



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

Plain Township Historical Society

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Treasurer's Report

Account Balances:

Checking	\$477.89
Money Market	\$12,293.18
Endowment	\$34,597.94

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

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The Torch Has Passed

Another annual meeting is in the books. We have installed our third President, Cindy Guest. First, thank you to all the Board of Directors who agreed to help guide our organization. We have a lot of exciting opportunities coming up on the horizon so stay tuned. We are always looking for volunteers to help on projects and to be a part of our Board. If you are interested in doing either or both, please let a Board member know.

Next, a big THANK YOU goes out to Judy Pocock for leading our organization for the last nine years. She built upon the foundation that Tom Pieper established as the founding president. Under her leadership, we have published eight publications on the history of Plain Township and established an Endowment Fund with the Stark Community Foundation. Her direction has focused us on story telling and not just collecting artifacts. She has mentored many of us, inside and outside of PTHS, in research techniques and other skills needed to do publications and answer questions. Judy is staying a part of the organization on the Board and continues to be a vital part of our organization.

So, we begin the next chapter. All I can say is wow. I see so much potential and opportunities for us to continue to play a role in the preservation of history in our area. We are embarking on our first collaboration with a large museum, First Ladies National Historic Site; our next publication is in the works on the history of the Plain Township Volunteer Fire Department and we have a full slate of community events to share our history. The archives continue to blossom with new donations and preservation of archival items. Financially we are stable and will continue to focus on being fiscally responsible and grow our Endowment Fund for the future. The Ohio 250 project celebrating the 250th anniversary of the US is in 2026, and we are part of the local historical societies working to promote this event.

We are working on opening and sharing our archives. We continue to evaluate ways of doing this from virtual methods to community events to having our archives open before meetings from time to time. We want our members and friends to "see" what we have. We are looking to find solutions to storage space issues. So far, we have been very creative and our recent project of moving items to standardize archival storage boxes has taken a little of the pressure off. Oh, and the new shelving units are great and already filled up. Finally, for now, our archives will be open for viewing before our next meeting on Apr 15th. This is a chance to "see" what is going on. There are steps to traverse. Sorry, no elevator. Thank you for your continued support - Cindy

Apr Meeting

Apr 15th – Woman Suffrage in Ohio – Presented by Dr. Jamie Capuzza



Off To The Races

Our "Hop on Over and Help Us Fill Our Easter Basket" sponsorship was a great success raising funds for archival sleeves. Saddle up and load into the gate, we are "Off to the Races." Make sure you have your fancy hat ready and a mint julep in your hand. This triple crown event is sure to be a winner no matter who you bet on; I mean support. Pick a horse to support from our lineup of triple crown winners. Each one is representing archival supplies. Let us see who wins. The horse with

Looking for....

Looking for high school jewelry to add to our collection from clubs, activities, sports, etc.

- Class rings
 - Lavilier
 - Pins
 - Charm bracelets, etc
- This is to allow us to trace the meaning and history of high school related jewelry.

Yearbook Want List:

Middlebranch HS – 1955

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

Elementary, Intermediate and Junior High School yearbooks.

School Newspapers:

GlenOak, Oakwood, Glenwood, Middlebranch, Underground, Elementary, Junior High, etc.

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

Contact info:

Plain Township Historical Society
2600 Easton St NE
Canton OH 44721

Email: preservingplaintwp@gmail.com

Web: www.preservingplaintwp.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/PlainTownshipHistoricalSociety/

the most support wins. Just like these horses who are kept well groomed, these archival supplies do the same for our donations. We continue to work on moving our items to standard, archival quality storage to protect these items for the future. We are excited about our growth and the stories we can tell. If you are not at a meeting, you can mail in or drop off a check at the Plain Township Hall, 2600 Easton St NE Canton OH 44721.

Out In The Community

First Ladies National Historic Site – We are supplying one room school artifacts to support their upcoming exhibit *Leaders in Literacy: First Ladies as Teachers, Educators, and Librarians*. This exhibit opens to the public in May. The First Ladies National Historic Site is free and open to the public (see their website for hours.) “The right to an education is a foundational principle of our nation’s history, and so many of our First Ladies have taken this cause to heart throughout the course of the American journey. From one-room schoolhouse teachers such as Abigail Fillmore and Lucretia Garfield, to Eleanor Roosevelt’s Arthurdale experiment, to Barbara and Laura Bush’s literacy initiatives, to current First Lady Dr. Jill Biden’s college teaching, these powerful women have provided opportunities for empowering the young minds of our country to learn, grow, and thrive through education.

