MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT – MICHAEL IPPOLITI

Hopefully winter is coming to an end and spring is just around the corner. The past few months have brought on new challenges for the Society. Many of you are aware of the fire that occurred in the Wigwam restaurant the morning of December 5th. The National Barber Museum, which is housed above, suffered extensive smoke damage. There was no water or flame damage, just smoke. None of the artifacts and contents were lost, but everything had to be packed up and sent out to be cleaned. Thankfully our insurance is covering the cost.

On January 12th, the arduous task of removing the items began, starting with a complete inventory with photos. This process took seven days with a crew of two. Next a crew of eight to 10 specially trained people started the pack out. All the items had to be handled and wrapped individually, crated and labeled. The crew was from Michigan, Indiana, Cleveland and Columbus. All had art or equivalent degrees, so handling the artifacts was done with extreme professionalism. The next step is to disassemble the large back bars, mirrors, and show cases so they can be moved out to be cleaned. This process should be completed by the end of February.

The next step is to find a new home for the museum. Ed Jeffer’s wish was to keep it in Canal Winchester, but if a site cannot be found or built the future looks very dim. At one time the Smithsonian was interested, but they would only be keeping certain items and either liquidating or storing the remainder. The National Barber Museum is the only museum of this size in the world. The ultimate objective of the museum is to protect, preserve, educate and promote the history and art of barbering. It would be a shame to lose a treasure like this which has been a part of the community for so many years.

Thank you to those of you who have renewed your 2015 membership in the Canal Winchester Area Historical Society. To those who have not sent in your membership renewal to be included in the active membership of the society, your renewal must be received by the society no later than March 1, 2015. This will be the last mailing and reminder you will receive unless your membership renewal is received.

DO SOMETHING HISTORIC! RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY TRUSTEES – 2015
The Society officers are: Michael Ippoliti, President; Jim Wynkoop, Vice President; Ronald Weaver, Secretary; and James Habegger, Treasurer. The other trustees are: Robert Garvin, Jamie Habegger, Joy Habegger, Joyce Reihing, Jeanette Schneider, Sandy White, and Ronald Koontz (non-voting member). Legal Counsel is Roger Weaver, Attorney-at-Law.

Committee Chairmen:
Archives & Collection – Judy Fleming
Assistant Secretary – Dorothy Nolan
Assistant Treasurer – Jeanette Schneider
Buildings & Grounds – Jim Baltzer, Dana Ippoliti, Michael Ippoliti, Joe Messerly, Patrick Murphy, Jeanette Schneider and Ronald Weaver
Education – Michael Ippoliti
Finance – Michael Ippoliti, Joy Habegger and Jeanette Schneider
Legislative – Roger Weaver
Membership – Dorothy Nolan
Public Affairs –
   Publicity – Amanda Lemke
   Newsletter – Nancy Schirm Wright
Special Activities –
   Programs – Society Trustees
   Golf Outing – Reno Robinett, Cal Caswell, Steve Donahue – Co-Chairmen,
     Michael Ippoliti, Jeanette Schneider
   Historic Ghost Tour – Elaine Thomas, Chairperson, Judy Fleming, Joy Habegger,
     Andi Murphy, Carol Note, Jeanette Schneider, Vicki Shaw
Ways & Means – Andi Murphy, Jeanette Schneider, Carole Graening, Elaine Thomas
Destination Canal Winchester Representatives – Michael Ippoliti, Dorothy Nolan
Landmarks Commission Representatives – Michael Ippoliti, Joe Messerly
Liaison to Human Services – Marilyn Rush-Ekelberry

.. AND A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL
As always, the Society Christmas Party was well attended and a big success. A special “Thank You” to the Refreshment Committee of Carole Graening, Dana Ippoliti, Susie Bender Rhinehart, Jeanette Schneider and Elaine Thomas. The music by The Treble Clef, under the leadership of Terri Christensen, was enjoyed by all of the attendees.

2015 MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORIES
The 2015 CWAHS membership cards will be distributed at the April meeting. Because of postage/printing costs, the membership directory will now be distributed by e-mail. If you want a printed copy, please contact Jeanette Schneider at 614-837-7287.

