



The Village Crier

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President's Message

Much has been taking place at the Village... have you been a part of it? Our gardens and grounds are coming alive with lots of green! More sunshine and less rain would be nice but things are looking good. Thanks to a donation of plants and labor by members Tom and Vicki Drost, our Doll Museum has new landscaping. A need was seen and they stepped up to deal with it for us. Thank you so much.

Thank you Strongsville Rotarians for spending a Saturday morning working on our grounds cleaning up and spreading mulch. Your service to our Society is greatly appreciated.

Thank you also to our many friends from Key Bank who came to "Make a Difference" at the Village on May 24. As always, much was accomplished, fun was had, and friends were made.

Work has begun on the replacement of much siding on the Lathrop House. Years of weather have taken a toll on the siding and some windowsills. Once the siding is done our painters will begin to give this beautiful house a fresh coat of paint. Also about to begin is foundation work on the Chapman House. The northeast corner of the basement has shown movement and needs replaced. Due to the wise investing of our boards over the years we will be able to cover this major, unscheduled repair. With one house there is always something to do...with 8...oh my goodness, the surprises just keep coming.

Be sure to stop in and see the artifacts which have been added to our displays. More textiles placed throughout the Village help give our buildings a lived in look depicting clothing of

many eras. We have placed a holiday display in the Library showcase utilizing many old postcards and other items. Since we are not open for many of the holidays throughout the year, we haven't been able to share some of these items.

We hope to see you at the Village soon.

Ruth Brickley

Doll, Doll Houses and Toys Show

Come and see many of our dolls which will be on display from June 10-July 31, 2017 throughout the Village. June 10 from 1-4 will be a free day at the Village. Come tour the buildings and then stop at our Doll Auction and Sale in the Lathrop Great Room. This sale will include paper doll books, doll books, dolls, dollhouse furniture and lots more.

Garage Sale Planned

A garage sale is being planned to be held at the Historical Village on July 13 and 14 from 9-3. Please go to the website at www.strongsvillehistoricalsociety.org for details. This sale is tentative - so make sure you check the website before coming to the Village for the sale.

Flag Display

Once again this year we will be proudly displaying American flags on holidays throughout the summer. Many of our old flags were in bad shape and we thank the following people for sponsoring new flags:

Neal & Catherine Klabunde - dedicated to U.S. Army Veterans, U.S. Navy Veterans, U.S. Marine Corps Veterans, U.S. Air Force Veterans and U.S. Coast Guard Veterans.

Vladimir & Barbara Krivos - in memory of Vladimir & Emma Krivos and Anthony & Bessie Polcar.

Janice Justice-Booth - in memory of Martin Kinczel.

Donna Teuscher - in honor of the Teuscher Family.

Helen Kolesar - in honor of her late husband Edward who served in Korea.

Helen & Stephanie Belovich in memory of Lt. Col. Thomas S. Belovich, USAF, WWII combat veteran.

Anonymous donor - 5 flags.

Thank you for your donation to the Society and to the memory of these special people.

Wanted!

We are looking for people to be a part of a committee that will brainstorm possible programs that we could share with schools and other organizations. There is a lot of hidden knowledge and a number of fascinating hobbies in our membership. We would like to eventually have our own "Speaker's Bureau".

Our first brainstorming session will be in September. This gives you time during all those relaxing summer months to think of programs we could share with others.

Please consider helping this new idea to blossom.

Barbara Shearer (440-846-1916)
Education Chairman

Lathrop House Rental

The Lathrop House features a historic atmosphere yet provides flexibility in arrangements with available seating for 40. The multi-purpose room of the Lathrop House is one of the Historical Village's "hidden gems". Due to the flexible room arrangements, a modern kitchen and wheelchair accessibility, it is the perfect setting for your next function. It is available for rent year-round, seven days a week.

