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The Village Crier

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President's Message

Well, it's been a strange spring, but there's nothing strange happening at the Village. The efforts of many may be seen in our building displays, our beautiful grounds, and our well cared for structures. It continues to amaze and please me to see how much our volunteers can and do accomplish. Working together as a team is really paying off. We continue to move forward and thrive!

We have planted 2 new trees on the grounds to replace some of those which have been removed. The new tree between the Barn and Cabin is a Carolina Silverbell and the tree between the Store and the Academy is a Kentucky Coffee tree. We hope they thrive on the Village grounds.

Our 4 park benches are being repaired and restored. They have served us well but will bring a new fresh look to the grounds with fresh wood and new stain. Thanks to a generous donor this is being done as a gift. We are very grateful for this generosity.

There are several changes being made to the Village this spring and summer. We are adding new paths for easy entry from the south, new lighting on our buildings, and new lampposts to improve the lighting of our path. If you stop in, you may notice some major repairs being done to the foundation of the Doll Museum. Age is taking its toll and reinforcing and waterproofing must be done. Painting will begin on the Chapman House and the Store as soon as the weather allows. Some structural repairs will be done first and then both buildings will be good for several more years.

We are also in need of a new roof on the General Store. Bids are in and we would gladly accept any offers of financial support for this roof project.

There are some very special events on our calendar for one and all to enjoy. Check out the list on the back of this newsletter. If you have any free time and want to become a more active member, please call Ruth at 440-572-0535 and we will find just the right thing for you to do!

We hope to see you at the Village soon!

Ruth Brickley

Thank You All...

Thank you to our Strongsville Rotarians who came to help spread mulch at the Village. We appreciate their taking time out of their busy schedules on a Saturday morning to help us. With the great workers on hand we had the mulch done in less than 2 hours.

Thank you to our Key Bank "Neighbors Make a Difference" friends as they once again came to the Village to help in May. As always, much was accomplished, fun was had, and friends were made.

Thank you to one and all who have loaned quilts for our Quilt Show. Some quilts will remain on display in our buildings until the end of August. We hope you will stop in and see them. What treasures and what memories lie within these beautiful quilts.

Thank you to our volunteers who served as hosts and hostesses and prepared and served refreshments for our Quilt Show and Social. What a great time was had by all!

Vice President's Message

As I am writing this, the weather is promising to be in the 70s for the days ahead. I am excited about the spring but soon summer will be upon us. We have our yearly Potluck on Tuesday, June 28. Come share a dish and conversation with fellow Historical members.

Look for information in another part of this newsletter about the Harvest Festival which is September 24 & 25 this year. We have several areas of need for members to get involved.

I'd like your special help with the November meeting. The program is not set yet. We'd like to do something with music and I had the idea of adding Strongsville family holiday traditions through the years. If your family has a long time holiday tradition please let me know about it by emailing me at jwittrock3@aol.com or calling 440-567-5152. I can't promise all traditions will be shared that evening but the program's success depends on you. Thanks!

Jean Wittrock

Collections News

At a recent Collections Committee meeting we discussed the need to include more current items in our collection. At this point in time, we are looking for interesting and significant items from the 50's, 60's, and 70's. During these decades many changes took place in the lives of our Strongsville residents and business owners. If you have an item to be considered to be added to our collection, please call Ruth at 440-572-0535. Think about communication items, household items, toys, clothing and documents which may be significant. Don't overlook some of those one of a kind photographs either. We want to have a place in our collections for this time in history. Please note that all items offered may not be accepted depending on condition, relevance to Strongsville and size.

Membership News

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? Always think about getting a LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP. A lifetime members 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 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 (440-572-1535) for more information.

When renewing, please make sure you check the section about receiving newsletters by email or mail, if receiving by email, PLEASE PRINT email address. Also check the committees that you are interested in.