In this spirit, on April 27, 2024, the National First Ladies Library & Museum at the First Ladies National Historic Site in Canton, Ohio, will celebrate National First Ladies Day by kicking off its 2024-25 featured exhibit titled *Leaders in Literacy: First Ladies as Teachers, Educators, and Librarians*, presented by Huntington Bank. The exhibit will run through April of 2025 and will feature more than a dozen First Ladies who have advanced the cause of literacy and education. Huntington Bank is the proud presenting sponsor of this extraordinary exhibit.”

Local History and Genealogy Fair – At the Massillon Museum on Saturday, May 4th 11 am – 3 pm. This is a chance to talk to area history and genealogy groups in one spot. We participated last year when it was at the Stark County District Library. Since then, we have made friends and partnerships with groups in the Massillon area. Massillon was a port of immigration to the area during the canal era and brought some of the local families to Plain Township. Stop on by and say hi. Great opportunity to check out the Massillon Museum as well.

Little “Gnome” Facts

The Wanderer’s here. We are excited to be a part of this Ohio 250 project. Our job is to help plant the seeds for what are we looking for and then making those seeds grow. Wow, we can tell it is Spring and we have gardening on the brain. So, back to the 2026 Semiquincentennial. The focus of this project is to capture people’s stories. We are out hunting stories, for example: how your family immigrated to the US, Grandparents courtship written on grocery bags, a family members invention, a family business’ history, a person’s hobby that turned into a business or collectable, or a story that needs to be preserved just to name a few. We are currently developing a list of potential stories and making people aware of this project. Our job is to go “truffle hunting” for those stories we need to preserve. So, join us on this adventure. Out for now, we will be back next month.

This and That – Odds and Ends

McDonald’s Fundraiser – Thank you to everyone who came out and got a bit to eat. We raised \$275. We have set the dates for the next three McDonald’s quarterly fundraisers Jun 19th, Sep 18th, and Dec 18th. So, mark your calendars and we will see you there.

Publications available for purchase

- Historic Ridgewood \$15 for PTHS members; \$20 for non-members
- 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.

Event Additions – We have added to our event schedule “Paws in the Park” on Sunday Sep 22nd from 1-3 pm at Veterans Park. Also, we will be the speaker at the May 22nd Plain Township Rotary meeting.

Genealogy – You can tell it is Spring because our Genealogy Tree is blooming with additions. We are up to 506,477 names. We currently are working on incorporating information on the Daum, Stockert, Albrecht and Schneider families. While this information is already in our tree, we received a donation that contains the research that supports these families. There is a lot of information that we will be processing which includes death certificates, marriage certificates, photos, and research letters. Let us keep planting those seeds.

Website – Work continues on adding the full high school graduation class rosters for each class. In March, we added Glenwood High School Classes of 1965, 1966, 1967 and 1968. We are still amazed at how many emails we get a week with additions to our In Memoriam pages for each high school, especially since this is not advertised. Also, general information on Oakwood High School was updated.

“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 2024 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 15th – Woman Suffrage in Ohio – Presenter Dr. Jamie Capuzza

May 5th – Stark County Local History and Genealogy Fair – Massillon Museum – 11 am – 3 pm

May 20th – Avondale One Room School and Vogelgesang Orchard – Presenter Dr. George Vogelgesang

Jun 17th – Annual Picnic – NEW LOCATION Al Leno Park off Pinecrest off Easton St – Covered Dish – 6:00 pm

Jul 15th – Demise of the William McKinley Home – Presenters Richard Haldi and Judith Pocock

Recent Donations

- Knish Family – Part 3
- Cindy Rante – Holl and Schlott Family Information

Endowment Donations

- St. Jacob’s Church of Cairo
- In Memory of Ron Bair, Tom Pieper, Jim Guest

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:

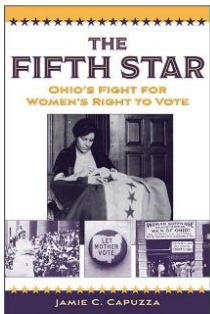
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Mark Your Calendars

Upcoming Program Dates & Topics



Apr 15th, 2024

Woman's Suffrage

Explore the Woman's Suffrage movement in Ohio with the author of the book "The Fifth Star."

Speaker: Dr. Jamie Capuzza

Come and Join us for a free meeting.

7-9PM at the Plain Township Hall 2600 Easton St NE



2024

Local History & Genealogy Fair

Saturday, May 4

11:00 am – 3:00 pm

Massillon Museum

121 Lincoln Way E | Massillon

Over 15 booths on display featuring area museums, historical sites, organizations, genealogy societies and a variety of other family history resources.

No registration! Free and open to the public!

