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The Village Crier

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President's Message

We are very excited to be able to share with our members and guests the opening of 3 rooms in the upstairs of the Chapman House. A lot of time and effort has gone into getting a new "Display Room" ready, "Velda Chapman's Art Studio" completed and a second display of Howard and Velda's artwork in what will one day be Howard Chapman's office.

Work continues on the Military Display which we hope to open later in 2018. Even though we are closed for tours over the winter, much does take place behind the scenes.

There is still time to reserve a tent at the YARD SALE on June 14 & 15. Call Ruth for information or just come shop from 9AM - 4 PM. If you haven't been to the Village for a tour in a while, now is the time to come see all the changes and additions. If you have donated something, it just might have been added to a display!

Be sure to check the calendar on the back of the newsletter to learn about upcoming events. Hope to see you at the Village soon!

Ruth Brickley



Coffee was rationed!



Coffee, nylons (aka pantyhose), gasoline, lard and more were rationed in the United States during WW II to offset a shortage of materials needed to support the troops. Janet Bird from the Lorain County Historical Society transported the audience back to the 1940s in a lively enactment of Rosie the Riveter, on April 24 at the Ehrnfelt Rec Center. Bird's presentation was based on research of national, Lorain County and Strongsville history, and also by interviewing a local woman and using her recollections of the time.

Rosie the Riveter was the star of a national marketing campaign aimed at recruiting female workers for defense industries. American women entered the workforce in unprecedented numbers as widespread male military enlistment left gaping holes in the industrial labor force. These women had their first taste of high wages but struggled with balancing child care and work schedules. Some factories offered childcare facilities but most women entrusted family or friends. When the war ended, many women returned to their former roles as homemakers due to societal pressure and cultural norms that pushed for men to be the "bread winners" once again.

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!

Our sincerest thanks go to the Strongsville Rotary for spending time on May 12 spreading mulch and helping us in many other ways. Key Bank spent the afternoon with us on May 23 doing oh so many tasks and learning more about the Village and Society. Stepping up to complete a much-needed repair and paint job on our cast iron outdoor chairs and table were Butch and Barb Krivos and Jim Jerome. This set is now safe to use and looks GREAT!

We had a dynamic "cleaning crew" go through our buildings this spring and clean from top to bottom to get our displays ready for visitors. This took many hours and is greatly appreciated.

Our gardeners have once again pulled weeds, raked leaves and trimmed what needed trimming to help make our grounds look their best.

This is what volunteerism is all about...and we are an all-volunteer organization! Please think about helping us out.

Olds General Store

We are the only place in town where you can purchase handmade Strongsville pottery. Our selection this year has some new items: sugar canisters, 2 types of coffee mugs, kitchen

utensil holders, a sugar and creamer set, flower pots and beer steins. All are perfect gifts for birthdays, Father's Day, graduations, anniversaries, showers, etc.

Degenhart glass, donated to us from the closed Degenhart Glass Museum in Cambridge, continues to offer great bargains at reduced prices. Kids like the pooches (\$1-\$3) and the glass tomahawks (\$4). Collectors add glass Colonial Ladies and John Aldens (\$10 a pair), and beautiful glass owls (\$10 for most) to their collections. Degenhart glass items are pieces of Ohio glassmaking history that will not be created again.

The Olds General Store continues to offer for sale the collection of Velda Chapman prints. In stock are prints of the first High School, the

Pomeroy House, the Albion Mill, and the Stoughton House. Her signed copies are \$25 each. Unsigned prints are \$10.

The store is open through October on normal visiting days or call Marty or Marie (440-879-1092) for private shopping.

Every purchase you make is a gift of support for the Strongsville Historical Society.

2nd Annual Garage Sale

The Society will be holding our 2nd Annual Yard Sale June 14 & 15 from 9AM - 4PM. We invite you to participate in one of several ways.

1.) Donate items which we may sell - profits going to support the Society.

2.) Buy an outdoor space for a very reasonable \$15 and sell your own items - 1 table provided with dining canopy until canopies run out - sell 1 or both days.

3.) Volunteer to help set up the sale, work at the sale or clean up after the sale.

Start collecting your items now and be ready to participate. Call Ruth (440-572-0535) to reserve a place or to drop off items. Items to be sold must be able to be carried onto the grounds. No large pieces of furniture. All items must be removed immediately following the sale.

Coming Soon - Cow Pie tickets

Start thinking about buying and selling COW PIE TICKETS for the Harvest Festival! We probably won't start selling them until June but call Dana (440-572-1353) to reserve them. We are always looking for people to help sell the tickets. If you have a function coming up this summer, selling to friends or taking them to work helps to sell the tickets. We would appreciate your help!

Membership

We would like to thank all those individuals, families and businesses who have continually renewed their memberships; your support is greatly appreciated. TIRED OF PAYING DUES? Think about getting a LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP, at a one-time cost of \$300. Never pay dues again! Please help us increase our membership by sharing your experiences at 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 know of anyone who is interested, please contact Dana Martin (440-572-1353) for more information. PLEASE PRINT all information on membership envelopes and check the committees that you are interested in. Don't forget to add email if you have one.

If you move or change your phone number or email address, please contact us - by mail, email, or a phone call. We want to stay in touch with you but can't if we can't find you!

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

Model Railroading 101

Have you seen our incredible, room size model railroad display? If so, have you wondered about who the heck put it together and why? The Strongsville Society of Model Railroad

Engineers (SSMRE) will happily answer your questions on Saturday, August 4 at 10am at the Lathrop House. This is a great event to share with your child! Join us for coffee, juice, and donuts during a brief presentation, followed by visiting the aforementioned amazing railroad displays. Space is limited, so call Jennifer at 216-469-5611 to register.

Pot Luck Meeting

Join us for a short general meeting, great food and fellowship! Visit with old friends and make new ones. Our annual Potluck will take place on Tuesday, June 26, beginning at 6pm at the Lathrop House. Bring an entree, side dish, or dessert to share, along with a plate and cutlery. Call Jennifer Sinisgalli at 216-469-5611 to sign up or for more information.

Lathrop House

The Lathrop House at the Strongsville Historical Village is turning out to be "The Place" to rent for wedding and baby showers. Flexibility with set-up, seating for 44 with chairs and

tables provided, an intimate setting, use of a full kitchen, and being able to bring your own food and alcohol make this rental a very popular place.

Not only are showers held at the Lathrop House, but birthday parties, Confirmation parties, luncheons, alumni gatherings, meetings, potlucks and weddings have all been held there. And it is never too early to book your November and December holiday parties with us.

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.strongsvillehistoricalsociety.com and click on the rental tab to be in touch with the Rental Coordinator.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| June 14, 15 | Yard Sale - Historical Village 9AM - 4PM |
| June 26 | Potluck and General Meeting 6PM Lathrop Great Room
Call Jennifer at 216-469-5611 for information |
| July 6 | Strongsville Community Band 7:30PM Village grounds |
| August 4 | Model Railroading 101, the Hows and Whys 10AM Lathrop Great Room
Presented by Strongsville Society of Model Railroad Engineers
Call Jennifer at 216-469-5611 for registration |
| September 29,30 | Harvest Festival |

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