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**Applications for the Robert Culhan Scholarship are now being accepted.** Our website has the link to the scholarship page at the bottom of the main home page. Our website is: [www.twinsburghistoricalsociety.org](http://www.twinsburghistoricalsociety.org). You can get a paper application there and mail it in or fill it out online. **The deadline for filling for this scholarship is 4/5/2019.**

February was a short but busy month. Both of our presentations had packed houses. Chris Kraska's first hand account on the shipwreck "Lake Serpent" in Lake Erie was riveting. Chris has more stories to tell and he promises to tell them. We may move him into a warmer month.

Our first Black History celebration was a great success. The title was "Amen Somebody" and Trustee Dr. Constance Longmire started us out with a song that set the perfect tone for the program to follow. Reverend David Zerby, Minister of the Twinsburg First Congregational Church led the invocation. Local business man Keith Harris shared his memories of his life in Twinsburg.

President Andy Tomko gave a welcome, O'Hara Nicholson sang the Negro National Anthem. Lisa Peek read a powerful story. Kenny Evans and Dana-Sha White gave a moving acapella rendering of "Falling in Love With Jesus". Heaven-Lee Neville gave a dramatic reading of "Phenomenal Woman" by Maya Angelou. Beverly Klimas and Constance organized the showcase with pictures and memorabilia of life in the Black Community in Twinsburg. People stayed to tour the museum, share memories and enjoy the food supplied by the Hospitality Committee. Pastor Dave invited all to an Interfaith Unity Service at his Church later in the evening. It was a grand event and we are already planning for next year. Special thanks to Henry Ford who helped with the planning and took so many pictures.

March is busy too. The Kent State students have been visiting our buildings working on various projects. Trustees have been mentoring as the need arises. It is mighty cold in the buildings but they are soldiering on. We still need volunteers to work with the students. The projects include work on the Underground Railroad, exploring our Bibles, getting the Roach House on the National Registry and a number of other tasks. Thanks to Veronica Hughes, Ken Rody, Rich and Bonnie Bissell who are already helping. There are more things to talk about. Stay tuned and check Facebook and the website.

Our March Open House on March 31 is really exciting. Ken Riley and Nora Suder Riley will be explaining the mystery of recycling. Ken and Nora are both science teachers and avid protectors of the planet. The museum opens at 2:00 and the program starts at 3:00. Bring any questions and concerns. They will answer questions about all three communities. Suggestions are welcome. We have to start preserving our present if future generations are to have a history.

# 2019

## April

### Newsletter

#### Mark Your Calendar

March 31, 2PM-5PM, Open House, 3PM Program on Recycling by Ken Riley

April 3, 7PM, Trustee Meeting

April 13, 5PM, Annual Meeting, Potluck Dinner, First Congregational Church, Year in Review

April 16, 5PM, NEOCC Tour & Dinner

April 27, 10AM-4PM, Farming Exhibition, Twinsburg Community Center

April 28, 2PM-5PM, Open House, Tech/Gadget Day, Get your questions answered about your devices

May 1, Mopar Display, Twinsburg Library

May 1, 7PM, Trustee Meeting

May 9, Gravestone Cleanup Program, Twinsburg Library

May 11, 8AM till noon or sell out, Garden Club Plant Sale at the Freeman Barn

May 11, Fund Raiser Spaghetti Dinner, Twinsburg Community Center

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Saturday, April 13 is our Annual Meeting and Pot Luck Dinner. Come to the First Congregational Church and bring a tasty plate of your favorite dish to share. Bring your plate and cutlery too. Coffee and tea will be provided. President Andy will look back over the year. Elections will be held and we will talk of future things. We will be selling raffle tickets for the handmade quilt. This quilt is really beautiful example of the beauty of the craft.

The April 28 Open House will be a repeat of a popular program. The National Honor Students along with the advisor, Ryan Merriman will be at the museum to answer all your tech questions. Bring your smart phone, tablet, Google device or any other thing that makes noise. They can help you unravel some of the knots. Wondering about Twitter, Snapchat, Facebook or even email? Now is the time to put your troubles in the clever hands of the future generation. They will be there from 2:00 to 5:00. Come any time and wander through the exhibits. If you have not been here in awhile you will be pleasantly surprised.

We are working hard on the Roach House Project. Our focus now is fund raising. We are aiming for \$100,000.00 to cover repairs and get started on renovations. We are still working out the details. We will launch the drive with a Spaghetti Dinner on May 11, the day before Mothers Day. That is the same day as the Garden Club's annual plant sale. The club fills the Barn with great horticultural finds. It always sells out because there is no better gift for that special woman than something for her garden or window sill.

More details in the next Newsletter. All the information will find its way to the website and the Facebook page.

We need help. We need prizes to raffle. If you have a business could you donate a service or product. How about a basket full of fun things? Contact us if you can help. You can support the Society and promote your business too.

There are many ways to make use of your membership. We welcome your ideas and your help in spreading the word.

## **Trustee of the Month: Marti Franks**

I moved to Reminderville from Detroit in 1984. I followed my husband Dale to the Chrysler Plant. Life in Twinsburg was dazzlingly different than the big city, but I have learned to love it. I taught theatre and English in the Twinsburg district for 27 years and directed 50 or so plays. Audrey Kancler invited me to help develop interest in Locust Grove cemetery and thus began my connection with the Historical Society. My students embraced that project as did so many of the trustees and their friends and relatives. I retired from the classroom in 2011 and some where along the line I became a trustee and the PR guy. I still organize "Tales of Locust Grove" but I have many folks to help.

I love the society and the projects we do. I have made so many good friends and learned so much about this corner of the world. I am on the board of Public Education Partners, the Labor Liaison for Northeast Ohio Education Association and on the Board of Friends of the Twinsburg Library. Never idle, never bored.

I raised my sons Aaron and Ben here and I have three grands in Berea, Dale, Angelina, and Isabella. Soon I will have lived in Ohio as long as I lived in Detroit and I may have to choose, Tigers or Indians, Cavs or Pistons, Lions or Browns?

Seems like a pretty good place for Act 3.

## New Members:

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Ms. Madelon J. Curtis

Carla Crawford

Beverlee L. Helser

Emily Gielink

Jason & Maggie Chernick

## Renewing Members:

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Sue Graham

Ralph & Katherine Linton

Paul & Kathryn Powers

Mary Nemes

Audrey Turner

Frank Carr

Anthony & Francesca Siracusa

George & Marjorie Richner

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Twinsburg's first major housing development "Glenwood Acres" was announced with plans to build 400 homes. The housing market takes off. Even before the plant came on line in August 1957, a small newspaper advertisement enticed buyers to gobble up 250 ranch homes in Glenwood Acres in the space of 4 hours.

Summit County extends Glenwood Blvd. from Liberty Road to Orchard Street in Reminderville.



## Featured Business Partner:

Johnson-Romito Funeral Home  
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Johnson-Romito Funeral Homes continues to be a leader in providing dedicated service and support to the communities they serve. With the Romito family maintaining full ownership of the funeral homes, families can be assured that they are receiving the caring, compassionate service they deserve. Ed, his wife Bea, son Michael and daughter-in-law Kathy are active and integral to serving the community and families who choose Johnson-Romito Funeral Homes.

## New Business

\*Forest City Erectors Inc.

\*= Renewed Membership

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