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# AB GRAHAM MEMORIAL CENTER

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## 100 YEARS OF SERVING THE COMMUNITY

The A.B. Graham Memorial Center, formerly Miami East Jr. High, building has been serving the community for 100 years.

For the majority of those years of service the building was used to educate students as a high school and then a junior high. Currently the Center is being used as a community center. Available to the public we have a museum (free of charge). The gym is open daily for walkers. We have banquet/meeting rooms and gymnasium for rent and a fitness center. We have monthly events such as dinners, bingo, craft show, and a car show is available to the public. It is also the home of three 4-H clubs and the Fletcher Lions Club who use it monthly for their meetings. The A.B. Graham Center is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that is ran by volunteers and relies on donations, sponsors and funds from monthly events to operate.



## HAPPY 150<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY!

On March 13, 1868 Albert B. Graham was born near Lena, Ohio. He was later to start a boys and girls club know today as 4-H. We welcome you to come and tour our museum this year to celebrate his birthday. Bring your family, 4-H group or clubs, tours are free. Call or email us today to schedule your visit.

## Have You Noticed Our Improvements?

Our building has received quite the makeover recently with the help of volunteers and the 4-H clubs that meet here regularly. Among the improvements were painting in the south entrance stairway, outside windows on the front and west side of the building were painted, handrails were painted, and the outside hallway door to gym was replaced. The 4-H clubs took the time to give a good spring-cleaning to the gym and planted flowers with mulch around the front of the building.

Thanks to the Miami County Foundation we have replaced the lighting in the Fitness Zone, Gym and added a 24/7 access system to our Fitness Zone.

The board has many more items on the list for this year but your continued support is needed to complete these items.



## What's new in the...



We are excited to announce **24/7 Access** to our fitness center. Thanks to The Miami County Foundation and individual donors. Come and workout on your schedule. We are currently running a special **3 months for \$75** start your new year right. For more info on rates and to schedule a time to get signed up call 937-368-3700.



## New in 2018 A.B. Graham Scholarship



Starting in 2018 we will be offering a scholarship to High School Senior with a background in 4-H from Miami, Champaign or Shelby County. If you would like to donate to this scholarship, you can go to our website or mail a check to A.B. Graham Memorial Center, P.O. Box 433, Conover OH 45317. Please note on your check Scholarship. Check back with our website later this year for applications and more details.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

We are always looking for volunteers. Whether it be to help at events, teach class, cover the Fitness Zone, cleaning or any number of things. Contact us today if you would like to help!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Line Dancing

7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Every Friday Night Jan. 12 - Feb. 16

### Chicken Noodle Dinner & Bingo

Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup>

Dinner 5-7pm, Bingo 7 pm

### Lasagna Dinner & Bingo

Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup>

Dinner 5-7pm, Bingo 7pm

### Spring Craft Show

Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup>

9am - 2 pm

### All You Can Eat Pancake, Sausage & Fried Mush

Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup>

7am - 12 p.m.

### Breaded Tenderloin Dinner & Bingo

Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>

Dinner 5-7pm, Bingo 7pm

### BINGO Night

Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm

Concession will be available starting @ 6pm

### A.B. Graham Birthday Celebration

Saturday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>



For more info on these events check out our website [abgraham.org](http://abgraham.org) or on Facebook



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## How Can You Help Out?

We have a couple ways you can help without changing your schedule. If you shop at Kroger's with a rewards card or online with amazon you can help. By simply going into your account and selecting The A.B. Graham Center as a charitable organization we will receive a percentage every time you shop. Go to our website **abgraham.org** for more information. You can also simply mail us a donation by using the envelope included in this newsletter. Your donation can go toward the building fund, the scholarship or other specific projects if noted on the envelope. The last way is if you have a local business, we offer advertising in our dining room. Contact us about sponsoring a sign that will be hung for all to see.



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The Center has rental space available for your next event. We offer rooms for all size and type events. We have the right technology needed- cable, wifi, a projector and sound system. We also have a chair lift for handicap access.

Submit a request on our website today to receive a quote or call the Center. Please let us know what we can do to help make your next event a success.

## ATTENTION: Local Crafters & Vendors

Spaces are available for our Annual Craft Show March 24. More information and registration form can be found on our website **abgraham.org**



## Did you know?

We have a Museum filled with memorabilia from our Community? The Museum is divided into 4 sections dedicated to: Community, Alumni, 4-H and Agriculture. We have a beautiful WWII mural and school room set up for you to come and try out one of the old school desks. Tours are available upon request, individuals or groups. All tours are free of charge, donations are always welcome!

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