



To promote, preserve and protect the heritage of Plain Township Stark County

Plain Township Historical Society

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Happy Easter

Treasurer's Report

Account Balances:

Checking	\$361.72
Money Market	13,849.69
Endowment	28,250.40

We are a 501c3. Contributions to our organization are tax deductible.

Current Officers

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Connie Blinn
Cheryl Hutcheson
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Phyllis Rustifo
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April Meeting

Apr 17th -

**"Firefighting
Significant Events
Through the Years"
Presenter – John
Sabo**

Happy Easter and Spring. March was our Annual Meeting and elections. Our Board of Directors and officers are in place and ready to go for a busy 2023 event season. We are always looking for people who are interested in getting involved in sharing our mission with the community. This can be by being a Board Member, volunteering to help with one of our events, being a community ambassador and connecting us with opportunities within our community. All of these are very valuable to be able to build our archive and share the history of Plain Township.

We had a successful first quarter fundraiser at McDonald's bringing in \$610. This is the best we have done with McDonald's to date. Thank you to everyone that came out and supported us. Also, thank you to McDonald's for this wonderful opportunity. Next McDonald's event is Jun 21st, 2023. Hope to see you there.

Keep an eye out for an article on us in the newspaper. The Repository does a feature on a business based on five questions. Judy Pocock recently answered questions for the Repository which is scheduled to run at the end of April. This is a great opportunity to share our mission and raise awareness. Friend raising is just as important as fund raiser.

Website

One of our little publicized resources is our website www.preservingplaintwp.org. Not only is this a place to find out what our upcoming events are, you can also find references to other resources, back issues of our newsletter, how to donate, and history about Plain Township. We continue to add and expand the content on the website each month. Our goal is to have information about Plain Township and not just photos. There is a "In Memoriam" section for each of the high schools and teachers/staff/administrators [on the website under History – People.] This was developed to help class reunion committees keep track of deceased classmates. We are always surprised at how many updates we get each month from the community. Another area we are working on is a central place for information of each of the schools. The GlenOak and Middlebranch high school pages are started [on the website under History – Schools, then click on the link for the school's name.] Once you are on the school's page there you will find a brief history of the school, photos and information that we have processed so far for the website. We have a lot of information to sort through and organize. The website will always be a work in progress. Keep those donations coming!



Schedule of Events

May is just around the corner and we will be kicking off our event season. First off, we will be part of the Stark County Library's Local History and Genealogy Fair on Saturday, May 6th from 11-3 at the Main Branch. We will be sharing our genealogy research and resources with the folks attending. Did you know that we have over 300 publications (digital and print) with information on different family trees in our genealogy library? We will continue to encourage families to share their family trees so we can preserve their information. Have

Yearbook Want List:

Middlebranch HS – 1955, 1957

GlenOak HS – 1981, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2005 to present

School Newspapers:

GlenOak, Oakwood, Glenwood, Middlebranch, Underground, Taft or any other school.

Grade and Middle School HAVE LIST:

Plain Center – 1940-1954, 1995

Taft JR HS – 1985, 1986, 2006

Edgefield – 1951-1955

Frazer – 1953-1955

Middlebranch JR HS – 1977, 1980, 1981, 1997-1999

Pleasantview – 1954-1955, 2001, 2004-2006

- Articles for our newsletter can be emailed to: preservingplaintwp@gmail.com.
- Articles are due the Wednesday after the first Tuesday of the month (aka Board Meeting.)

Contact info:

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Facebook: www.facebook.com/PlainTownshipHistoricalSociety/

you shared yours with us yet? Following that we will be the guest speaker for the Stark County Genealogical Society meeting on Thursday, May 18th at 6:00 pm at the North Branch Library on 25th St NW. Here we will share the history of Plain Township, the historical society, research projects and tools we have for genealogists. Both events are free and open to the public.

As with all our events, we could not share our history with our community and without the help of our volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering to help us with an event, please let either Judy Pocock or Cindy Guest know. Thank you for your support!

Little "Gnome" Facts

Roman here, in this episode of "As the Dirt Turns," we bring you a Gnome's eye view of the structural steel going up. It is nice to know that there will be shady spots to take a nap. Oh I mean watch what is going on or just people watch. Those steel beams look as thick as a draft horse's leg. Speaking of that, my brother Raymond was wondering just how many draft horses it would take to move those steel beams. Let's plow those thoughts under and cultivate a new direction. Ok, so they have taken care of #1 and #2, made ramps available for access, located near food and beverage and now the shelter and stage area is taking shape. Can not wait to go exploring some more next month. Well, with the April showers about, and rabbits hopping around, I need to tend to my garden. So stay tuned for the next episode of "As the Dirt Turns" watching the amphitheater take shape. Roman and kin out until next month. Rumor has it I may be making guest appearances on our Facebook page.

**This and That – Odds and Ends**

Genealogy – Just like the flowers and trees outside, our Genealogy Tree continues to bloom. Our Ancestry.com online database is now over 463,962 names. If you have not already done so, please consider sharing your family genealogy with us. This information aids in our research and answering questions from the public.

