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# *The Village Crier*

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## **President's Message**

As we move into 2017 I am honored to serve again as President of the Historical Society. Along with the many responsibilities also comes much joy! With the passing of each year our Society and Village continues to move forward, thanks to the efforts of many, many dedicated volunteers. It is a joy to work with so many dedicated volunteers. Yes, we are all volunteers. We have no paid staff. The countless hours served are phenomenal and commendable! Please consider joining us as we begin some new and exciting projects this year.

Heartfelt thanks go out to the many volunteers who so selflessly serve the Society. Getting ready for the holiday season was no easy task. Numerous people stepped up to help decorate inside and outside our buildings. Our Village was beautiful and inviting to hundreds of guests.

Many great programs are being planned for this year. Be sure to check the calendar on the back of this newsletter for dates and details. You may also check out our website at [www.strongsvillehistoricalsociety.org](http://www.strongsvillehistoricalsociety.org) for updates and more information. There is something for everyone at our Society and Village. I hope to see you at the Village soon.

*Ruth Brickley*

## **25th Anniversary Spring Fashion Show**

The Strongsville Historical Society will host its annual Spring Fashion Show and Luncheon at Don's Pomeroy House in Strongsville on March 11, 2017. We will be celebrating the 25th Anniversary of our very popular Spring Fashion Show and Luncheon! Doors will open and seating 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 be sold at the luncheon for \$1.00 each. If you wish to purchase tickets and are not attending the luncheon, please fill tickets out, include a check made out to the Strongsville Historical Society and return tickets and money to Strongsville Historical Society, 13305 Pearl Road, Strongsville 44136 prior to March 10. These tickets may be duplicated if you wish to purchase more than the ten that are included.

Tickets for the event are, once again, \$38 each. If you wish to purchase tickets and make a table reservation for the event, please contact Pam Hughes at 440-773-6605 or Gina Cathcart at 216-403-9226. Don't delay - get your tickets to this special Anniversary luncheon before they sell out!

*Strongsville Historical Society*  
*Celebrating 55 years!*

## Flag Display

We have had a display of U.S. flags on our fence around the Village for several years. We are in need of replacing many of the flags as the weather over the years has taken a toll on them. We would like to offer the opportunity for members to purchase a flag in honor of family or friend or in memory of family or friend. Flag support donations will cost \$20.00. If you are interested, please send a check payable to the Strongsville Historical Society and include information as to who it is to be dedicated to. In our June newsletter we will acknowledge our donors and those to whom they have dedicated a flag. All donations need to be in to the Society by May 1, 2017. Please help us fill the fences with new flags.

## Name Badges

Many of our docents, officers and members have magnetic name badges which we wear when working events at the Village or at meetings. This helps everyone get to know each other better. If you would like to order one, they are \$6.00 each. I will be placing an order at the beginning of March. Please send the name you would like on the badge and a check payable to the Historical Society for \$6.00 each to Ruth Brickley c/o Strongsville Historical Society, 13305 Pearl Road, Strongsville 44136 and we will include you in the next order.

## Collections

Our Collections Committee is busy planning new displays and sorting through some wonderful items in our collection. We will be holding a 'Doll, Doll House and Toy' display this year. Watch the newsletter and website for the opening date of this display in the spring. We are pleased to be able to bring out many of the items which have been so generously donated to us for everyone to enjoy.

If you would like to join our Collections Committee or bring an item to the Society to be considered for accession, please call Ruth at 440-572-0535.

## Lathrop House Rental

The Lathrop House features a historic atmosphere yet provides flexibility in arrangements with available seating for 40. The multi-purpose room of the Lathrop House is one of the Historical Village's "hidden gems". Due to the flexible room arrangements, a modern kitchen and wheelchair accessibility, it is the perfect setting for your next function. It is available for rent year-round, seven days a week.

Wedding showers, baby showers, birthday parties, baptisms, weddings, book signings, office holiday parties, alumni events, and picnics are all some of the events that have been held at the Lathrop House Multipurpose Room. And best of all, the rental rates are very reasonable: Members - \$25/hour, plus deposit. Non-members - \$35/hour, plus deposit.

Other features all included in the rental cost are:

- Seating for 40 with the flexibility of 11 tables to set the room as you wish.
- A full kitchen with a stove, microwave, oven, refrigerator and freezer.
- Dishes, silverware, cups, coffee pots, water pitchers.
- Easy access from anywhere in greater Cleveland.
- Free close-up parking.
- Alcohol is permitted with no additional charge.
- Special needs access.
- Non-smoking facility.

