



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	\$374.32
Money Market	\$12,259.60
Endowment	\$50,382.96

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

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Connie Blinn
Cheryl Hutcheson
Judith Pocock
David Ross
Lynda Theriault

Sep Meeting

Nov 18th – History of the Stark County Library – Presenter Stephanie Houck



Gobble, Gobble – No Leftovers Here

Our October Show and Tell with a Twist was a fun evening where items were brought in to stump our audience. Twenty-four items made their debut including items from our archives. Our facilitator, Tabor Rookmoor, kept the evening moving as we unveiled the mystery items. The most guessed correctly was 10 with our winners being Cheryl Hutcheson and Bob and Annette McCartney. They each received a freshly made Amish Apple pie.

We raised enough money from both the September and October raffle baskets to support our donation to the Wreaths Across America program coming up in December at Warstler Cemetery. More on that later in the newsletter.

Even though 2024 is winding down, your Board is busy planning for 2025. A meeting program is included with the newsletter so you can get your calendar marked. Thanks to the committee of Connie Blinn, David Ross and Lynda Theriault for sifting through the suggestions, making contact and setting up our roster of programs. We have a wide variety of topics and new speakers for 2025. As always if you come across any interesting ideas or speakers for the future, please let a board member know. We keep a list of potential topics so we are ready to go when it is planning time.

Phyllis Rustifo is managing our incoming donations. Right now we are focused on items from Plain Local School District. We are getting a lot of good information. If you know of someone or even yourself with information/photos etc. about Plain Township, please get in touch with us so we can digitize the information and add to our archives. We are making a big push to put interesting stories together for 2026 and America's 250th Anniversary.

We continue to make progress on moving our archival storage over to our new system of labeling, storage boxes, and storage areas. Our gift bag fundraising proceeds will be put to good use this winter as we restock supplies. This system allow us to make better use of our limited space and find items much easier than before. Plus, our items are stored in archival quality items.

Between 2025 and 2026 there are a lot of exciting opportunities for PTHS to get out and share our history. We can only do that with volunteers like you. Even if you are only interested in helping with one or two events, that is wonderful. We are always looking to add to our Board of Directors as well. 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.



Membership Dues



It is that time of year for your dues renewal. Dues run from Jan 1 to Dec 31. Any dues paid after Oct 1 are credited for 2025. Remember if you are 90 or older, first celebrate and second

Looking for ...

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

- Class Rings
- Lavalier
- 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:

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2600 Easton St NE
Canton OH 44721

Email: preservingplaintwp@gmail.com

Web: www.preservingplaintwp.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/PlainTownshipHistoricalSociety/

your dues are free. Dues are our main source of income to cover our fixed costs. Thank you for your continued support.

Wreaths Across America

We are not only donating the wreaths representing the different branches of the service, we are also assisting the Plain Township Fire Department and the Plain Township Rotary by verifying the veterans who are buried in Warstler Cemetery. Our "Walking" Warstler Cemetery group spent three Thursday's walking the whole cemetery identifying graves that were marked as Veterans. We then cross checked those graves to a spreadsheet that was created a few years ago. We are currently in the process of updating that spreadsheet, verifying people who were marked as Veterans but we do not have proof of service, and identifying Veterans that are not designated so on their headstone. The process will take some time. Our goal is to have the list completed by the 2026 Wreaths Across America event. Our next phase will be to mark headstones with a "Veteran" sticker which do not have any other identifying Veteran plaque or engraving. The wreath placing takes place on Saturday December 14th 2024 at noon, Warstler Cemetery.

PTHS is Going to Be 20 in 2025

In December 2024, we will be finalizing our plans for PTHS's 20th Anniversary celebration. Our organization has grown significantly during this period. We will be reflecting on our accomplishments in 2025. We have several things we are vetting right now to see if we can have them be a part of our celebration. If you have any ideas or are interested in helping with one of the special events, please contact Cheryl Hutcheson.

As part of our 20th celebration, we will be the guest speaker for several organizations. The first one will be in December 2024 at the Avondale Neighborhood Christmas Party. We will be doing a brief program on Avondale's history as a part of their 100th Anniversary celebration. This event will also launch their project to collect information about Avondale for a book to be published in 2026. In May, we will be the speaker at the Canton Preservation Society's annual dinner on Ridgewood. This will allow us to share some of the stories we discovered during the writing of the Ridgewood book. More to come on our calendar in December.

Endowment Challenge

Our Endowment fund is almost to \$50,000 with the Stark Community Foundation. Would it not be a great way to end 2024 and kickoff our 2025 20th Anniversary by raising the \$225 we need to get to that mark? This is a great goal to meet especially since we had to cancel our last two McDonald's fundraiser due to the rules changing for McDonald's program, which would have put us over our goal. Please consider a year end gift. Now available on our Endowment Giving form, is the option to specify your donation to go towards a student scholarship/stipend.

This and That – Odds and Ends

- ❖ Our Ancestry.com database of family tree information continues to grow even as we get into the fall weather. We currently have over 516,000 names. This information is vital to our research for projects like the verifying of Veterans in Warstler Cemetery. We continue to partner with individuals to records their family's information for the future. Have you shared your genealogy with us yet?
- ❖ We have renewed our partnership with the Plain Branch of the Stark County District Library at GlenOak High School. We will have our first new display by Nov 15th. So, stop

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.

be and one day check out our display on Playgrounds of Plain Township and see all the opportunities of the Reimagined Library since its remodel over the summer.

Little "Gnome" Facts



The holiday season is fast approaching and we are wrapping up our eventful year. Our cousins, Topsy and Turvy will be here at Christmas to help us tumble things around. We are hoping to be able to take a break for the holidays and put our feet up. Lots to do to get ready for the spring planning season. We are sitting down with our spreadsheets and Facebook postings to get people excited about what is coming for next year's Membership meetings. Did someone say cake? Heard there might be some at a meeting next year. All this talk about food is making us hungry. We are getting our knives sharp to carve the turkey and serve up other delightful treats. From our family to yours, have a Happy Thanksgiving. See you 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!



The Turkey Dressing Is On Us!



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.

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Dec and Jan 2025 – No Meeting

2025 Meeting Schedule is Process – Included with mailing

Recent Donations

- Plain Local School District – Various photos from the schools
- Paula Tolin – Items from her sister Kay Rupert

Endowment Donations

- Two Anonymous Donations - \$100

Endowment Giving

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Scholarship/Stipend Fund: _____

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.

Plain Township Historical Society

Mark Your Calendars

Upcoming Program Dates & Topics

Nov 18th, 2024

History of the Stark County Library

Here is an opportunity to learn how our Stark County Library system has evolved over the years and what is coming next.

Speaker: Stephanie Houck



Come and Join us for a free meeting.

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

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Happy Holidays

December 2024

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NO General Meeting Held