

Maple Heights Historical Society Newsletter

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MESSAGE

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Our Board of Directors is back from their winter break and have been busy planning a fun-filled summer at the museum. Keep an eye out for information in this and upcoming issues of our newsletter for more details. There is something on the agenda for everyone.

As with all small local organizations we are always trying to find new and exciting ways to keep our current supporters interested and attract new supporters for the future. Please consider getting involved with our group as a volunteer. Because we are a small group, we are always in need of fresh ideas and can offer a flexible volunteer experience that fits your lifestyle.

Opening Night is May 22nd... See you at the LITTLE RED SCHOOLHOUSE!

SAVE THE DATE

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 19, 2017, 1-2 pm Senior Center Special Tour

May 22, 2017 Opening Night

July TBD 2nd Annual Alumni Gathering
(see June Newsletter for date)

August 27 5th Annual Car Show

All Summer 2017 TV Raffle

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LITTLE RED SCHOOLHOUSE





FOND MEMORIES
BY FRANK BALOGA



My fondest memories of when I was a little kid, in the 1940s, were when I was living in this small place called Maple Heights. The population was only a little more than 5,000, and everybody knew just about everybody else. Mapletown, Southgate, and Turney-Dunham shopping centers were in the future. I look forward to our annual car show every August. Back then we were living in an antique car show. New car production stopped in 1942 due to the war, so we had 1930s and early '40s cars.

There were some real characters in our town. One lady, Lulu, used to get very thirsty doing her grocery shopping and would stop over at Danny's Tavern. After being overserved, she was usually found hanging onto a tree halfway up Stanley Avenue. The police would take her home. There was a young boy on Miller Avenue who would tie a sheet around his neck and jump off the garage roof pretending to be Superman. "Josie" was a young lady who could tune up a car engine as well as any mechanic. She would drag race with the boys in her 1935 Plymouth.

We lived on Stanley Avenue at the time, and the house next door was rented to a young hillbilly couple. The husband was always bothering my dad to "help" him with his car—a 1930 Chrysler. One time I saw him putting the garden hose through the kitchen window. I asked what he was doing, and he said that his wife was mopping the floor and he was going to rinse it. One summer day he was shining his car and she came out in shorts and a halter, and I had my first lesson in female anatomy at the age of seven. She was a very healthy girl in the chest area. She said to him: "Da-da [daddy], pwinkle [sprinkle] my feet." Eventually they got divorced and moved away. She got a new Da-da to pwinkle her feet, and we got new neighbors who weren't as much fun.

Yes, they were quirky, but we accepted them as our friends, neighbors, fellow citizens, and fellow human beings.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS & COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Frank Baloga	Museum Staff
Aurora Coffaro	Museum Staff
Warren Doblak	Museum Staff
Heather Gyekenyeski	President
Lora Phillips	Newsletter Editor
Mary Moore	Membership Chair
Alex Pittaway	Event Chair
Jason Siek	Secretary
(Vacant)	Treasurer



ANNUAL FUND: THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who has generously donated to the Maple Heights Historical Society's annual fund. It is because of the generous support of loyal members that we are able to continue to keep the museum open, free of charge, and continue to preserve our own unique history. We hope to see you soon!

Alex Pittaway, Event Chair
440-552-3611

NEW COMMITTEE OPPORTUNITIES



Do you have a green thumb? Do you like to play in the dirt? The Board is forming a new **GARDEN COMMITTEE** to help in maintaining and beautifying the lot around the Little Red Schoolhouse Museum.

Are you organized? Do you have a talent for decorating? The Board is forming a **DISPLAY COMMITTEE** to help maintain, organize and display all the exhibits at the Little Red Schoolhouse Museum.



Are you savvy on social media? Do you design Web pages with ease? The Board is forming a new **SOCIAL MEDIA/WEB SITE COMMITTEE** to help in maintaining and growing the Maple Heights Historical Society's online presence.

Do you love history, discovery, and learning? The Board is forming a **RESEARCH COMMITTEE** to help investigate topics for the Board and Little Red Schoolhouse Museum.

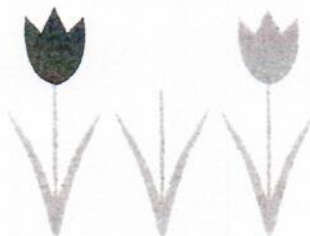


If you are interested in leading or joining any of these committees please stop in at one of our monthly meetings for more information, or contact Heather at 216-215-5982 or hgyekenyesi@gmail.com

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Happy spring!!! The warmer weather comes with the start of our Annual Membership Drive. We appreciate your continued dedication to the Historical Society. Your contribution will help us put out these newsletters and host various events that we enjoy putting together. In this letter you will find the membership form. Please fill this out as soon as possible, and return it to the Historical Society. Again, thank you for your support, and we hope to see you at our upcoming events.

Mary Moore, Membership Chair
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WE'RE ON THE WEB!

www.mapleheightshistory.org

REGULAR MUSEUM HOURS

Mid-May through Mid-September:

Monday and Wednesday, 7 p.m.—9 p.m.

We look forward to seeing you on opening night—May 22, 2017—to welcome the “new museum year”!

Rest of the Year:

By Appointment Only

We will gladly open the museum by appointment any time! We welcome groups, clubs, families, and anyone interested in viewing our exhibits. To schedule an appointment please contact Frank at 216-662-4154.

MEETING SCHEDULE

April through October:

2nd Wednesday of the Month, 6 p.m.

At Museum: May through September

At Library: February through April & October

Everyone is welcome to attend!! Your input and suggestions on pending projects and activities is needed. You may also be surprised at all there is to learn. Upcoming meeting dates are as follows:

April 12 at Library

May 10 at Museum

June 14 at Museum

November through March:

Winter Break!

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