



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

# Plain Township Historical Society

Sep 2024

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## Treasurer's Report

Account Balances:

Checking	\$657.85
Money Market	\$11,898.20
Endowment	\$48,463.52

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

## Current Officers

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## Sep Meeting

Sep 16<sup>th</sup> – The Life of R. G. Drage – Presented by Darlene Drage

## *School Is Back In Session*

It is hard to believe that school is already back in session and PTHS is wrapping up its event session. Where did this year go? September is falling in place for another busy month. We will be at the 720 Side Street Market at Oakwood Square on Saturday Sep 14<sup>th</sup> from 10-3 pm. Our theme is "School Days – The Fun and Games of Recess." There is still time to volunteer to help man our booth or stop by and say hi if you are at the Square. Next, we are invited to speak to a Sunday School Class at the Trinity United Church of Christ about PTHS and the type of items we are interested in on Sunday Sep 15<sup>th</sup>. Filling out the trifecta will be our free membership meeting on Monday Sep 16<sup>th</sup> with a program about R. G. Drage. Mr. Drage was a long-time educator in Plain Township and a superintendent of schools for Stark County. His daughter, Darlene Drage, is going to speak on his adventurous life. His story is very interesting to all. I encourage inviting any educator you know as well to come here his story. Wrapping up September, we will be at Paws in the Park event on Sunday Sep 22<sup>nd</sup> from 1-3 pm at the Veterans Park Dog Park. Come bring your pooch for the pet parade and visting the vendors. We will be there too cheering on our four legged friends. As you can see, we have an event filled month. We can only make this happen with the support and volunteers of our community.

We have made some updates to our website. If you look under Resources – Resource Links we had added links to the Smithsonian Museum Archives and to the US Patent search database.

Now that school is back in session, the Plain Partner meetings will be starting again as well as the Stark County History Group. We are excited to be a part of both groups as we continue to raise awareness of Plain Township History.

## *McDonald's Fundraisers*



As you may have heard, the Board of Directors has decided to discontinue our McDonald's fundraisers for the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> quarters of 2024. McDonald's has changed the rules for their fundraiser. The change was that McDonald's would give PTHS so many pies that we would distribute, at McDonald's, during the specified time for a \$1 or more donation. The Board decided that with the demographics of our group that this was not a safe option for our members to take part in, especially in the winter. We have worked with McDonald's for five years and are grateful for the partnership, but we must put the safety of our group first. Cheryl Hutcheson and the Board are working on other ideas and we will relaunch in 2025 in conjunction with our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Thank you again to McDonald's for all their support we will miss dining with you.

## *Wreaths Across America Raffle*



Fall is here and that means the return of the mum plant raffle prize. In September, we will have two mum plants up for raffle. The proceeds from the raffle will go towards the purchase of the seven wreaths to represent the seven branches of the Armed Forces for the Wreaths Across America event at Warstler Cemetery in December. Proceeds from our October raffle basket from Hillcrest Farms will also go towards this project. This will be the third year that

**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](mailto:preservingplaintwp@gmail.com).
- Articles are due the by the first Tuesday of the month (aka Board Meeting.)

**Contact info:**

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Canton OH 44721

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Web: [www.preservingplaintwp.org](http://www.preservingplaintwp.org)

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/PlainTownshipHistoricalSociety/](https://www.facebook.com/PlainTownshipHistoricalSociety/)

PTHS has sponsored the service branch wreaths. We are excited about being a part of this partnership between the Plain Township Rotary and the Plain Township Fire Department. Tickets will be 1 ticket for \$1 or 6 tickets for \$5. Must be present to win.

**2025 Meeting Topics**

While the 2024 season is in the third quarter, the Board of Directors is still diligently planning away for next year's programs. We have several new speakers scheduled already. 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.

**Board Positions and Volunteers**

As we approach the end of the year and get ready for an exciting 2025, we are always on the lookout for Board members and volunteers. Board members attend one extra meeting a month to plan and guide our organization. We can always use people with ideas, time and business skills to help plan and manage our organization. If you are interested in more information about being a Board member, please contact David Ross. As always, we can only do as many community events as we have volunteers. So, if you are interested in getting on our volunteer list, please contact Cheryl Hutcheson. We are looking for creative, crafting, researchers, writing, etc. for ongoing projects.

**PTHS is Going to Be 20 in 2025**

The planning has started for our anniversary celebration but we still need some ideas. We have several things we are vetting right now to see if we can have them be a part of our celebration. We will have cake in February to celebrate the beginning of PTHS. We are hoping to have a special surprise for our picnic in June. All things are still tentative. If you have any ideas or are interested in helping with one of the special events, please contact Cheryl Hutcheson. Plans are under way for our two 720 Side Street Market events where the themes will be "Happy Birthday PTHS" and "Happy Birthday Plain Township Fire Department." The Plain Township Fire Department will be turning 50 in 2025.

