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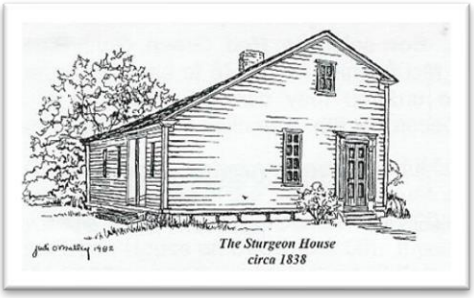

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WINTER NEWSLETTER 2023

Many, Many Thanks

Once again we thank you, the members, for your continued support. And now, we have good news! We will be resuming a normal calendar this spring.

Several years ago the weather dictated that our first meeting of the year be in April. And so we begin this spring with our first meeting on Wednesday, April 19, at 7 p.m.

It's a wonderful program. BUTTONS! Yes, buttons have a history and we will hear all about it from MaryJane Koenig who has a collection. She tells us that buttons reflect history, art, culture, military trends, etc. They can be things of beauty and more.

Ms. Koenig is the chairperson of the World War I Committee that published the book Answering the Call in 2022. We have that book in our collection and it is filled with stories of veterans of the First World War. Our speaker assures us the world of buttons has a few stories too!

Our May program is about the history of Route 20… not only our little piece, but snippets from all of it. How did it come into being? Here's a fact: it begins in Boston and ends in Newport, Oregon, making Route 20 the longest highway in the U.S.

This is a program we have been waiting for since 2019. At last we will hear about the road and what happened along our section. Note: this program will begin at 7 p.m. as usual, but on the second ***Wednesday, May 10.***

YARD SALE: And, lastly, for June we plan a yard sale. This announcement gives everyone lots of time to scout out those wonderful things we feel we can live without. The date is Saturday, June 24, time is 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Set-up can begin at 7:30 a.m. For non-members a place on the lawn will cost $10 and rental of a table will be $5.

Members, attention! It's free to you – the space and the table.

Call the Sturgeon House, 474-5855, and leave your interest, your name and phone number – twice!

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORMS INCLUDED WITH THIS NEWSLETTER

The membership year for the Fairview Area Historical Society is January through December. Renewal forms are sent with the Winter Newsletter with three exceptions: Life Memberships; memberships that are already renewed for various reasons; or a new member who joined since the previous June. In that case, that member will enjoy the year that follows as a bonus (up to 18 months of membership). This year that we have just entered is our 46th in existence (1977- 2023).

Thank you to all who renew.

Stay Warm!

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QUILT, WREATH & MORE

Wanda Rivera won the quilt at the December Open House. The wreath was won by Lori Chessario who won it last year too. Other winners of the Chinese Auction items were Jim Brinling, Joyce Getz, Susi Little, Todd Little, Kay Lynne Picheco and Jane Schwab, All were received with great pleasure.

2022 Year End Treasurer's Report:

Starting Balance, 1/1/2022- $26,835.90

Expenses:		
Utilities	$ 3,807.50	
Supplies	$ 1,020.67	
Donations	$ 200.00	
Security	$ 606.12	
Repairs	$ 4,308.74	
Taxes	$ 18.21	
Building Supplies	$ 201.87	
200 Club	$ 1,950.00	
Insurance	$ 2,016.00	
Wreaths	$ 3,513.00	
State Report	$ 49.99	
Total	$17,692.10	
Revenue:		
Membership	$ 752.00	
200 Club	$ 4,025.00	
Donations	$ 1,134.00	
Wreaths	$ 5,243.30	
Quilt	$ 235.00	
PayPal	$ 224.33	
Erie Gives	$ 2,966.60	
Book Sales	$ 117.75	
Memorial	$ 215.00	
Giving Local	$ 250.00	
Total	$15,162.98	(-) $ 2,529.12

Ending Balance 12/31/2022- $25,596.22

Chapel Fund $ 1,289.44
Erie Community Foundation
Endowment Fund $ 27,164.56

HERE'S A PREVIEW OF THIS YEAR'S QUILT?



This sweet, lively quilt is special. Not quite a queen size, it presents a challenge as to the many ways it can be used. What a delight it is. Our Quilt Chairman (Lois Fisher) says it's very well made and the colors are nicely coordinated.

EVERY DEATH DIMINISHES US…

The following are the names of members who passed away in 2022. Our sincerest sympathies to the families of: Dolores Buell, Frances Buseck, Isaabel Hodgin, Brian McKean/Titan Tool, Kate McMaster, Franklin Sasso, Vincent Seery, Norma Jane Weigel, and Barbara Wingerter. We have special memories of all these wonderful folks. Our sympathies also go to "friends" of FAHS who died this year; including one who was often our source for local history – John Klier.

GOOD NEIGHBOR REPORT

Many thanks to "Bob" who clears the Presbyterian Church parking lot. He scooped out the snow from the bottom of our parking area in time for our Open House. He saved the day. Thank you, Good Neighbor, Bob!