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## FALL NEWSLETTER 2021

### GREETINGS, MEMBERS & FRIENDS

Thanks and more thanks go out to every one of you. Our fundraisers are mostly through you have them, us are terrific



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fundraisers are conducted the mail and responded to helping to keep solvent! You members!

Now we are going to ask you to do more. We need you to attend our one and only program this fall. We need you to stop by when the reenactors are on the lawn and show your appreciation for their commitment, their knowledge, and the display they will present.

We need you to watch for updates on our activities. Actually, we are not planning anymore until the Christmas Open House on Saturday and Sunday, December 6 & 7. Hours will be 10 to 4 on Saturday and Noon to 4 on Sunday, as always. We will need you to bake cookies, to come look at and enjoy the Sturgeon House seasonal decorations, visit with old friends there, and pre-order and pick up a wreath.

Because of the possible return of Covid-19 we may have an abbreviated Open House as we did last year. If we can, we will go all the way. Watch your email for updates.

And, don't forget... we have a column in the *West County News Journal* that includes our news also.

### FALL SCHEDULE

We are planning one meeting this fall, which will be on Wednesday, September 15, beginning at 7 p.m. It is a program we have tried to schedule several times but have had to cancel due to the pandemic. So, we have asked the speaker, Johnny Johnson, again to come and talk about the man who led our school's music program in the 1940s.

Earl E. Lawrence did it all - from teaching all grades of beginners to organizing a drum and bugle corps that evolved into the marching band we have today. He developed an orchestra and taught vocal music also. His was an incredible talent and Mr. Johnson will be sharing his story with us.

Oh, yes, don't forget that Mr. Lawrence's square grand piano is at home in the parlor of the Sturgeon House. Plan to come and hear our school's music history as it developed under a marvelous musician.

Also in September, **on Saturday and Sunday, September 11 and 12**, one of our favorite reenactors' groups will be back, portraying the World War II 505<sup>th</sup> Paratroop Regiment. They will be on our side lawn, ready to answer questions, perform close order drill and display various artifacts (the jeep, weather permitting). Hours will be Saturday, 10 to 4 and Sunday, Noon to 4 p.m. At the same time there will be a very small display in the Sturgeon House. Our three veterans who participated in the D Day Invasion will be highlighted and photos of many of our other 

## FALL PROGRAM, CONTINUED

veterans will be on display. We are seeking volunteers to sit with the house for two-hour stints while the reenactors are there. Call 814-474-5855 and leave your name and number if available. No meeting is scheduled for October or November, but we are hoping to be able to offer our usual, wonderful Christmas Open House. We also plan to sell our lovely wreaths. Watch for more news in your email as we get closer to the event.

**ERIE GIVES' donations totaled \$1,948.80.  
Many thanks to our GIVERS.**

**QUILTS** - Both quilts are included in this year's quilt raffle. The large one is a lovely blue and white Lone Star pattern, 73" x 106". The small quilt features the Lone Star and Tulip pat-tern, 48" x 48" in deep red and blue. One ticket will win them both. Tickets are \$1 each or 6/\$5. Enclosed are 12 tickets. If you wish to purchase any, please return the stub with your contact information and a check for the tickets you purchase. The quilts will be on



display beginning September 11. Stop by and see how lovely they are.



## THE 200 CLUB WINNERS

Our membership picnic in mid-August, as always, featured wonderful food. And the location at Avonia Beach is lovely. The attendee numbers were down, but in this time of uncertainty, that was understandable.

The final tickets were pulled there for the 200 Club. A total of 176 were sold this year. As always,

the winners will be listed alphabetically, but not the amounts these folks won:

Winners were: Bill Amick, Susan Barton, Jim Bolla (x2), Nancy Cederlof (x2), Stephanie Cheeseman, Gayle Driscoll, Joyce Getz, Dorothea Herbol, Siobhan Herr, Kraig Hetz, Shirley Hetz, Merv John (x2), Linda Kent, Patricia Kowalczyk, Melanie Lion (x2), Carol Loll, Louise Martin, Mary Marsh, Kay Lynne Picheco, Ron/Denise Richardson, Laurie Strandwitz, Barbara Toy (x2), Rosie Toten, Mary Valentine and Richard Wheeler.

Many, many thanks for your participation in this fundraiser. Thanks also to Jane Schwab for chairing it.

## LAKE SHORE BOOK AVAILABLE

Thanks to the Robert Hayes children (all grown up now), Bob's story of his time in the Lake Shore Subdivision, when he was the go-to-guy for George Taylor who owned the land, was made available to the historical society. It is the first section of a new booklet offered by our society called Lake Shore Memories.

The remainder of the book came from the Society's collection... the early settlement at Walnut

Creek, Matthew and George Taylor, the White Swan Dairy, the Lake Erie Summer Theater, the early Lake Shore subdivision, the Manchester School, the White Swan Civic Center, the Lake Shore Clubhouse and finally, George and Helen Taylor.

The book is indexed and has many photos.... Quite a bargain for \$15.00. If ordering the book to be mailed in the contiguous U.S., add \$5.00 for postage and packaging

