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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy New Year and greetings from the Strongsville Historical Society! As we begin another exciting year at the Society, we welcome another dedicated set of officers and directors along with our committee chairs, who will help guide us through 2015. I am honored to once again serve as President. Along with the many responsibilities this position brings, it also brings much joy! It is a joy to be able to work with so many dedicated volunteers. Yes, we are all volunteers. We have no paid staff. The hours our volunteers serve are phenomenal and commendable!

Heartfelt thanks go out to the many volunteers who so selflessly serve the Society in numerous ways. Getting ready for the holiday season was no easy task. Numerous people stepped up to help decorate inside the houses and out. Our Village has never looked better for the many guests who came to tour and learn more about the Society.

As we enter 2015 with renewed enthusiasm and much work to do, we need even more volunteers. Undertaking the continued restoration of the Chapman House, critical maintenance projects throughout the village, preparing for the Grand Opening and Dedication of the Roe Chapman Barn in 2015, and recruiting more volunteers to be docents, help with maintenance and serve in so many other capacities will take many hours of manpower. Our tasks for this year are many; however, with help from so many of you, we will be able to accomplish a lot!

We would greatly appreciate it if you could find time to volunteer. If you have any area where

you would like to help or any special talents to share, please call and we will gladly put you to work. We often need phone calls made too. So if getting out is not easy for you we still have a way you can help.

Our board meetings are held on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 7PM in the Lathrop House. We do not meet in July or December. All are welcome!

Just a reminder that as a member you are entitled to a free tour! We'd love to show you what is "old" and "new" in the Village.

Be sure to check our website, www.strongsvillehistoricalsociety.org for updates and information about the Society or call me at 440-572-0535.

There is something for everyone at the Society. I hope to see you at the Village.

Ruth Brickley

NEW DIRECTORS

There are nine directors on the Board of the Strongsville Historical Society. They commit to the Historical Society with attendance at Board meetings and help with a variety of needs during their tenure of three years. Each year three new directors rotate into the Society. Below is some information about our new directors to help you, the membership, get to know them better.

Debbie Miller

Debbie and her husband Mark have lived in Strongsville for 20 years, moving here from Den-

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ver, Colorado. Debbie grew up in Columbus so it was an easy move. She spotted the Historical Society buildings right away and attended her first Harvest Festival followed by her first Spring Fashion Show where Ruth Brickley encouraged Debbie to become a member. Following that, Eve Hawk invited Debbie to work on the Christmas Teas. The Village has been such fun for her ever since. Debbie shares, "I was raised by parents who taught me the importance of community service and the Strongsville Historical Society has filled that bill for me. I am so honored to work with so many wonderful people towards such a good cause." Previously Debbie was Corresponding Secretary and we are honored to have her as a Director.

Scott Maloney

Scott and his wife Vicki moved to Strongsville ten years ago to be closer to family. They fell in love with Strongsville and never looked back! They both like history, architecture and antiques, and have always been fascinated with the SHS. Vicki and Scott have done a little bit of volunteer work for the SHS on and off over the years, but the involvement grew last year when they spearheaded efforts to catalog the contents of the barn following its restoration. Scott is leading an ad-hoc committee to set up displays to showcase all of the farming and home maintenance tools amassed by the Society. If all goes as planned the Historical Society will hold a barn rededication celebration in 2015! Their sons David and Andrew attend Muraski Elementary. They have enjoyed tours of the SHS with the Cub Scouts and attended the Civil War Camps on the Village grounds during the summer. We are pleased to have Scott as Director and know that his entire family will also be a part of Society events.

Bill Miller

Bill and his wife Jan have lived in Strongsville for many years. He is a retired administrator from the Strongsville City Schools, spending most of

his time at the High School as Assistant Principal. He has long been interested in woodworking and other handy man jobs. After retiring, Bill quickly filled his time with helping his mom and his grown children as they moved into homes of their own. One day, Ginny Rios talked him into helping out with some painting and putting the new signs up in front of the Village buildings. Since that time he has agreed to be our maintenance person and a Director. Thanks Ginny for your persuasive abilities and thanks Bill for being a new Director.

JOIN THE COLLECTIONS COMMITTEE

Are you fascinated with antiques and history? If so, we would love to have you join the Collections Committee. Our first meeting will be Thursday, February 19, 2015 at 1:00 pm at the Lathrop House in the Great Room. Please leave a message on the Village phone (440-572-0057) if you are interested, or send an email to: marshalundgren@msn.com.

2015 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OFFICERS

President - Ruth Brickley
Vice-President - Jean Wittrock
Recording Secretary - Pam Hughes
Corresponding Secretary - Jane Laffoon
Treasurer - Jane Ludwig
Assistant Treasurer - Diane Russell

DIRECTORS

Pat Crandall	Bob Russell
Barb Shearer	Debbie Miller
Dana Martin	Bill Miller
Janet Noss	Scott Maloney
Louise Varisco	

SPRING FASHION SHOW

The Strongsville Historical Society will host its annual Spring Fashion Show and Luncheon at Don's Pomeroy House in Strongsville on March 14, 2015. Doors will open and seating will begin at 11:30 am, with the luncheon and fashion show beginning at 12 noon.

