Gaming

Commission, about \$1,000 of the expense of the second floor renovation is covered. Follow the progress of our great volunteer team on our website or on our *Facebook* page (see above).

Genealogy requests continue to be covered by our wonderful volunteer, Joan Fiesler. Many thanks, Joan.

The Christmas (Holiday) Open House is scheduled for Saturday, December 1, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. and Sunday, December 2, Noon to 4 p.m. June Hetz has enlisted the talents of *Heartland* to decorate this year's tree.

Christmas wreaths will be sold again, with last year's price holding at \$20 each! Please call Pat Linkoski, 474-3129 or Barb McLaughlin, 474-2046 to order yours.

Your help in selling one or more wreaths benefits the Sturgeon House. Call Pat or Barb with your questions.

SPECIAL NOTE: The November meeting date has been changed to the 14th of the month because our normal meeting night is Thanksgiving Eve. Please make a note of this. The speaker for this meeting is Andrew Adamus, (Erie Co.Hist. Soc.) with the topic "The Cultural Aspects of the War of 1812."