



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 \$66.67
Money Market \$12,667.99
Endowment \$48,463.52

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

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August Meeting

Aug 19th – Scams and How to Avoid Them – Presented by the Stark County Sheriff's Dept

When It Is Hot, It Is Hot!



We had the fans ready to go as we headed out into the community to share our history. This year we participated in the Hoover Park Festival at Hoover Park for the first time. While the weather was hot, we had a nice cozy spot inside the Hoover Banquet Hall with fans running to help keep things cool. We got to talk to a lot of people and share about PTHS. A nice afternoon to learn more about the Hoover Company History and listen to the Canton Community Band.

Our next adventure for the month, we opted to stay inside. In conjunction with Denise Evans, Zane Yohe, and The First Ladies Library and Museum, we shot an "Out and About" Facebook video that highlighted our collaboration. It was nice catching up with Stephanie from First Ladies Library to see how the exhibit was doing. They are getting a lot of positive response not just from the exhibits but also the interactive one room school display on the second floor. We will let you know when the Facebook video is posted.

The Avondale neighborhood is 100 years old this year. PTHS continues to meet with the home owner's association to come up with a plan to capture their history. A project like this, gives us the opportunity to work out in the community to help a neighborhood preserve its history. This was one of the outcomes we hoped that would happen when we worked with the Ridgewood neighborhood on updating their history. Avondale is made up of about 390 homes which are still in Plain Township today even though through the years there have been attempts to annex them. We are excited to see where this project takes us.

We generally lay low in July and August since it is so warm out, plus it gives us time to refuel for our fall push. We are also starting to plan for the 2025 season. September is going to be another busy month out in the community, so stay tuned.

Virtual Gift Bags

Our virtual gift bag fundraiser is taking a break for August. This was a successful endeavor for us and allowed us to focus on funding our archival storage supplies. We are now in year three of transitioning our collections over. Our start on this project was funded by a grant from the Ohio Historical Records Advisory Board. Then we were able to leverage the archival supply donation from St. Jacob's Church in Cairo to preserve their church's 200 year+ history to help springboard us forward on our journey. This process of moving to archival storage solutions also has standardized the containers we use, which allows us to use our limited space more efficiently. We have also developed a migration path for our collections as they outgrow their current storage solution. Which from that, we have developed standardized storage labels. No wonder we have papercuts.

In September and October, we will be bringing back two favorite raffle prizes: mums (September) and Hillcrest Orchard Basket (October.) Proceeds from these raffles will go towards the six wreaths of service for the Henry Warstler Wreaths Across America event in

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.)

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Email: preservingplaintwp@gmail.com

Web: www.preservingplaintwp.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/PlainTownshipHistoricalSociety/

December. 2024 will be our third year doing this. The Plain Township Rotary and the Plain Township Fire Department organize this event in conjunction with Henry Warstler Cemetery. This is one of the ways we can give back to our community.

2025 Meeting Topics

While the 2024 season is half way through, the Board of Directors has started the process of planning for our 2025 membership meeting speakers. If you have heard or know of someone who does a presentation, please let a Board member know. Also, if you are interested in helping the board plan our membership meetings for 2025 and beyond, we are glad to have you join us. We already have a great new speaker for the 2025 schedule and she will be coming in 2026 as well. Your input is important in this process as we want to bring in speakers/topics that are of interest to you.

Back to the Future - Out in the Community Heads Up

Mark your calendars, September is going to be a busy month out in the community. There are two opportunities to volunteer: 9/14 720 Side Street Market at Oakwood Square 10-3 and 9/22 Paws in the Park (Veterans Park Dog Park) 1-3 pm. If you are interested in signing up to volunteer for these events, contact Cheryl Hutcherson.

So, what is going on in September. First, we will be at the 720 Side Street Market at Oakwood Square on Saturday 9/14 from 10-3. This will be our last 720 Market for 2024 and our theme is "School Days – The Fun and Games of Recess." Here will have different recess games from across the years. Some will be available to play, others to reminisce. We are excited to have an interactive display and it will be interesting to see how that goes. Next up, we will be speaking to a Sunday School class at Trinity United Church of Christ about what do to with items your children do not want. That will be on 9/15. Something you will not want to miss is our membership meeting on Monday 9/16. Darlene Drage is going to speak about her father, R. G. Drage, a long-time educator in Plain Township. His story is very interesting. Tell your educator friends, because this is one you do not want to miss. On Wednesday 9/18 we will have our 3rd quarter fundraiser at McDonald's from 4-8. Come out grab a bite and help us score a touchdown for our organization. Finally, we will participate in the Paws in the Park event at Veterans Park Dog Park on Sunday 9/22 from 1-3 pm. Can not wait to see the pet parade. Like we said, September is busy, so pencil us in and we hope to see you at one of these events.

PTHS is Going to Be 20 in 2025

Hard to believe that PTHS will be celebrating its 20th anniversary next year. The board is already in the process of planning several events. If you have any thoughts on how to celebrate, please let us know. There will be cake involved at some point. More on this next month. We are very thankful to the friends we have made over the years and the growth that we have had.

October 2024 Meeting – Show and Tell

Our October meeting this year is going to be a little different. It is going to be a show and tell but with a twist. We are asking our membership to bring in an item or two, does not have to be Plain Township related, and we are going to play a game "Stump the Group." Here is how this is going to work. We are going to give each item a number. Anyone who attends, will get a write-in sheet to put their guess on. Once everyone has had a chance to write down their guesses, we will unveil the identity of the item. We will have a prize for first and second place

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 - \$10.00 ea. **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.

winners. In the event of a tie, we will have a tiebreaker trivia round. Start looking for those stumpers. It can be a tool, kitchen item, invention, or even maybe something with an interesting story. Who knows maybe even items from our archives will show up. Stay tuned for more details next month.

Little “Gnome” Facts



Hi, we wanted to introduce our mother, Rhonda. Her job is to round up, organize and file what we Wanderer’s are out collecting. She is hard at work right now organizing all the items we collected from the Plain Township Fire Dept and alumni. We did some checking and Rhonda is organizing over 4,250 digitized images just for the fire department right now. There are more images to come as we just received new information on Edgefield and Pleasant View Fire Depts. Not only is Rhonda organizing the information, she is placing the physical items in archival quality storage. Buy stock in band-aides, because there are papercuts in our future. Going back to truffle hunting. Out until next month – The Wanderer’s

“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. Board of Directors meetings are held at the Plain Township Hall. Check our website www.preservingplaintwp.org, Facebook and newsletter for a current schedule.

Aug 19th – Scams and How to Avoid Them – Presenter Stark County Sheriff’s Department

Sep 14th – 720 Side Street Market at Oakwood Square 10-3 pm

Sep 16th – Life of R. G. Drage, Educator – Presenter Darlene Drage

Sep 18th – McDonald’s 3rd Quarter Fundraiser 4-8 pm

Sep 22nd – Paws in the Park – Veterans Park Dog Park 1-3 pm

Recent Donations

- Anonymous – Two Iriscan portable scanners
- Craig Hamilton – Edgefield and Pleasant View Fire Dept Info

Endowment Donations

In Memoriam

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

In Partnership with ...



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.

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Mark Your Calendars

Upcoming Program Dates & Topics

Aug 19th, 2024

Scams and How to Avoid Them



The Sheriff's Department will speak on the current trends in scams and how to protect yourself from them.

Speaker: Sheriff's Department

Come and Join us for a free meeting.

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

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Sep 16th, 2024

Life of R. G. Drage



Find out about this longtime educator and his influence on the educational system.

Speaker: Darlene Drage

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