

COLUMBIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY
WINTER – SPRING 2009

Best Wishes to all in the New Year.

The Christmas Luncheon was well attended. There were only one or two chairs left vacant. A re enactor from The Women in History presented Victoria Woodhull an Ohio lady that ran for US President in the late 1800's.

The election of officers for 2009 was held and they are:

Mary Melnyk - President, Sally Stone – Vice President, Jim Hitchcock – Secretary, Dave Burnett – Treasurer, Debi Hitchcock – Corresponding Secretary
Taking appointments: Jeanne Boey – Programs, Barb Hitchcock – Web Master, Sharon Waldecker – Publicity.

One item discussed at the January officers meeting was the need to increase the dues. This has not been done in many years and may be only the 3rd or 4th time since the 1970s.

The officers have raised the dues \$2.00 in each category to \$7:00 for a single membership and \$10.00 for two in a family.

The idea of a field trip was raised and the following places were suggested – The Hickories (Lorain Co. Hist. Soc.), Frostville, Strongsville. The suggested month would be August

The historical society has met on the 2nd Tuesday of the month since the 1970's. Now, would it be more convenient for people to attend Sunday afternoon meetings. Suggested times would be 1:30 P.M. social, program 2:00 P. M. with meeting to follow.

We have also started a service / project / jobs list.

Here are some of the filled services:

Greeter at the meetings - 5 meetings Elane Martin
5 meetings Sharon Waldecker

Newsletter Committee: Mary Melnyk
Dave Burnett – Mailing
Ron Krisco - labels

At Bronson Museum Inside cleaning Coordinator Sally Stone
Assisting are Betty Gricar, Barb Hitchcock, Sharon
Waldecker, Debi Hitchcock
Needed at least 3 more....

Outside - Gardens at Bronson Coordinator Dot MacIntyre
Assisting Geli & Joe Valli & Cindy & Dale Krishmanth
Anyone else that prefers to help outside

Donor File Maintenance	Daryl Davis
Clipping file	Dave Burnett
Story writers to aid our publicity	Joe & Geli Valli Anyone that has an interest in pursuing any Columbia related topic
Convert VHS tapes to DVD	Debi Hitchcock

There are two jobs that are filled but we need back up people

The gas lights - Jim Hitchcock

Sump pump - Alan Melnyk

Please look at the following list we need help in these areas:

Refreshment Coordinator - line up who will bring snacks, and get out the supplies from the cupboard for coffee, tea and punch.

Special Displays for Bronson open houses does not need to be a large display – need 5 – the following dates are May 3, June 7, June 27 & 28 (Home coming), Aug 2, Sept 6.

Archivist – Coordinator is set up ephemera sorting and cataloging - and the sorters

Docents – pick a room to talk about or do general history at open houses

Edit the VHS tapes or DVDs into concise form

Field Trip Coordinator

General History – find a topic in the files at the museum using our material for a presentation

Locate & interview people with stories and pictures to add to our knowledge

Membership – recruiting - use new technology and old fashion “howdy and do come”

Research – on line, Lorain County Records, pull Columbia references from general books

Art & Author Coordinator – if needed

Always and Ever who do you know that would have stories to share and pictures of people, places and events One idea that has come up are Columbia’s Barns. See R.U. January 26 article. Someone with an interest in Photography, locate and take a photo with notation of where and when. Where is the picture of the Goodman barn being moved to become Columbia Ballroom:

The Calendar for February, March and April:

Feb 10, Columbia Town Hall, 7:00 P.M. social time, 7:30 Program followed by the meeting.
Hopefully the weather gods will be with us.

The program is the Columbia Air Port. Jim Yorkavitz has shared pictures and stories of his Grandparents Ben and Kate and his parents Richard and Florence. Jim also talked of his own love of flying. There will be a power point presentation of Jim's pictures.

March 10, Columbia Town Hall, 7:00 P.M. social time, 7:30 Program followed by the meeting
Mr. Ralph Hayes of the Pittsfield Historical Society will talk about the Tombstone
Resetting Program.

April 19, Columbia Town Hall, Spring Pot Luck, 1:00 P.M. Note Date change
Bring a dish to share and your own table service.
Program at 2:30 – Island Jeff's Steel Drum Show – Live Piano & Steel Pan Music
1993 organist for the Cleveland Indians, accompanied Mr. Bob Hope on his dedication
of "Thanks for the Memories" to Municipal Stadium. And was seen on "That's Life"
with Robin Swoboda – Summer 2008.

Tear off & send to Columbia Historical Society, PO Box 983, Col..St., Oh 44028
Or bring to the next meeting

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Dues Single \$ 7.00 _____ Family of 2 \$10.00 _____

From the jobs list – I can help with _____

Where would you like to go on a field trip? _____
Not limited to the above suggestions.

Do you have an opinion on the meeting day or time _____

I have some items to display at an open house _____

I know someone with an interesting collection and will ask if they would be interested _____

