



T W I N S B U R G HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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The Old School Gala is now history along with the building. We had a lot of folks visit the Barn, buy a brick and hang around to reminisce. This has been our best fundraiser so far and we still have things to sell. We bought a brand new hot dog roller for the occasion and the folks who bought hot dogs were mighty pleased. We even got a rave review from the Citizen Eater, aka Chuck Bonacci. The trustees had the museum sparkling, and visitors old and new were very impressed. We still have memorabilia and lots of bricks. They won't last forever. Nothing does.

Twinsburg students, senior Audri Carmona and new graduate, Tommy Kijauskas manned the makeshift studio to record first hand stories of the old school told by the folks who lived them. All of the stories were great and we are looking forward to showing the edited video soon. This is only the beginning. We will be offering more opportunities to get your story captured for posterity. We are looking for other stories of Twinsburg too. Another great beginning. Special thanks to THS teacher Casey Kirtley for all he did to get the equipment ready and for doing such a great job training the students.



Another shout out to THS Football coach, Mike Bell, and his intrepid team for helping with the hauling at Blue Jay Farm. These students make this kind of project possible. This kind of heavy lifting would not be possible without their help.

Andy Tomko, Beverly Klimas and Marti Franks brought a table to the Living History event at the library. It was a day of remembering the Civil War and reenactors braved the heat to set up camps and battle stations to bring those days to life. We were there to pass out membership forms and flyers of upcoming events and display some of our artifacts. We sat next to member, Veronica Hughes who had a display of her book about the veterans of the Civil War from Twinsburg, *Beyond the Monument*. Veronica was invited to the Hudson Historical Society Open House on July 7 to sign her book and she had lots of THS information to share as well. Hudson has a community band. Got us to thinking.

Mark Your Calendars:

July 29, 2PM-5PM, Open House at Museum & Riley House.

August 3, Noon-4PM, Special Twins Days Open House at the Museum.

August 25, 7-9PM, Cleveland Clinic Community Room, Tri-C Ghost Hunters.

August 26, 2PM-5PM, Open House at Museum.

September 8, 10AM-5PM and September 9, Noon-5PM, Olde Tyme Fayre.

September 30, 2PM-5PM, Open House at Museum and Riley House.

October 12, 6PM-8PM and October 13, 6PM-8PM, Tales of Locust Grove.

October 25, 7PM-8PM, Halloween Story Telling in the Freeman Barn.

October 28, 2PM-5PM, Open House at Museum.

November 18, 2PM-5PM, Open House, National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors.

December 5, 7PM, Christmas Party at the Riley House.

Check us out on the Web: www.twinsburghistoricalsociety.org

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Are you on Facebook? We have a lively group of almost 800 on the page but only 200 or so are members. Members are our most important asset. If you have a following anywhere please help us get the word out.

If you are reading this, you are a member and you support and appreciate our efforts to keep and share the history of our three communities. Membership is crucial to our success. We also need your help. As our membership grows and we offer more programs we need your help more than ever. Docents are people who act as guides for our programs and Open Houses. If you are willing to assist in this really fun opportunity just let us know by contacting us through the website, on the Facebook page, or email. We will schedule a training. We can use high school students all the way to senior citizens. The more docents we have the more hours we can be open. Family groups are welcome too.

An *updated* version of the *Twinsburg Downtown Walking Tour* has been posted on our website. It is in PDF format. You can print it out. Start in the square and follow the numbers on the map to the specific addresses and read a brief history of the home you are looking at. We have not timed the tour yet, but would guess that it takes approximately an hour to hour and a half to complete. If you take the tour on one of our open house days you can time it right to end at the museum during open house.

Our July Open House is from 2:00 to 5:00 on Sunday the 29. Both the Riley House and the Museum will be open. Thinking about getting more involved. July would be a perfect time. Just stop on in where you see the sign. Bring a friend and all the children too.

We are having three events in August. Friday, August 3 is our annual Twinsday Open House from 12:00 to 4:00. Twins of course are welcome and so is everyone else. Friday August 25, Greg Feketik the TriC Ghost-Hunters will be at the Cleveland Clinic Community Room to talk about paranormal activity in and around Twinsburg. There is a great flyer on our website. It is in PDF format and it would be wonderful if you could download it and share it with friends and family, church and business. Your reach is greater than ours. As usual we will end the month with our Sunday Open House on August 26 from 2:00 to 5:00.

We are planning for Olde Tyme Fayre, in September. Here is a great opportunity to show off your produce, flowers, and any handmade items whether they be knitted, sewn, carved, painted, or woven. Now is the time to plan Tales of Locust Grove is in October. Check our calendar for dates and times. You can sign up to be in Tales of Locust Grove by liking Locust Grove 2018 on Facebook. You will get the scoop from there. You have to sign up even if you are a returning actor.

Remember to check the webpage and the Bulletin and the Tribune and Facebook and share, share, share.

Want to be a member??

We are always in search of new members. Please be our ambassador and invite your friends. Don't forget to renew your membership too. Consider upgrading to a perpetual membership. That is our lifeblood. Membership forms available on the website.

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1924 6th Grade



6 Man Football Team, year unknown

1923 – Twinsburg purchased their first motorized fire truck. The Chamber of Commerce received a promise from 163 different organizations and community residents to pay a total of \$1406.75 for the purchase of the department's first fire truck. Chief Earl Bowen was also a REO Dealer. The first truck was a 1923 REO. On 12/6/23, a patch of land, 10' x 20', located on the South side of Bowen's Garage was leased for a cost of \$60 yr. for 15 years, ending in 1939. Bowen's garage was located on the Southwest corner of Rt. 91 and Rt. 82.



TWINSBURG FIRE DEPARTMENT FIRST MOTORIZED APPARATUS, 1924 REO TRUCK AT TWINSBURG'S FIRST FIRE STATION - BOWEN'S GARAGE ON S.E. CORNER ROUTE 82 and 91
CHIEF EARL BOWEN WAS CHIEF JANUARY, 1927 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1932 (D. SIMECEK)

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