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The Village Crier

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President's Message

2018 is looking to be a great year for our Society! We are hoping to open 3 or more new displays this year, sharing more of the items which have been donated to commemorate the history of Strongsville. As a member, you are entitled to a free tour, so please plan to stop in and check us out between May 2 and the end of October on a Wednesday, Saturday, or Sunday from 1-4 pm. Our docents will be waiting!

Our program schedule for 2018 is also looking to be of interest to folks of all ages. Be sure to check out the schedule on the back of this newsletter and watch the website for more details.

"Rosie the Riveter" will be with us and a new experience for children will happen as our Model Railroaders will host a summer program and Open House/Tour. There's much more so watch your upcoming newsletter.

A heartfelt THANK YOU goes out to everyone who has volunteered at the Village over this past busy holiday season as well as throughout the year. We couldn't do it without you.

Hope to see you at the Village soon.

Ruth Brickleley

Celebrate Spring-Annual Fashion Show & Luncheon

The 26th Annual Spring Fashion Show and Luncheon will be held on Saturday, March 10, 2018 at Don's Pomeroy House in Strongsville. Doors will open and seating of guests will begin at 11:30 am, with the Luncheon and Fashion Show beginning at 12 noon.

Fashions will be presented by Chico's at Southpark Mall. Hair and make-up for the models will be done by Today's Headlines Salon. A raffle will take place at the event. Raffle tickets are included in this newsletter and will also be sold at the luncheon for \$1 each. You need not be present to win. If you wish to purchase tickets and are not attending the luncheon, please fill tickets out with your name and phone number, include a check made out to the Strongsville Historical Society, and return tickets and money to 13305 Pearl Road, Strongsville, Ohio 44136. Feel free to duplicate this sheet if you wish to purchase more tickets. Tickets and money must be received in the mail by March 9 in order to be placed in the raffle.

Tickets for the event are \$40 each. If you wish to purchase tickets and make a reservation for the luncheon, contact Pam Hughes at 440-773-6605 or Gina Cathcart at 216-403-9226. Tickets are selling fast - don't delay! Get your tickets to this popular spring event before it sells out!

Key Policy Established

On Feb. 6, 2018 the Board of Directors, consisting of the Officers and Directors, voted to approve and set into action a Key Distribution and Retention Policy. This policy will affect anyone and everyone who may currently hold a key to the Village as well as those who may be assigned a key in the future. This new policy will be posted on our website for members to view until March 30, 2018. Please take a minute to read this policy and understand how it helps to protect our buildings and collections. The policy may be found under the About Us tab.

All current key holders will be contacted in the very near future to update signatures on file accepting the terms of this policy.

Time to Think Spring!

Make sure to include the Olds Store in your shopping for Easter gifts, grad gifts, Mom and Dad gifts, or shower gifts. Westerwald pottery, Strongsville afghans, books about our town and the Village, and Degenhart glassware are perfect for any occasion. Our antique corner reopens in May. Don't forget every purchase you make helps support the Village. Contact Marie or Marty, your personal shoppers, for an appointment at 440-879-1092 or visit the store during normal operating hours of the Village.

Volunteer Opportunities

We are in need of volunteers to oversee and/or help in the following areas: Preservation, Grounds, and Maintenance. If you are interested, please contact Ruth 440-572-0535. These are key positions to keep our Village up and running.

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.

Look What's Happening

Join us on February 27, 2018 at 7 PM at Old Town Hall for our annual Founders' Day Program. Long time member Charlotte Schneider will be presenting a look back at her family's history in Strongsville. Refreshments will be served.

Join us on Tuesday, April 24 at the Event Center at the Ehrnfelt Recreation Center, beginning at 7 PM for "Rally With Rosie." This entertaining program will consist of an enactment about Rosie the Riveter and the 6 million women joining the work force to support America's WWII efforts. Also learn about Strongsville's involvement and efforts during that same historic time!

An Art Walk in the Village will take place on May 19. Call Debbie at 440-572-4967 for information.

Mark your calendars for our annual Pot Luck Dinner on Tuesday, June 26 at 6 PM. Look for more information on this event in the Spring Newsletter.

Membership

Another new and exciting year is upon us. Thanks to all those who have continually renewed their memberships; your support is greatly appreciated.

This is just a reminder that if you have not renewed, now is the time. This will be your last newsletter unless you renew. AM I DUE? Please check the mailing label on this newsletter and if there is a colored round sticker on it, that means you must renew your membership. An envelope is included in this newsletter for your convenience. Dues are always renewed in January, and are good for one year, unless you are a LIFETIME MEMBER. A lifetime member pays \$300 one time and does not pay dues again. Please help us increase our membership by sharing your experiences with the Strongsville Historical Society with your family and friends. We are always looking for new individual, family, and business members. Please contact Dana Martin at 440-572-1353 for more information.

Welcome to the following new members: Gail Januska, Valerie Mattingly, Robin Klatka, Jan Jameyson, and Denise Waushek.

Welcome to the following new business members: Nothing Bundt Cakes and Timber Ridge Neck and Back Clinic.

Help Us Stock Our New Military Display

We're looking for military memorabilia from men and women who served in the military and lived in Strongsville. We have some great items in our collection and are looking for more. If you have something for us to consider, please call Ruth at 440-572-0535.

We are also looking for financial support for this display as we will have some expenses as we prepare the area and purchase the needed times to properly present this display. If you would like to make a donation, please send your donation to the Society and clearly mark it to be used for the Military display - "Honoring Those Who Served".

We are also looking for small photographs of those who have served or who are serving in the military while their residence is in Strongsville (no larger than 5" x 7"). Please send photos to the Society or call to make arrangements to drop them off. Please include the name, branch of service, rank, where they served and service years. These photos will become the property of the Strongsville Historical Society.

We are hoping to open this display in 2018.

Lathrop House

Now is the time to get your reservation in for renting the multipurpose room at the Lathrop House! Already bridal showers, baby showers, and birthdays have reserved dates for March 2018, and calls are coming in for the rest of 2018. If you are thinking you would like to reserve the room, contact the Historical Society either online or by calling.

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, please 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.

It's never too early to book for 2018!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Feb. 27 General Meeting - Founder's Day 7PM Old Town Hall
Speaker: Charlotte Schneider
- March 10 Spring Fashion Show and Luncheon, Don's Pomeroy House
Contact: Pam (440-773-6605) or Gina (216-403-9226)
- April 24 General Meeting 7PM Ehrnfelt Recreation Center
Program: "Rosie the Riveter"
- May 19 Art Walk in the Village
- June 14, 15 Yard Sale - Historical Village 9AM - 4PM
- June 26 General Meeting - Potluck 6PM Lathrop Great Room

**The Village OPENS for tours on Wednesday,
May 2 from 1-4 pm.
Stop in and see what is new!**

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