3 Ring Binders – As we continue to reorganize and grow our archives, we find ourselves in need of 3" and larger 3 ring binders. Our preference is white with a pocket on the front, back and side to slide in a description of what is contained in the binder. This is just our preference; we can make use of any good clean binders.

Side Street Market at Oakwood Square – This year we will be participating in the June and September events. Our themes will be "Quilts of Plain Township" and "4-H Clubs of Plain Township." If you have any information and/or items to share on either of these topics, please let Cindy Guest know. We are excited about sharing these topics with our community.

Fire Department History Project – In March, we focused on how firefighters communicate with each other and the firefighting family trees. We will continue to investigate and ignite our knowledge of fire fighting in Plain Township on Thursday, Apr 20th from 9 am to 11 am at

Publications available for purchase

- Educating Plain Township – Middlebranch High School 1927-1957 2 volume set \$20.00 (only sold as a two volume set)
- Educating Plain Township – Glenwood High School 1957-1975 2 volume set \$20.00 (only sold as a two volume set)
- Cruising Thru Plain Township – \$10.00 each
 - Volume 1 NE Qtr
 - Volume 2 SE Qtr
 - Volume 3 SW Qtr
 - Volume 4 NW Qtr
- And the Story Continues – Vol 1 and Vol 2 - \$10.00ea
ON SALE for \$10/set

Publication available for free download from our website or Facebook page

- Exploring Plain Township – Piecing the Puzzle Together – North Canton Drive-In Theater

Donations

If you have any items to donate or share please let Cindy Guest know at preservingplaintwp@gmail.com or 330-224-2660. Also, if you know of someone in the community with information that will help us please let us know. Thank you to all that donated.



the Central Fire Station on Schneider Rd. Any information or others you can put us in touch with will continue to add to our resources for this book. We continue to work on researching families with multiple generations serving. This can be father-son, father-daughter, husband-wife, father-grandson, mother-mother-in-law or any other combination. If you have any information on firefighting families, please let Phyllis Rustifo know.

“Invest in Plain’s History” by becoming a member, volunteering, making a monetary donation and donating items related to Plain Township!

PLAIN TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY 2023 EVENT SCHEDULE

**Board of Directors Meetings are the first Tuesday at 2 p.m.
General Meetings are the third Monday at 7 p.m.**

General meetings are held at the Plain Township Hall, 2600 Easton St NE, Canton OH unless otherwise noted. These meetings are free and open to the public. We have a brief meeting, followed by refreshments and then a historical topic presentation. Check our website (www.preservingplaintwp.org), Facebook and newsletter for a current schedule.

Apr 17th – PTHS Meeting - “Plain Township Fire Dept Coverage of Significant Events Through the Years” – Presenter John Sabo – Location: Central Fire Station

May 6th – Local History and Genealogy Fair 11-3 pm – Location: Stark County District Library Main Branch

May 15th – PTHS Meeting - “How Jewelry Reflects History” – Presenter Susan Henry

May 18th – Stark County Genealogical Society Meeting 6-8 pm – Presenter Plain Township Historical Society – Location: North Branch Library 25th St NW

Jun 10th – 720 Side Street Market at Oakwood Square 10-3 pm – We will be featuring “Quilts of Plain Township” - Location: Oakwood Square Plaza

Jun 19th – PTHS Picnic – Veterans Park – Celebrating the 90th Birthdays of our members

Jul 17th – “Case Mansion” – Presenter Richard Haldi

Aug 21st – Stark County Genealogical Society

Recent Donations

- Cindy Guest – Descendants of Emanuel (Mona) D. and Lizzie (Wengerd) Yoder Wayne County, Ohio 1838-1993

Endowment Donations

- In Memory of James Guest
- McDonald’s fundraiser
- JoEllen Reicowski
- Bob & Annette McCartney

Endowment Giving

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Mail Check to:

Plain Township Historical Society
 C/o Endowment
 2600 Easton St NE
 Canton, OH 44721

Or SCF Online:

www.starkcf.org/give-plain-historical



PTHS is a 501c3 organization. Your donation is tax deductible.

Dues Form

DUES RUN FROM JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION - PLAIN TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY

I want to join - Check One (Annual):

- | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------|---------------------------------------|---------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student | \$5.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Patron | \$50.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual | 10.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Organization | 100.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family | 20.00 | Life Time Dues: | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Profit | 35.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Individual | 250.00 |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> Family | 500.00 |

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Membership is open to everyone who wishes to promote our Mission.

Please make check payable to: Plain Township Historical Society

Mail this form and check to:

Plain Township Historical Society
 C/o Membership
 2600 Easton St NE
 Canton, OH 44721

Preserving History since 2005.

Plain Township Historical Society

Mark Your Calendars

Upcoming Program Dates & Topics

Apr 17th, 2023 -
 Meeting at the Central
 Fire Station on
 Schneider Rd NE



Plain Township Fire
 Dept Coverage of
 Significant Events
 Through the Years

Join us as Chief Sabo take a look at significant fires that happened in Plain Township through the years.

Speaker: John Sabo



Come and Join us for a free meeting.

7-9 PM at the Central Fire Station on Schneider Rd NE