**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. If you bring an item(s) to our October meeting, do not let the cat out of the bag about what the item(s) is, find Cindy Guest and register your item with her. Take your seat. After a brief business meeting during snack/break time, get a guessing sheet and write your name on the sheet. We will have an extended break time to allow everyone to peruse the items and write their guesses down. No cheating off other people's work and no sharing, we have eagle eyed teachers in the room. Try not to use your cellphone to get the answer. After everyone has had a chance to guess, take your seat and we will reveal the answers. The top two guessers will win a prize. In the event of a tie, we will have a tiebreaker Plain Township trivia round. The item 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. Gather up those stumpers and get ready for a fun evening.

**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](mailto: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.



**Little "Gnome" Facts**

Hi, Rhonda and the gang here for another exciting truffle hunting experience. As was mentioned earlier in the newsletter, we are partnering with the Rotary and Plain Twp Fire Dept on the Wreaths Across America project. We are putting our truffle hunting skills to the test as we help the Fire Dept to double check the list of Veterans buried in Warstler Cemetery. There will be several dates scheduled for Sep and Oct to go out and walk the cemetery to identify our veterans. This list will be used as a guide as to where a wreath should be laid to commemorate that person's service to our country. We are hoping to have reviewed the whole cemetery by Veterans Day 2026 in time for the Wreaths Across America event during our Nation's 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Also, as part of this project, we will be updating the information on Find A Grave ([www.findagrave.org](http://www.findagrave.org)), so that the information is available to other researchers. Once we have dates set, we will send out a notice with more information. So, put on your sleuthing gear and come out and join us. 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](http://www.preservingplaintwp.org), Facebook and newsletter for a current schedule.

**Sep 14<sup>th</sup> – 720 Side Street Market at Oakwood Square 10-3 pm**

**Sep 15<sup>th</sup> – Trinity United Church of Christ – 9 am**

**Sep 16<sup>th</sup> – Life of R. G. Drage, Educator – Presenter Darlene Drage**

**Sep 22<sup>nd</sup> – Paws in the Park – Veterans Park Dog Park 1-3 pm**

**Oct 21<sup>st</sup> – Show and Tell: Stump the Group – Facilitator Cindy Guest**

**Nov 18<sup>th</sup> – History of the Stark County Library – Presenter Stephanie Houck**

**Dec and Jan 2025 – No Meeting**



**Recent Donations  
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](http://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.

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

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Come Join the Plain Township Historical Society

At the Side Street Mkts at Oakwood Square

On Sep 14<sup>th</sup> from 10 am-3 pm

Located at Oakwood Square Plaza on the corner of Middlebranch Ave NE and Easton St NE

#### School Days - The Fun and Games of Recess



Stop In for a Step Back in Time!



### Plain Township Historical Society

Mark Your Calendars

Upcoming Program Dates & Topics

Sep 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Life of R. G. Drage

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

Speaker: Darlene Drage



Come and Join us for a free meeting.  
9PM at the Plain Township Hall 2600 Easton St NE

FREE community event for dogs and their families

3rd Annual PAWS IN THE PARK

Sunday, September 22, 2024 • 1-5 PM  
Plain Township Dog Park  
(Located at Veterans Park, 1711 Buhlesdorfer Blvd, NW Canton, OH 44701)  
Hosted by Denise Evans, Cutler Real Estate and Plain Township Parks

Who will win the FREE PHOTO BOOTH?

ALL KINDS OF DOG RELATED BOOTHS!

Be sure to come dressed to your best (dog and human alike) for the 3rd Annual Parade Seat, reserved contest, verb, lat, and dog prize! Get your picture taken at the free photo booth, take home a free dog ball thrower, and lots of other fun prizes! We'll also have dog related books for sale, including a history of dogs, dog first, trivia, dog art, toys, pet accessories, pet therapy & rescue, training, spray & misters, bonding/dog cap sets & pet containment systems. Also for dog-related decor, dog snacks, & dog apparel!

And for the humans, enjoy the food truck, cookie trucks, and ice cream truck (dogs and humans)! There will be even more goodies too!

Bring a blanket or chair to hang out in the shady areas, enjoy the sunshine, and meet your canine dog and their owners. Don't miss the social and dog show parties!

You'll have a howling good time!

If you would like to participate at this event as either a vendor or volunteer, please contact Denise Evans at: [denise@cutlerreale.com](mailto:denise@cutlerreale.com).