



# T W I N S B U R G HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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## January Open House Program

On January 27, 2019 at 3:00PM, our open house program will be *"Two Lives. One Flag"* presented by Bill Cook. It is the story of two men with two families - one American and one Japanese, both missing in action during World War II. Through one special flag, these two families are able to move toward closure despite a time-span of over 70 years.

## Many thanks once again to our Tuesday Morning Quilters

Every year they create a masterpiece which they donate to the Historical Society for a raffle. Tickets are sold throughout the year, and this year's sales totaled \$530!!! The winning ticket was drawn at the party on Dec. 5 and belonged to a very surprised Audrey Kancler.

We wrapped the year with our annual holiday party at the Riley House. The table was groaning with great goodies and Marianne Peramici filled the punch bowl with a sweet ice cream treat. Roy Meier brought hot spiced cider so we had tasty choices. The gift exchange was fun and no one was disappointed. We had many familiar faces and some brand new folks who had never been inside the Riley House. Beverly and Frank Klimas along with Jon Howard and Ken Roddie decked the halls so the place was all full of Holiday. It was a fitting end to a very busy year.

We had record attendance at our programs and lots of new memberships. We had some familiar programs, the Clock Show, Olde Tyme Fare, Tales of Locust Grove, and some new events, The Ghosts, the Old School celebration just to name a few. We were so sorry to lose our beloved Charlotte Wike, but we have named a corner of the barn in honor of all of her work over the years.

The calendar for the year is already shaping up and we will have more details after our trustee meeting on January 2. We have booked Meeting Room 1 at the library because the museum is mighty frosty this time of year. All are welcome. Your ideas are welcome too. If you have an idea that you think would work, send it along.

Enjoy your holiday and we hope to see you in the Happy New Year. It is not too late to gift someone with a membership to our society. A perfect way to remember and to be remembered. It is your contributions that keep the lights on.

## January 2019

### Mark Your Calendars:

January 27, 2PM-5PM, Open House, Presentation: *"Two Lives. One Flag"* Starting at 3PM

February 6, 7PM, Trustee Meeting

February 20, 7PM, **Special Program**, Underwater Discoveries and Adventures by Chris Kraska

February 24, 2PM-5PM, Open House

March 6, 7PM, Trustee Meeting

March 31, 2PM-5PM, Open House, Program on Recycling by Ken Riley

April 3, 7PM, Trustee Meeting

April 28, 2PM-5PM, Open House

May 1, 7PM, Trustee Meeting

May 26, 2PM-5PM, Open House

June 5, 7PM, Trustee Meeting

June 30, 2PM-5PM, Open House

July 3, 7PM, Trustee Meeting

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The Historical Society, as well as some key influential business folks in the city, have been in talks with the mayor and council the past 5 months to get The Roach House also known as the Chamber House, next to the Congregational Church on the Square, into the society's name. The first reading of the ordinance passed at the regular council meeting on December 11. After three readings, a contract will be drawn up to make it legal. We appreciate all of the hard work that went into the discussions with the city and the support of council. The Roach House is on it's way being preserved. There are still some details to work out, but we are feeling very positive.

As our calendar grows so does our need for volunteers. We are partnering with the Twinsburg Library, the Twinsburg City Schools and Kent State University, We are continuing our collaboration with the Twinsburg Garden Club and our membership in the Twinsburg Chamber of Commerce. We need you to make this all work. Check our web page and our FaceBook page for the latest news and needs. If you are reading this from out of town we would love to hear from you. Remember our pages are dedicated to all things Twinsburg. We are so grateful for folks who share their news and their photos. There are other pages for political discussions. We will let you know if we have to remove a post and why. We are now linked to the library too. It just gets better and better.

**Next installment of “Know Your Trustees.” This Month we feature our Secretary, Beverly Klimas**

I was born in Cleveland's Slavic Village area. I attended Jane Addams Vocational High School taking Commercial Foods and worked during my school years part-time at the Woman's City Club and Halle's Geranium Room as a waitress. After graduation, Halle's hired me full-time as an Assistant Food Supervisor. One of the best parts of working at Halle's was being a part of the nostalgic “Mr. Jingling” breakfasts. I married Frank Klimas, a Historical Society member and volunteer, in 1965. We have a daughter, a son and three grandchildren. The family resided in Maple Heights. Our children attended Stafford Elementary School and I worked there as the Cafeteria Manager. When our children were older, I quit work and went back to school becoming a Certified Medical Assistant / Medical Biller. I worked clinical for a while then became the Manger of the billing office for Mt. Sinai Family Medicine, which eventually became a part of the Cleveland Clinic. Frank and I moved to Twinsburg in 1993. I returned to school, attending Cuyahoga Community College while working and became a Practice Manager for Cleveland Clinic Medical Practices for many years. Leaving the hectic world of medical practices, I returned to medical billing at SS & G in the Healthcare Division for a few years before I retired in 2011. Frank and I love to travel. Some of our adventures have taken us to Mexico, Grand Caymans, Jamaica, Caribbean Islands, cruises, and many states in the USA. The best vacation was a trip out West to see the National Parks for our 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. We are also lucky to enjoy the company of our family and many close friends. I'm also a Red Hat. I have always enjoyed history, so a few years after retiring I joined the Twinsburg Historical Society and currently serve on the Board of Trustees as the Secretary, Docent / Volunteer trainer and set up the displays. The society has really grown and changed in the last few years under the leadership of Jon Howard and our current President, Andy Tomko. The society has been brought into the 21<sup>st</sup> century and functions as a business with computers assisting us to catalog our acquisitions, website and Facebook improvements. Many needed major repairs have been completed, new displays in updated cases now feature our city's treasures. We currently have developed partnerships with Twinsburg's Schools, Twinsburg Library, Kent State University, Rotary Club, the Akron Summit County Library, The Council for Historical Institutions & Preservations Societies, and even have been contacted by the University of Arizona, “Pickers” television show and CNN's television show, “This is Life with Lisa Ling” which will air within the next several months, for assistance with their projects. All the hard working Trustees and volunteers dedicated to preserving Twinsburg's past have worked together to increase our presence in the community and beyond and for that we are very proud.

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Locked Out Students



Mrs. Harvis and daughter Connie

Trivia – Oscar Shupe was a vocal trustee of the “Twinsburg Real Estate Owners Association” who demanded the termination of Mr. Powell. In June 1949, Mr. Shupe was sued by five of his former employees for practicing voodooism and communication with spirits of the dead. Mr. Shupe boasted that the day was coming when all men on earth will shake and tremble at the name of Shupe. (*The Sandusky Register June 20, 1949*)

**1949** –In March, Richner Hardware was remodeled with a new brick front and a 40 ft. sign over three new display windows. The Post Office moves out of Richner Hardware into the Bishop building.

A new telephone exchange building was completed on the southeast corner of the Square.

Construction begins on the Bissell Building between the bank and hardware store. It was the home of Roseberry’s Store, Lawson’s Dairy, and the Tip Top Restaurant. The second floor was professional offices. In the photo below is the Richner Hardware (left) and the Bissell Building (right).



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