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# *The Village Crier*

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## President's Message

We are so glad that many of our members were able to join us this past year for some very special programs and events. Our World War II programs were both very well attended and quite informational. In the spring our Vintage Wedding Show was a new event which brought many friends of the Society together to take a look at our collection of wedding gowns and to hear some stories about others. Harvest Festival brought neighbors together once again on the grounds of the Village for reminiscing and enjoying what the Village has to offer.

It has been a wonderfully busy year for the Society. As I look back at what has been done by our remarkable volunteers, I feel a true sense of gratitude and joy. We are thankful for those who live close enough to lend a hand when asked or just step up to help. We are grateful for the skilled contractors who have taken pride in their work at the Village painting, installing and repairing furnaces and air conditioners, adding shelf units as needed, putting up gutter guards to keep our gutters clear, attending to some pesky bees and much more. Our grounds have never looked better or more inviting.

We are grateful for the many donations of items to the Society either for us to add to our collection or to be sold at our annual yard sale. Through these acts of generosity, we are able to add to our collection and raise some funds to keep improving and maintaining what we have.

As 2019 comes to a close please take a minute and think about how you can help us. We are

concerned about the future of the Society as many of our members are aging and not as able to serve as in the past. We are always looking for new members and cherish every one! If you know someone who would like to become a part of this dynamic group, please have them contact us and we will find a way for them to help.

Please continue to read through this newsletter and learn about the wonderful holiday events which will be taking place in December. Our Soup Supper is on the schedule for January so don't miss marking that on your calendar.

Have a great holiday season with family and friends. We hope we will see you at the Village soon.

*Ruth Brickley*



## Christmas Teas

The Christmas Teas will be held this year on Saturday, December 7 and Sunday, December 8 from 2-4 PM at the Lathrop House. Saturday's event is sold out. There are still tickets available for Sunday. Please contact Debbie Miller for reservations at 440-572-4967. Tickets for the event are \$25.

## Christmas in the Village

It's the happiest time of the year! Time again for the Strongsville Historical Society's annual Christmas in the Village. This year the Village will be open to all on December 7,8,14 and 15 from 2-5 PM for the celebration!

Santa and Mrs. Claus will be on hand to greet our visitors each day. Mrs. Claus will have a little treat for our youngest visitors and Santa will have candy canes for all. Most of the buildings will be open each day. Looking for some holiday crafting fun? On the second weekend, December 14 and 15, our local Girl Scouts will be hosting gingerbread house building in the great room of the Lathrop House. Donations of \$1 or more will be collected and given to the Historical Society for building maintenance. Great fun and a wonderful learning and leadership project for our local Scouts!

Houses that will be open will be fully decorated for the holiday season. Make sure you do not miss the Olds General Store where Merchant Marty will be open with gifts for all ages. Remember the Olds General Store is your local connection for all Strongsville themed goods! Well worth a stop to peek at all the goodies.

Visit the Village and take a step back in time this holiday. Grandma's house is just off of Pearl Road and waiting for you and yours to visit.

Happy Holidays to all and hope you will make time to visit the Strongsville Historical Society this holiday. The Society will close following this event and will reopen for tours in Spring 2020.

## Founders Day

The annual Founder's Day Celebration program will be held on Tuesday, February 26, 2020. This event will take place at 7 PM at Old Town Hall. There will be a short business meeting followed by the program. The program entitled "If Walls Could Talk: The General Store" will be presented by historical researcher, Valerie Mattingley.

## Cub Scout Pack 157



This past year our Society became the sponsor of Cub Scout Pack 157. We are quickly building a strong relationship with these energetic young folks and their parents. Scouts and parents have visited the Village on 2 occasions to help with our grounds. In the spring they helped clean up and spread some mulch and in September they arrived to eagerly help pull weeds and spruce up for Harvest Festival. We even had representation from this group at our Trick or Treat event in October. We look forward to a long, strong relationship with these potential future members.

## Preservation News



We are so pleased to have our Olds General Store sign back on the building. It was removed when the building was painted in 2018 and needed some TLC before reappearing. Thanks to the efforts of Scott Maloney it has been cleaned and freshened up. Countless hours went into the process of making it right without making it look brand new. Scott did a great job and we are proud to have it back in place.

## **Soup Supper**

The annual Soup Supper, which is the January general meeting of the Society, will be held on January 28, 2020 at 6 PM at the Ehrnfelt Recreation Event Center. You can sample over 20 soups and eat until the crockpots are empty. A variety of breads and desserts are also included. Tickets are \$12 each with payment due at the time of reservation. Reservations are

required. Make your checks payable to the Strongsville Historical Society, attach a note

indicating your name, phone number and the number of tickets requested. Send your check to: Strongsville Historical Society, 13305 Pearl Road, Strongsville, Ohio 44136. The deadline to purchase tickets is January 24. A few tickets will be available at the door. We are always looking for soup donations as well as volunteers for set up and clean up. If you are willing to make a soup or assist in any way, or just need to make a reservation, please contact Jan Miller at jemiller@wowway.com or 440-567-7222.

## **Membership**

The year is very close to ending and it's time to think about renewing your membership!!

Remember that every January memberships are due. Membership opportunities are as

follows: Senior 65 & older (Annual) - \$15, Individual Adult (Annual) - \$25, Student 22 & under (Annual) - \$10, Family including children under 18 (Annual) - \$40, Life Membership - \$300, and Corporate (Annual) - \$100.

You will be getting a renewal invoice in the mail in mid-January. Please be on the lookout for it, fill it out and send it in promptly. If you wish, you can send in your membership renewal now and beat the Christmas rush and end of the year confusion. Your membership will begin in January 2020 and is good for one year. Please make sure you fill out the section on committees if you do want to join one, this doesn't carry over from last year.

Think about getting a LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP. A Lifetime member 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, organizations, and businesses that would like to join us. If you know someone who would like to join, please contact Dana Martin (440-572-1353) for more information.

## **Cow Pie Winners**

Thanks to all who joined us at the Harvest Festival this year. Special thanks to all who supported the Village by purchasing a Cow Pie Lottery ticket. The Cow Pie Lottery was held on Sunday. The winners are as follows: \$1,000 winner- Jan Kappus; \$250 winners- Joyce Gisztel, Tracy Joniak, Karen Lawrence, and Andrew Maloney.

## **Lathrop House**

Now is the time to reserve your date for your rental at the Lathrop House for 2020! Why so early you ask - because already four dates have been reserved for 2020!

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 42, 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.org](http://www.strongsvillehistoricalsociety.org) and click on the rental tab to be in touch with the Rental Coordinator.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

November 19	General Meeting 7PM Lathrop House Member Social w/Desserts & Appetizers - Bring a Friend!
December 7,8	Christmas Teas 2-4PM Lathrop House Tickets: \$25 For reservations: Contact Debbie Miller 440-572-4967
December 7,8,14,15	Christmas in the Village 2-5PM Historical Village
January 28	Soup Supper 6PM Ehrnfelt Recreation Center For reservations: Contact Jan Miller at jemiller@wowway.com or 440-567-7222. Tickets: \$12
February 26	General Meeting/Founder's Day Celebration 7PM Old Town Hall Program: "If Walls Could Talk: The General Store" Presented by: Valerie Mattingley
March 14	Spring Fashion Show and Luncheon. Don's Pomeroy House

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