We would like to welcome our new members; Bernice Kaldy, Kris and Elizabeth Jones, Linda Barbour, Nicholas Protiva, Patty Zivkovic, Butch and Barb Krivos, Betty Lekan, Sue Pryor, Linda Sprague, Elizabeth Valentine, Tony and Elaine Peskar, Mary Shawver, Dr. Andrea and Robert Lasko. New Business memberships include; Strongsville Chamber of Commerce, Jardine Funeral Home, Strongsville Lion's Club.

Email Newsletter

Many of our members have received our email newsletter over the past year along with the printed "Village Crier". If you would like to continue to be sent our email update or if you want to be added to the list or removed from the email list, please send your current email to Ruth at rrbrick@aol.com. The news by email is an update to keep members informed and is not a duplicate of the Village Crier.

Estate and Vintage Sale

We will be hosting an Estate and Vintage item sale in the Lathrop House on June 9th and 10th from 9:00 am till 4:00 pm.

A variety of items for sale include: collectibles, Hummel plates, glassware, nautical items, spoon collections, vintage linens, milk glass and Degenhart glass, and household items. We have something for everyone.

Wanted - Needed

The Society is in need of some dishes which could become a part of our collection to be used for displays in the Chapman House and the Lathrop House. If you have a set of dishes to serve 6 or more and possibly some matching serving pieces, we would love to see if they fit our need. Please contact Sylvia at 440-238-7574 to discuss this possibility.

Looking for Help!

We are looking for a group of volunteers to get more involved. We would like to create an "On Call" calling group. We can't give you dates because this would be on a needed basis, like getting last minute volunteers or helping some committees make calls for a certain reason. If you are interested in being a part of this group, please call or email Dana Martin, 440-572-1353 or martindl34@twc.com. If you become a part of this team, we really won't meet. I would just contact you with names, numbers and where the help is needed. Thank you for thinking about this. It takes A LOT of volunteers to make these things work!!

Olds General Store

Celebrate Strongsville's 200th birthday with a gift from the Old's General Store.

Stock up on Strongsville pottery; it makes a great gift. We have books covering the city's history, Velda Chapman's historical prints of the city, commemorative afghans, cards, and collectibles. We really have something for every occasion - showers, weddings, Father's Day, birthdays.

Degenhart glass is on sale at 10% off any one item over \$20.00. The mini pooches and baby pooches have been great sellers. There are special prices on certain Strongsville Pottery. Store hours are the same as the Village - open Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday from 1-4 pm or call your personal shoppers, Marie and Marty at 440-879-1092.

Lathrop House Rental

Are you looking for the perfect place for a wedding or baby shower? Or maybe a family gathering or a central location for a meeting? If so, you should consider renting the multipurpose room in the Lathrop House.

The multipurpose room is one of the Society's "hidden gems". Due to the setting of the room, the easy access and the low rental rate, it is perfect for a variety of celebrations or meetings. Even though the Village is not open year round for tours, the multipurpose room is available for rent year round, seven days a week.

The available seating of up to 44, flexible room arrangements, wheelchair accessibility, and close-up parking all combine to make this a perfect meeting place for many gatherings.

And, best of all, the rental rate is only \$25 per hour for Strongsville Historical Society members.

For rental information and availability, call 440-572-0057 or go to our website at

www.strongvillehistoricalsociety.org and click on the rental tab to be in touch with the Rental Coordinator.

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 9 & 10	Estate and Vintage Sale at the Lathrop House	9:00am-4:00pm
June 28	June Pot Luck at the Lathrop House General Meeting	6:00pm
July 8	Community Band on Historical Village Grounds	7:30pm
Sept. 24 & 25	Harvest Festival on Historical Village Grounds	11:00am-5:00pm
Oct. 2	Chicken Dinner at Strongsville Methodist Church	4:30pm-6:30pm
Oct. 25	General Meeting Program: Down by the Old Mill Stream Run Presented by Cleveland Metroparks Historian Judy MacKeiga	7:00 pm

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