



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	\$296.77
Money Market	\$12,374.81
Endowment	\$50,432.96

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

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Dec Meeting

**Happy Holidays!
No Membership
Meeting. See you in
February.**

Happy Holidays!



*Back: Roman – Raymond
Front: Rhonda – Russell Wanderer*

Hi everyone, the Wanderer's here. We have decided to give our newsletter editor the month off and write one with our own special twist. Our cousins, Topsy and Turvey, are in town, so you never know how things will get turned around. First off, the Board of Directors wants to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday. Enjoy your time with your family, share memories and make new ones. Reflect on the traditions that bring your family together this time of year. The Board looks forward to seeing you starting back in February after we burrow out of hibernation. Ok, so here we go over the river and through the plains of our township as we celebrate the year we had, which thanks to everyone in the community, our membership and board who made this possible.

So our event coordinator tells us that there are still two events on the schedule for December and we are assured the horse knows the way to carry the sleigh to both of them. First up, is the Avondale Home Owners Association Christmas party, where we heard there will be splendid holiday food to nosh on. Word around the manager is that PTHS will be kicking off the Avondale 200th anniversary project at this event. Let's get those sleigh bells jingling and a jing jing jingling to spread the word. Finally, on Saturday Dec 14th at noon at Warstler cemetery, we will be honoring the veterans interred there through the Wreaths Across America program. PTHS sponsors the seven branches of service wreaths for this event. We are grateful for those that serviced and honored to be part of this event.



Topsy - Turvey Wanderer

Momma, Rhonda, has been cleaning our humble gnome home, since there is no place like gnome for the holidays. Now we can roast chestnuts on the open fire that the rest of the family went out and gathered. Luckily on that day Jack Frost was not nipping at our nose or toes. One of momma's favorite Christmas songs is the Twelve Days of Christmas. Cousins, Topsy and Turvey, put their own spin on this and came up with "The 12 Events of Year." So as not to waste too many leaves writing this down, we will give you the condensed version. You can thank us later for have the song stuck in your head all day. And you can really thank us if your version is the one performed by our friends the Muppets (check it out. Miss Piggy and Animal are a hoot.) Here you go:

❖ On the 1st event of the year, my true love gave to me, a First Ladies Library Exhibit.

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/

- ❖ On the 2nd event of the year, my true love gave to me, watching people jump rope at a 720 Market event.
- ❖ On the 3rd event of the year, my true love gave to me, writing articles for three magazines.
- ❖ On the 4th event of the year, my true love gave to me, participating in nine community events.
- ❖ On the 5th event of the year, my true love gave to me, five scanners scanning.
- ❖ On the 6th event of the year, my true love gave to me, a book folding class.
- ❖ On the 7th event of the year, my true love gave to me, a Genealogy Fair to share our family tree.
- ❖ On the 8th event of the year, my true love gave to me, assisting the Bolivar Historical Society.
- ❖ On the 9th event of the year, my true love gave to me, 24+ people donating to the archives.
- ❖ On the 10th event of the year, my true love gave to me, ten monthly membership meetings.
- ❖ On the 11th event of the year, my true love gave to me, reaching our endowment goal.
- ❖ On the 12th event of the year, my true love gave to me, A Wreath Laying Ceremony at Warstler Cemetery for over 400 Veterans.

Thank you Topsy and Turvy for that rendition.

Well the Hits Keep Coming

Do you hear what I hear? It is the caroling of the bells that toll in the New Year. Planning for the 2025 year is underway and has been sealed with a kiss under the mistletoe. Get your confetti cannons ready, since 2025 is the 20th anniversary of PTHS. The list of speakers is all on the nice list and offer that holiday variety box vibe with several new speakers. We would be remiss if we did not remind you that the 2025 PTHS dues are do. Hopefully we are on your

nice list and we get a present in our stocking hung by the chimney with care. Our newsletter editor will have more on what is coming in 2025 in the January newsletter.



One other item we wanted to share with you, is that our new display is up at the Plain Branch Library. It is in an 18"x18"x18" acrylic locked box located on top of the "Book Pick Up" book case in the center of the library. The theme is "Playground Memories." We have decided to continue the "Memories" theme for the box in future displays. Just like everyone else, we gnomes keep our precious memories in a special box too. Stop by on a cold winters day and check out the display. Let us know what you think before you settle down for a long winter's nap.

Have A Holly Jolly Holiday Season

Whether you snuggle up with a cozy blanket to watch a classic holiday movie or TV show, please make sure grandma does not get run over by a reindeer. May the prancing of hooves on your rooftop be reindeer and not squirrels or racoons. Hopefully you can still rock around the Christmas tree at the Christmas party hop. Do not forget to be like Frosty the snowman who was a jolly happy soul. Ok, you do not need to melt away or have a corncob pipe, button nose and two eyes made of coal. But in the spirit of Frosty, put on that old silk hat and dance around. 'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house, not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse. Let us hope that is true at your home too. More importantly, may your vision of sugar-plums dance in your head. And finally, later on, we'll conspire as we dream by the fire, to face unafraid, the plans that we've made.

Happy holidays from the Wanderer's and the Board of Directors.

"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 2025 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.

Dec 14th – Wreaths Across America – Warstler Cemetery Noon

Dec and Jan 2025 – No Meeting

Feb 17th – History of the Volunteer Fire Department Stations – Presented by Cindy Guest

Feb 19th – Workshop on Search Criteria – Massillon Library 2:00 pm RSVP – Christine Bowman and Cindy Guest - Free

Mar 17th – Annual Meeting – MAPS Museum

Mar 25th – "What To Do With My Stuff" – Plain Branch Library 6:00 pm – Presenter Cindy Guest - Free

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.

Recent Donations

- Plain Local School District – Items from the schools, continued

Endowment Donations

- Anonymous Donations - \$150

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



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NO General Meeting Held

Wreaths Across America at Warstler Cemetery
Saturday December 14th at Noon.

Join Us in Our Mission
Remember ★ Honor ★ Teach

★ **December 14, 2024** ★
National Wreaths Across America Day

Help Plain Township Rotary honor local heroes!

Sponsor a wreath today to be placed on a veteran's grave this December at Henry Warstler Cemetery.

Scan the QR code to the right to make a donation online or visit www.wreathscrossamerica.org/OH0344P

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