Fashions will be presented by Chico's of Southpark Mall. Hair and make-up for the models will be done by Today's Headlines Salon. A raffle will also take place at the event. Raffle tickets are included in this newsletter, and will be sold at the luncheon for \$1.00 each. If you wish to purchase tickets and are not attending the luncheon, please fill tickets out, include a check made out to the Strongsville Historical Society and return tickets and money to The Strongsville Historical Society, 13305 Pearl Road, Strongsville, Ohio 44136 prior to March 13.

Tickets for the event are \$38 each. If you wish to purchase tickets and make a table reservation for the event, please contact Pam Hughes at 440-773-6605 or Gina Cathcart at 216-403-9226. Don't delay - get your tickets to this very popular spring event before they sell out!

VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Jean Wittrock

Hello SHS Members, as Vice President I am charged with organizing the programs for the year and the subsequent refreshments on those days. The programs are set and I know I am looking forward to the Founder's Day Program and General Meeting on **February 24th**, at 7:00 pm at **Old Town Hall**. "Strongsville - A Farming Community" will be presented by our own Louise Varisco. This should be good information as Strongsville approaches our 200th Anniversary in 2016. Look for more information about the **Spring Fashion Show and Luncheon, March 14th** in this newsletter. The next general meeting will be **April 28th** at 7:00 pm at the Lathrop House. The program is "**Fab 50s Cleveland Style: Glorious Sports, Gory**

Murder, Glamour Girls & Gas Guzzlers." Presented by a member of the Western Reserve Historical Society - this should be fun! Please put these events on your calendar. If you'd like to help with refreshments, please give me a call at 440-567-5152.

I am proud to be your Vice President and look forward to helping Ruth in the year ahead.

LATHROP HOUSE RENTAL



The Perfect Place for a Wedding or Baby Shower

Another one of the Society's "hidden gems" is the multipurpose room of the Lathrop House. The room is available for rent year round, seven days a week. With available seating of up to 44, flexible room arrangements and wheelchair accessibility the facility is perfect for mid-size celebrations or meetings.

And, best of all, the rental rate is only \$25.00 an hour for Strongsville Historical Society members.

For rentals information and availability call 440-572-0057 or go to our website at www.strongsvillehistoricalsociety.org and click on the rental tab to be in touch with the Rental Coordinator.

MEMBERSHIP

A new and exciting year is upon us. We would like to thank all those individuals, families, and businesses who have continually renewed their memberships; your support is greatly appreciated. This is just a reminder that if you have not had a chance yet to renew, please do so. Last newsletter had a membership envelope in it with our rates. Dues are always renewed in January and are good for a year, unless you are a LIFETIME MEMBER! A lifetime member is an individual who contributes \$300 one time and does not pay dues again!

Please help us to 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 corporations that would like to join our membership. If you run, own or know of someone who runs or owns a business and would like to join the Historical Society, please contact Dana Martin (440-572-1353) for more information. DID YOU RENEW? Do you know if you are due or not? Please check the mailing label on this newsletter and if there is a colored round sticker that means your renewal is due. You can send it in to the Historical Society with your check made out to the Strongsville Historical Society. Thank you.

When renewing, please make sure you check the section about receiving newsletters by email or mail. If receiving by email, please PRINT your email address. Also, make sure you indicate on the envelope if you wish to become involved in the Society in one of the listed ways. You must fill these sections out each year to remain current.

“Strongsville has a lot of great history. New members, ‘young and old’, can make new history.”

NEW LIFETIME MEMBER
David Pallenik

CORPORATE MEMBER
Jardine Funeral Home

SOUP SUPPER



Photo courtesy of Terry Brlas, The Strongsville Post

This year's Soup Supper was enjoyed greatly by all who attended. We want to give a big **THANK YOU** to all of our members who supplied soup, helped with set-up and cleanup and, of course, those who supported the event with their presence. Thanks also to our business donors: Heinen's, Giant Eagle Market District, Don's Pomeroy House, Jaworski's Meats, Zoup and Molly McGhee's for supplying soups and breads for the event and to Mama Jo's Pies for their generous price break on the pies.

Thanks to Don and Barb Shearer for coordinating this event.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Feb. 24 Founder's Day & General Meeting, 7:00 pm Old Town Hall
Program: Strongsville-A Farming Committee
Presented by Louise Varisco
- March 14 Spring Fashion Show and Luncheon, Pomeroy House
Contact: Pam (440-773-6605) or Gina (216-403-9226)
- April 28 General Meeting, 7:00pm, Lathrop House
Program: Fab 50s Cleveland Style
Presented by Western Reserve Historical Society
- May 19 General meeting, 7:00 pm, Lathrop House
Program: Through the Eyes of Jane Rich
Presented by: Jo Ann Bartsch, Master Gardener

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