For information and availability call 440-572-0057 or connect through the website: [www.strongsvillehistoricalsociety.org](http://www.strongsvillehistoricalsociety.org).

## Help Wanted

The Historical Society is looking for a new Christmas decorating chairman. This chairman oversees the committee that decorates the houses in the Historical Village for the Christmas season. If anyone is interested in this position, please contact Ruth Brickley at 440-572-0535.

## **New Director**

Due to the election of one of our Directors to an officer position we had an open Director position. At the January Board meeting and the January General Meeting, Pat Crandall was nominated and approved to serve the 1 year term which was open. Thanks Pat for agreeing to serve in this very important position. Pat is currently the chairperson for our docents and is well versed in what is happening within our Society.

## **Membership**

Another new and exciting year is upon us. We would like to thank all those individuals, families and businesses who have continually renewed their memberships; your support is greatly appreciated. This is just a reminder that if you have not had a chance yet to renew, 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 that means you are due for your renewal. An envelope is included in this newsletter for your convenience. Dues are always renewed in January and are good for a year, unless you are a LIFETIME MEMBER. A lifetime member is an individual who 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 individual, family and business members. Please contact Dana Martin at 440-572-1353 for more information.

When renewing, please make sure you check the section about receiving newsletters by email or mail. If receiving by email, PLEASE print email address. Also indicate which committees you would like to join.

“Strongsville has a lot of great history. New members, ‘young and old’ can make new history”.

Welcome to the following new members: Eleanor Dreshfield, Mary Jane Goodwin, Susanne Teusher Kochkeiser, Bob and Mary Dzik, and Tom

and Victoria Drost. Welcome to the following new business members: Strongsville Center for Cosmetic & Implant Dentistry (238-1555), Strongsville Dairy Queen, and Strongsville Copy Quick Printing.

## **Dolls, Doll Houses and Toys Display**

On June 10, 2016 from 1-4 pm we will kick off our ‘Dolls, Dollhouses and Toys’ display with a Grand Opening Celebration. We will have displays throughout the Village for everyone to enjoy viewing and reminiscing those days gone by. In the Lathrop Great Room there will be light refreshments and a silent auction of dolls and other items. Come join the fun and celebrate the generosity of many donors. If you would like to help with this event, please contact Ruth at 440-572-0535.

## **Olds General Store**

The Olds General Store is the only place in town where you can purchase Strongsville pottery. Our selection is larger this year with coffee mugs, beer steins, kitchen utensil holders and flower pots. They are great gifts for Mother’s Day, birthdays, anniversaries and graduations.

We have notecards, books about Strongsville and collectible Degenhart glass items. Degenhart glass is on sale at 10% off any purchase over \$15.00. Degenhart Colonial Ladies and John Alden figurines represent early American settlers. A set of them is only \$15.00. We have some lovely colors in stock. When these were made by Mrs. Degenhart, most sold for \$75.00 to \$100.00.

We still have wonderful Velda Chapman prints of the old Strongsville High School for \$20.00 unsigned or \$25.00 signed. The Olds Store is reopening in May through September during normal Village hours or call Marie or Marty for private shopping at 440-879-1092.

Remember that every purchase is a gift of support for the Strongsville Historical Society.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Feb. 28 Founder's Day & General Meeting, 7:00 PM at Old Town Hall  
Program: History of the Strongsville Historical Society Village  
Presented by Louise Varisco
- March 11 Spring Fashion Show and Luncheon, Pomeroy House  
Contact: Pam (440-773-6605) or Gina (216-403-9226)
- April 18 General Meeting, 7:00 PM at 11698 Handle Road, Strongsville  
Program: Antique Carriages, Livery and Harnesses  
Presented by Cindy Hossfeld Historical Society members only
- May 3 Village opens for tours 1-4 PM (open Wed., Sat. and Sunday 1-4)
- June 10 'Doll, Dollhouse and Toy' display opens, 1-4 PM  
Silent Auction, refreshments
- June 27 Potluck and General Meeting, 6:00 PM, Lathrop Great Room
- July 13, 14 Collectables Sale and Garage Sale

## PROGRAM NOTICE

A schedule of Strongsville Historical Society events and programs was distributed at our recent general meeting. Coming soon is our program hosted by the Hossfeld family, in their beautiful chandelier-adorned barn! Don't miss this unusual and memorable opportunity to view their impressive exhibits and collections of antique carriages, livery and tack. After our general meeting on Tuesday, April 18, Cindy Hossfeld will provide a tour. The meeting and tour will take place at 11698 Handle Road, Strongsville. As seating is limited, this program is open to Historical Society members only.

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