PROGRAMS FOR 2015
January – March – No membership meetings
April 7 “Civil War Veteran Sarah Emma Edmonds, who impersonated a man to join the Union Army” – by Rhonda Frum
May No membership meeting
June 5 11th Annual Golf Outing – Pine Hill Golf Course
July 7 Medley of Songs by Treble Clef – Terri Christensen
August 13 & 14 Historical Society Complex Work Days
September No membership meeting
October 9 & 10 10th Annual Historic Ghost Tour – No membership meeting
November 3 “Impersonation of Mabel Wagnall” – Carol Gall
December No membership meeting and no Christmas Party
2014 IN REVIEW

- As always, the Canal Winchester Area Historical Society had many interesting programs at the membership meetings. The April meeting celebrated the 50th Anniversary of the Canal Winchester Bank Mural – “Winchester on the Canal” – with the artist James Huffman to tell its story. Other meeting topics included the Tuskegee Airmen and the CW Fire Department. The annual Christmas party was held at the Frances Steube Community Center and featured singing group Treble Clef.

- The CWAHS participated in several community activities in 2013. Among them:
  - At the annual Christmas in the Village celebration, the N-Scalers (model train group) had their model train set-up running – to the delight of young and old. Historical Society and Barber Museum brochures were distributed. It should be noted that the N-Scalers also set up a model train display at COSI.
  - The CWAHS members participated in the CW Ribfest in August, helping at the information center and with general prep and clean-up.
  - Individual and group tours of the Society Complex and the National Barber Museum (NBM) were arranged as requested. They included the 2nd graders from Groveport and Cub Scout Pack 103.
  - The 10th Annual Historical Society Golf Outing was held June 6th at Pine Hill Golf Course and was enjoyed by all who participated.
  - Mike Ippoliti, representing the NBM, was a speaker at the National Association of Barber Boards of America Convention held in Las Vegas, Nevada, in September.
  - The CWAHS Annual Clean-up Days were held August 8 and 9 with HS members hard at work washing windows, cleaning buildings and doing yard work. Special kudos to the Village of CW for the donation of time and equipment in maintaining the HS grounds – mowing and snow removal have kept the grounds looking spiffy. The Village also trimmed trees and shrubs, and cleared weeds. Historical Society member Carole Graening spent many hours maintaining the flower beds at the HS Complex.
  - The CWAHS has continued to answer research requests within the limits of the HS records and files.
  - The Collections Committee continues to compile the 50 Years Ago column for The Times – a feature much loved by the community.
  - The 9th Annual Historic Ghost Tour was held on October 3rd and 4th. The tour included 6 stops with society and community members portraying CW citizens from the past.
  - The CWAHS continues to work on compiling “oral histories” of Canal Winchester citizens.
  - Websites for the Historical Society and the Barber Museum are on-line and are updated as events dictate.
  - The two endowment funds – one for the Historical Society Complex and the second for the Barber museum – are being managed by the Fairfield County Foundation. Donations are ongoing and are most gratefully accepted.
  - Many members are now receiving their society newsletters by e-mail. This has saved printing and postage costs for the society. The e-mail recipients have also benefited in that the e-mail version is in color. The number of members using this option continues to increase, and we hope that even more members opt for the e-mail version of our newsletters.
Work is in progress on digitizing the photographs in the CWAHS and NBM collections. When completed, our old and precious photos will no longer need to be handled to be enjoyed by all.

CWAHS and National Barber Museum Events included:
- An Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the National Barber Museum was held April 19th at Stradley Place for the children of the community
- The National Barber Museum and Hall of Fame has benefited from the services of an aide supplied by AARP. He has been accessioning the artifacts and records as well as conducting tours. He is a valuable asset to the NBM.
- Several members have contributed their “Memories of Growing Up in CW” to the newsletter – to the delight of all.
- On December 5th, 2014, the NBM suffered smoke damage from the fire in the Wigwam. Clean-up work is ongoing at this time.

A wonderful present is a membership in the CWAHS.
***Join the CWAHS for only $10 a year or for $150 become a Lifetime Member***

SHARE YOUR MEMORIES
Your editor would like to include special memories of growing up in Canal Winchester in the newsletter. Please mail your stories to Nancy Schirm Wright, 12 N. High Street, Canal Winchester, OH 43110-1109 or e-mail them to her at NancW814@aol.com. These stories will be included on an as space available basis. The deadline for information to be included in the next newsletter is May 5, 2015.

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