Wedding showers, baby showers, birthday parties, baptisms, weddings, book signings, office holiday parties, alumni events, and picnics are all some of the events that have been held at the Lathrop House Multipurpose Room. And best of all, the rental rates are very reasonable: Members - \$25/hour, plus deposit. Non-members - \$35/hour, plus deposit.

Other features all included in the rental cost are:

- Seating for 40 with the flexibility of 11 tables to set the room as you wish.
- A full kitchen with a stove, microwave, oven, refrigerator and freezer.
- Dishes, silverware, cups, coffee pots, water pitchers.
- Easy access from anywhere in greater Cleveland.
- Free close-up parking.
- Alcohol is permitted with no additional charge.
- Special needs access.
- Non-smoking facility.

For information and availability call 440-572-0057 or connect through the website: www.strongsvillehistoricalsociety.org.

Community Band

The Strongsville Community Band will perform a concert on the Historical Village grounds on Friday, July 14 at 7:30 pm. Kick off your weekend with great music while you enjoy the beauty and hospitality of the Historical Village!



Harvest Festival

The Harvest Festival will be held on September 23 and 24 this fall. If you would like to help, or if you have a skill you would like to demonstrate, please get in touch with Michelle Piech at 440-714-6544 or email at michellepiech@yahoo.com. The first planning meeting was held on May 23. We would love to have more help at this event - please consider volunteering!

Membership

We would like to thank all those individuals, families, and businesses who have continually renewed their memberships; your support is greatly appreciated. Dues are always renewed in January and are good for a year, with the exception of LIFETIME MEMBERS. TIRED OF PAYING DUES? Think about getting a LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP. A lifetime member is a person who contributes \$300 one time and does not pay dues again. Please help us increase our membership by sharing your experiences with the Strongsville Historical Society and Village with your family and friends. We are always looking for new members and businesses that would like to join our Society. Please contact Dana Martin (440-572-1353) for more information on business membership opportunities. PLEASE PRINT all information on membership envelopes when you return them, and check the committees that you are interested in serving on.

"Strongsville has a lot of great history. New members, 'young and old' can make new history".

We would like to welcome our new members: Lazi Qirjazi, John & Deborah Bedford, and Amy Kortk.

Annual Pot Luck Dinner

On Tuesday, June 27, the June General Meeting and Pot Luck Dinner will be held in the Lathrop Great Room beginning at 6 pm. Join us for a brief General Meeting and a leisurely pot luck meal. Bring your own table setting (i.e., plate, cup, tableware) and a favorite dish to share. No reservation required. This is also a great opportunity to view our beautiful grounds.



Olds General Store

The Olds General Store is the only place in town where you can purchase Strongsville pottery. Our selection is larger this year with coffee mugs, beer steins, kitchen utensil holders and flower pots. They are great gifts for Mother's Day, birthdays, anniversaries and graduations.

We have notecards, books about Strongsville and collectible Degenhart glass items. Degenhart glass is on sale at 10% off any purchase over \$15.00. Degenhart Colonial Ladies and John Alden figurines represent early American settlers. A set of them is only \$15.00. We have some lovely colors in stock. When these were made by Mrs. Degenhart, most sold for \$75.00 to \$100.00.

We still have wonderful Velda Chapman prints of the old Strongsville High School for \$20.00 unsigned or \$25.00 signed. The Olds Store is reopening in May through September during normal Village hours or call Marie or Marty for private shopping at 440-879-1092.

Remember that every purchase is a gift of support for the Strongsville Historical Society.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| June 10 | Doll, Doll Houses and Toy Show Historical Village 1-4 pm
Free Admission on June 10
Dolls will be on display until July 31, 2017 |
| June 27 | General Meeting and Pot Luck Dinner 6:00 pm
Lathrop Great Room |
| July 13, 14 | Garage Sale (tentative - please check website for details) 9am - 3 pm. |
| July 14 | Strongsville Community Band Concert Historical Village 7:30 pm |
| Sept. 23, 24 | Harvest Festival |

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