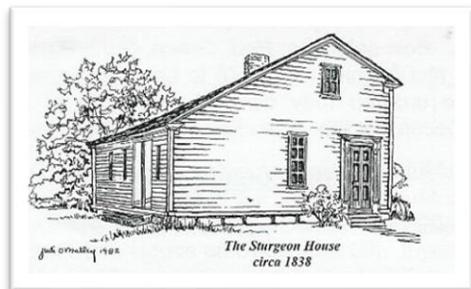


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WINTER NEWSLETTER 2019

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome and spread the word. The FAHS has a great schedule of programs for 2019! We are proud to announce that we will be partnering with the Jefferson Educational Society (JES) beginning with our first program on March 5, 2019 when former County Executive Judy Lynch will speak on *Made in Erie County - Almost Everything*. Call the JES at 814-459-8000 to register.

Our own meeting speakers listed will fascinate our minds. Read up and join us.
- Mike Gallagher



And, from our past president:

As the gavel passes on to Mike Gallagher, I would like to thank the many people who assisted me during the last several years. It has been quite a learning experience that I hope to build upon in the future. I've met too many new, wonderful people in this organization to "disappear!"

- Kay Lynne

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

Membership forms are included with this mailing and again, those folks who have already paid or are lifetime members will not be receiving one. Many thanks for all those in either category!

While no one needs to be a member to attend our meeting and activities, the support we receive through these memberships is invaluable to our organization. Again, many thanks.

OUR SPRING SCHEDULE WITH A HINT OF SUMMER AND FALL!!!

Tuesday, March 5, 7 – 8:30 p.m. – as stated in our president's message, we will be one of several organizations hosting programs provided by the Jefferson Educational Society (JES) in Erie on a regular basis. This is an effort by the Erie group to make these programs more available to people out in the county. Furthermore, admission will be free, as are our own programs. All that's needed is to call the JES number (814-459-8000) to register, so that we (FAHS) has an idea of how many to expect. The first program will be offered by former County Executive **Judy Lynch**. She is an

exceptional speaker and her topic will be: ***Made in Erie County – Almost Everything.*** Attendees are welcome to park at the Presbyterian and Methodist Church lots nearby.

Wednesday, April 17, 7 p.m. – **History of the Erie County Almshouse.** Now called Pleasant Ridge Manor, this institution has a great history in West Erie County. Once located at Pittsburgh and W. 23rd... well that's enough of a hint. Join **Mary Beth Pfister**, longtime employee at Pleasant Ridge Manor, who will present the program.

Wednesday, May 15, 7 p.m. – **“Finding Erie County History, again!”** Sometimes we find items from our past that have been long forgotten. With the recent move of the Erie County Historical Society to their 6th Street headquarters, many interesting items were uncovered. **Becky Weiser** from the History Center will reveal some of those findings at this meeting.

SUMMER ACTIVITIES BEGINNING ON MEMORIAL WEEKEND

As is our wonderful tradition, members of the **French Creek Living History Association** will be camped on our side yard on Sunday, May 26 from Noon to 4 p.m. and Monday, May 27 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. At the same time, the Sturgeon House will be open for viewing with an exhibit of Erie Griswold cookware. The items are from the collection of **Merve Johns**, and anyone who would like to loan and show one of their own pieces with this exhibit may call the Sturgeon House, 814 – 474-5855 and leave a message. Items can be dropped off (at a designated time) or picked up.

Saturday, June 22, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. - Our Yard Sale is back and bigger and better than ever! Table spaces are available for rent at \$15 per space, \$25 with space plus table provided. Call the Sturgeon House (474-5855) to reserve a space. AND – the Griswold Exhibit also will be open for viewing.

AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER EXHIBIT

“Fascinating, haunting and mysterious photography of Lake Erie Shipwrecks” will be on view at dates and times to be determined. These photographs are from the collection of **Diver Jeremy Bannister** who notes that this is his “true passion in life.” He has been diving in the Great Lakes and especially Lake Erie since the early 2000s. Please note that he will also be presenting the September 18 program. The exhibit will be open that evening as well for those who missed it in August.

Don't forget our **Membership Picnic on Wednesday, August 21** at the Avonia Beach/Brugger House location. Great food (provided by all of us) and great conversation (also provided by all of us). Great sunset. We cannot claim any credit for that!

Something to think about:

We are planning a Craft and Brew Fair on Saturday, September 14 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Spaces will be available for crafters on the side lawn at \$25 per space. Limited space will also be available inside at \$40 each and includes a table. Start thinking about this, crafters. What a great place to show your wares! Call the Sturgeon House, 814-474-5855 and leave your name and phone number.

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More information about our summer and fall activities will be available in the Spring Newsletter, published in May.

Also in May – our 200 Club will continue. Tickets will be mailed with the Spring Newsletter.

QUILTS! QUILTS! QUILTS!

We have a quilt top that needs quilting. Once finished we will be selling tickets for it just as in “days of old” with our Tuesday Quilters. **Marilyn Gallagher** is looking for folks to help with this at the Sturgeon House. Even if you have never quilted, you can do this. It is fun, very social (an old-time quilting bee!!) and only takes a couple of hours a week. Call Marilyn directly if you would like to be part of this: 814-602-9538. Quilting sessions will not begin until the weather improves, and parking will be easier.

MORE HELP IS NEEDED!

This is the year for the **CALENDAR PARTY**. What a great time these parties have been. And, what a great fund-raiser too. We are in need of a chairman for this year’s party. Pat Linkoski can tell you all about it... most of the work is done by the hostesses. Call the Sturgeon House or Mike Gallagher if you are interested.

Also needed: A Hospitality Chair. We need someone to make calls to folks willing to provide cookies for our meetings (but not including the JES meetings). Anyone who would like to volunteer a little time to make phone calls is encouraged to do this. Our members are always happy to bake... they just need to be asked!

Update on the Earl Lawrence Piano

We have been awarded a matching grant to have the piano assessed and a little work done on it. To date we have not found a piano aficionado who is willing to take on this project. Mostly we need the piano assessed – what it needs to fix it, or just to make it look better. The keyboard needs three keys covered with old-looking ivory, etc. And, we would like it dated, if possible. If you know of someone who would like to take it on – as a small project or a large one – please call us... 474-5855. The fact that this piano does not play does not detract from its provenance. We are thrilled to have it, to see it open or closed, and to know its history.

Lastly: Some of our members may not know that the Fairview School District “Fairview Cares” project chose our organization last fall to honor with a donation. We received \$5,000 from this group and are deliberating on how best to use it so that it will reflect our great appreciation of it. Stay tuned.

The death of even one person diminishes us all. This year FAHS lost two members – Rae Bishop and David Fiesler. Mark Hutchinson, son of our member Louise, also passed away. Longtime/oldtime Fairview names listed among the deceased were: Jane Bonanti, Ronald Leopold Sr., Ron Manchester, Ralph Niebauer and Tom Solvedt. Two other deaths of longtime friends of Fairview should be noted: Dr. Forrest Mischler and Bernie Repel. We send our sincerest expressions of sympathy to their families. ▲

THINK SPRING!