

THE FAIRVIEW AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY



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MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Although 2017 in Fairview ended in huge piles of snow, the Sturgeon House was safe and warm with our new furnace and heat pump now providing heat to the downstairs and upstairs archives. The fireplace also was repaired in time for our Christmas Open House, as we had learned it was in need of addressing fire safety issues. This was a good ending to a busy year.

We will miss Pat Linkoski, longtime Ways & Means Chairman, who has chosen not to run for reelection. And, sadly, our secretary Carole Hanna resigned due to family medical concerns. Thank you both so very much for your help and contributions through the years. Also, we have recently lost a new friend, Lance Howell. Our sympathies are extended to his wife Pat.

Yearly events are in the final stages of planning. We will be investing money from recent bequests with the Erie Community Foundation. This will enable us to be a part of ERIE GIVES in early August. Please keep us in mind at that time. It brought in almost \$400 last year without even knowing they were including us on their list!

As with any "older" home there are always needed updates. This year's outdoor projects include Yankee Gutter repair and perhaps outer chimney work. Inside we are looking at clear inserts for six of our oldest windows that will preserve our paintings and furniture as well as provide insulation. There are always the

ongoing needs for cleaning and mowing. I would hope we will not need to resort to hiring out. We are also thinking of purchasing a much-needed printer and later, internet service. As to that, check out our website that our own member Scott Linkoski designed and hosted a few years for us. Since then some touches have been added by Sabina's son-in-law and we were able to change the name from fairviewhistoryeriecountypa.org to just fairviewhistory.org. Be sure and check it out!

As always, we have a need for "people" help. We do want to have another yard sale this summer but need someone to be in charge. The idea is to break up the responsibilities of a Ways and Means Chairman. Jane Schwab will do the 200 Club, but there is need to cover Christmas wreaths and in 2019, the Calendar Party. These are our biggest fundraisers and I would be sad to see them go. If so, we would need new fundraiser ideas. And, we need a quilt to raffle each year.

Please call me (866-1203) with your thoughts, ideas, suggestions, even gripes, but especially any small way you are willing to help preserve our Fairview Heritage and let our story be known to others.

Reminder: this issue includes the membership forms. Forms will not be sent to Lifetime Members, those who have already renewed and to new members since June.

We look forward to seeing you all at our March 21 meeting, weather permitting. *Kay Lynne* 

2018 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 21 –Pot Luck Supper/Election meeting. Bring your own table service & a dish to share. 6 p.m. Sturgeon House. Beverages provided. Discussion to follow, such as - partnering with another charitable organization for an event later in the year, etc.

April/May - TBA



Memorial Weekend
Members of the French Creek Living History Assoc. will set up camp in our side yard. We are

so pleased that they continue to honor us with their presence. Exhibit inside - TBA.

July –Saturday Date TBA. Yard Sale, vendors will pay \$5 for a space and an additional \$5 to rent a table.

August 15 – Membership Picnic, 6 p.m. at the Avonia Beach Park. Bring your own table service and a dish to share. Beverages provided.

August 18 & 19 – WWII Parachute Infantry Regiment will exhibit in the side lawn. So much more on this in the Spring Newsletter! Related exhibit inside.

September 18 Meeting – Melinda Meyer will return to continue her discussion on the Underground Railroad, complete with slides!

October 17 Meeting – George Deutsch, Exec. Dir. of the Erie Co. Hist. Soc., returns with a brand new, first time offered presentation on West County Civil War patriot Oliver Wilcox Norton, who was a friend of Strong Vincent, wrote Taps and more.

December 1 & 2, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday; Noon to 4 p.m., Sunday. Our annual (and wonderful) *Christmas at the Sturgeon House Open House*.

CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION - 2018

Two-year terms:

Vice President, Margaret Dutkowski

Treasurer: James Getz

Maintenance: J. R. Freeman

Ways & Means: TBA

One-year term:

Secretary TBA

CHINESE AUCTION WINNERS

Joan Fiesler, Alice Foster, Marilyn Gallagher, Carole Hanna, Sarah Hanna, Mrs. Tipton, Rosie Tuten, Becky Widdecombe. Molly King won the lovely quilt.

TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT

Balance January 1, 2017 **\$44,345.51**

EXPENSES:

Utilities	\$2,250.30
Supplies	\$1,664.99
Donations	\$ 232.00
Security	\$ 378.50
Repairs	\$1,399.33
Furnace, AC & Heat Pump	\$8,225.00
Taxes	\$ 18.18
Mailings	\$ 52.00
Insurance	\$1,415.00
200 Club	\$1,925.00
Quilt	\$ 225.00
Wreaths	\$3,504.00
Calendar Party	\$ 297.20

TOTAL **\$21,586.50**

REVENUE:

Memberships	\$1,158.00
Donations (Incl. Erie Gives)	\$2,245.12
Boscov's	\$ 200.00
Knife Sales	\$ 281.00
Rental Tables	\$ 53.00
Apron	\$ 22.50
Bake Sale	\$ 141.93
ECGRA Grant	\$2,365.00
Chinese Auction	\$ 340.00
200 Club	\$4,425.00
Quilt	\$ 413.00
Wreaths	\$5,576.00
Calendar Party	\$1,145.00

TOTAL **\$18,365.55**

Balance as of December 31, 2017 **\$41,124.56**

Sympathy is extended to the families of FAHS members who died in 2017: Ruth Getz, Nellie Pletcher, Caroline Reichel & Helen Silata. Many other residents of the Fairview Community died last year, and we send our sympathies to their families as well. We especially recall John J. Pfister, D-Day survivor, who shared his story with us, and George McKinley, who served the community as Supervisor for many years. All will be missed. All will be remembered.