



# HILLIARD STATION CHRONICLE

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Fall/Winter Newsletter

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## **NEW RENTAL VENUES ARE NOW READY**

### **Here they are!**

With the construction of Norwich Pavilion in Weaver Park being built, a committee was formed earlier this year to plan the rental program. This team was tasked with developing the policies and procedures of renting the Pavilion as well as other venues (Chapel, Gazebo and the SBC Pavilion). Extensive research to determine other similar structures, their practices and pricing was essential to be competitive. Also critical to the process was the development of a user friendly website where people interested in renting the venues could easily find information and submit rental requests.

All these pieces were put in place by the dedication of the Norwich Pavilion in June. During the summer months the new pavilion was rented several times. The website increased awareness that other venues were available and those were rented to many individuals and groups as well. The initial season brought in over \$3,000 in revenues which will be utilized to help maintain the Historical Village. Our expectations for 2020 are a greatly increased number of rentals, which will equate to more money for the Historical Society. However, more volunteers will also be required to keep up with the Demand. Please consider putting your name in the hat for this fun and rewarding venue committee. (*See the pictures of all the Venues on the last Page of this Newsletter*)

### **Message from the President – Barbara Cash**

We are winding down a successful year at the Village Only 3 events remain – the first two are important in that we are opening the our village to the community to enhance their Holiday Season. They are **December 1<sup>st</sup> from 3:30 to 6:30**; we join the City of Hilliard in their **Annual Tree Lighting**. We welcome visitors to tour our buildings prior to the City Event at the Hilliard Station. Mrs. Claus greets children in the School and her elves help the children write their letters to Santa. Come help usher folks through the buildings and let them view the treasures of Hilliard that are displayed.

On **December 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM** we again welcome residents to come to the Village so children can share their dreams with **Santa in the Red Caboose**. A free horse and wagon ride will be available, thanks to a donation from one of our members. Donuts (thanks Rich's) and Hot Chocolate will also be served. Again Kathy Chandler can use your help for set-up, kitchen duty and traffic control around the village.

On **December 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM** we celebrate ourselves with a social evening at the Safety Services Building on Northwest Blvd. The special emphasis this year will be to thank the Docents and the Library Volunteers who have really stepped up to man (and woman) all the tours and open hours that the Board has authorized. Please join us for this **Annual Holiday** party. Bring an appetizer or dessert.

At the annual Membership Meeting in October, the following 2020 officers and Board members were elected: President, Tim Woodruff, Vice President, Kathy Chandler, Secretary, Mildred Brooks, Treasurer, Rod Garnett, Board Members (3 Year Term), Randy Smith, Jo Hensley, & Ed Olenhouse. They join Board Members, Barbara Cash, Immediate Past President, Darryl Walters, Bob Peterson, Bob Brooks, Marilyn Evans, and Paul Thacker to manage the affairs of the Society for 2020 beginning January 1st. One open position will be available when to replace Kathy Chandler when she resigns to become Vice President. Think about offering your time.

### **New Event – The Haunted Village**

In October we held our first ever Haunted Village and it was by any measure an enormous success. No one counted heads, but over \$2400 was collected in admissions. The buildings were transferred into eerie sights; the walkways and the bridges were spooky. Pop Art and Scary stories were shared with the kids in the school; a headless horseman roamed the grounds; a bonfire served as a warming station plus a place to cook hot dogs & s'mores.

There was a costume contest judged by Police Chief, Bobby Fisher & Councilman: Pete Marsh & Town Administrator: Jamie Fisher, which brought a large number of scary costumes. We thank a long list of merchants plus the Franklin County Fair Management for all the assistance we received. Look for this event to be planned for next year. Join us, never has planning been so much fun. Barb Cash, Jim and Kathy Chandler, and Don and Shirley Russell are eager for your ideas and help for this great event.

### **News from the Library – Marilyn Evans – Librarian**

For the last several years, Kari Inglis has volunteered working in our archive section of the Library. A former school librarian, she was a real asset to our Historical Library. She spent hours cleaning up the data base of book collections. Another task was to organize our upstairs storage room. We had to identify important books a documents and sort out books that were not of Hilliard history. Some of you have met Kari on Thursday mornings. December 19<sup>th</sup> will be her last day as she is moving to Oberlin to be near her son and family. Kari we will miss you and thank for you for all your hard work for our historical society library!

**Editor's Note** Barbara Cash has been our President for the last 3 years. The president is not just a title but beyond being the leader of our organization for programs, finances and goals of our society, she has been the person who gets the calls after hours from the police that lights are on or doors are open. When we have an event she called to be sure the grass was cut or the leaves were raked or the mulch needed to be spread,

etc. Being a non-profit organization, we are always short of funds to fix or paint something where a sponsor or a donation was needed. She has accomplished many new ways of fund raising some controversial, most hugely successful, but always with the goal of making our Society financially sound, an important event destination and part of the Hilliard community. I could go on and on to list all the things she did for the last 3 years, but I can say that it has been fun and rewarding working with her. Thanks again, Barbara Cash for all you have done for the Hilliard Ohio Historical Society. I look forward to working with you and Wally in our Docent ranks and programs as we go forward making our special village known to Hilliard and surrounding communities nearby and around the state.

### Memorials

<b>Edward Fladt</b>	<b>Life Member since 2014</b>
<b>William Snug</b>	<b>Long Time Member</b>
<b>Bob Beal</b>	<b>Life member since 1982</b>
<b>Dorothy Grener</b>	<b>Life member since 1987</b>
<b>Janet Anderson</b>	<b>Life Member since 1980</b>
<b>Sue Patterson</b>	<b>Life member since 2003</b>
<b>Sue Eisner</b>	<b>Long Time (and very active) Member</b>
<b>Thelma Alamang</b>	<b>Life Member Just Passed on Nov.17, 2019</b> <b>She was a member since 1987</b>

### Rental Venues at the Historical Village



