



It is hard to believe that summer is almost a memory. It has been hot, rainy, humid, hot, humid and more of the same. Our meeting room is at the township's administration building and we have plenty of room so make plans to attend now. All the meetings (**exceptions) are held on the 4th Tuesday so mark your calendars now. The officers met and planned the following programs:

September 28, 2010	Fire Department – Chief Terry Wilson
**** October 26, 2010	History of the Fairmount Children's Home
	Will be held at the Washington Elementary School, 5876 Beechwood Ave. across from the administration building. This program will start at <u>6:30 pm.</u>
November 23, 2010	Salute to the veterans
	Honoring two more township men who died in WWII
	Freedom Flight to DC - Larry Sampson
December, 2010	No meeting – Merry Christmas
January 25, 2011	Maple Sugar Camp – Jim Mehl
February 22, 2011	Tractor pulling – Ed Johnson
March 22, 2011	Manhattan Cleaners – Mike and Harry Miller
April 26, 2011	Old fashioned rope making -Dwight & Dwaine Brugger
May 24, 2011	To be announced
**** June 28, 2011	Picnic at Beechwood Playground – 6:00

Over the years we have enjoyed having the local people and businesses giving the history of their hobby or of their business. If you know of someone that would fit this criteria, please let the officers know for next year. Also remember there could be a change in the program due to unforeseen circumstances.

President's Comments

Jerry Haynam

Hello to everyone from the Washington Twp. Historical Society. It is hard to believe fall has come again so soon. Looking forward to another good year. We had another good summer with our float in parades. This was the first year we participated in the Paris Parade on a Memorial Day weekend and were well received.

Also in the Carnation Parade we won another award, “The Queen's Award”. Thanks to our committee chairpersons Jay & Kim Palmer. Dwaine Brugger also did a fine job getting the wagon prepared for us to decorate. The 3 of them were great on organizing how things should be done on the float along with others that helped, Tom Erisey, Ron Lefever, Lou Slater, Larry Zank, Marleen & Casey Grant and Janet Moser. Hopefully I didn't forget anyone. Great job all!! (Jerry helped also). We are going to be in the

Louisville Constitution Parade so if you haven't seen the float come out & see us. We are very proud. We have a lot of good programs for our meetings this year including the program on the Children's Home that Carolyn did earlier at the Rodman Library. This time it will be at the Washington School. Don't miss it.

We have our very own 2011 calendars for sale. Thanks to a fine committee headed by Janice Locke. Others on the committee were Ardis Rastetter, JoAnn Huddleston, Kay Zank and Janet Moser.

There is a lot of good happening this year. Let's keep the enthusiasm in gear and a lot more great things will come. See ya all September 28, 2010 Jerry Haynam

Reminder

Janet Moser

With monthly meetings resuming membership dues will be due. Our year goes from September 1, 2010, through August 31, 2011 and the dues are \$10.00 per year for an individual and \$20.00 for a family. Checks can be made out to the Washington Twp. Historical Society and mailed to the society at 5789 Beechwood Ave., Alliance, OH 44601 or see Janet at the September meeting.

Income is received in various ways such as when we have a table display at the pancake breakfasts that the firemen and Ruritans hold, we have a donation jar. This donation jar is also at the chicken and biscuit supper at the Beechwood Playground. We have a donation jar at the Kountry Korner Market in Maximo and the proceeds from that jar we bought a digital photo frame that we display pictures at the monthly meetings. We have a Memorial Fund that people can donate to in memory of deceased or living individuals. This fund enabled us to buy a digital camera and recorder.

Float

Jay and Kim Palmer

The society was well represented this year by three appearances in local parades with our "Honoring Our Veterans" themed float. The season started off with participation in the Paris Memorial Day Parade where riders waved and walkers handed out candy to delighted children. Several people inquired about our "connections" since we made the news again this year by appearing in the Canton Repository. After making a few minor improvements the float moved on to Alliance to participate for the second year in the Carnation Grand Parade. Not only did our efforts win us another plaque by capturing the "Queen's Award" for "best use of color harmony", the float won praise from the community as well. Many bystanders stood as the float passed waving, saluting and shouting their thanks to the veterans riding and pulling the float. The parade season will close with an appearance in Louisville's Constitution Parade. Kudos to everyone involved!

Dwaine Brugger, Ron Lefever, Janet Moser, Carolyn Caskey, Lou Slater, Tom Erisey, Larry Zank, Marleen & Casey Grant, Paul DelPuppo, Jerry Haynam, Jay & Kim Palmer worked on the float. Some of our veterans participated with Dwaine driving the tractor and Jerry, Tom, Ron and Larry riding. Our walkers were Kay, JoAnn, Janet, Kim, and Barb Moser.

Etc, etc, etc,

The Historical Society has had a busy year. Along with our monthly meetings we have had displays at the breakfasts and dinner/car show as mentioned above. We collected food to distribute to three

township families at Thanksgiving time. Thanks to Doris Gabric we were also able to give comforters to the families. We took 29 of Doris' comforters to the Beechwood Group Home. The residents were truly delighted. Why don't we go Christmas Caroling there this year, they would love it. A new picture display was put up at the Kountry Korner Market. The float was covered in previous sections. We went to the Washington Elem. School as usual but this time we helped the school celebrate 60 years.

The AT&T office in Canton had to dispose of the last of the office equipment and because of Wade Main the historical society and the fire department benefited from this action. Several of our members and firemen went to Canton to load display cases, desks, etc. that were given to us and the fire department. We obtained another coffee pot which enables us to have decaf and reg coffee. We love the word "free".

Speaking of coffee, we want to thank Dolly Witherspoon and Mary Cline for providing the coffee. Mary gets to the meetings early so the coffee will be ready after the meeting. Thank you also goes to the individuals who bring the delicious cookies. They are always a treat. With the large attendance that we have been getting and we are not complaining we are going to ask 2 people to bring cookies for each meeting. There will be no coffee or cookies in October. A sign up sheet will be available at the September meeting.

We received many acquisitions for our small museum room. Work time is normally the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month. We can always use help.

Fairmount Children's Home
Carolyn Caskey

Last winter the Alliance Historical Society asked me to give a program on the home at the Rodman Public Library. With all of the pictures we have been given and with additional research I was able to put together an hour long slide show. The program was in March and brought more people than we ever anticipated. There were many people who were not allowed in as the room was filled over the capacity.

Therefore, the program will be done again in place of our regular meeting in October, however it will start at 6:30. It will be at the Washington Elementary School's gym so we will have plenty of room. There will also be displays of all the material we have collected on the home. I couldn't have begun to put in the slide show all the pictures that people have given us.

This project also turned into a money maker. The program done in March was videoed and the DVD's are being sold by the Alliance Historical Society and by us. They are sold for \$10 if picked up or \$12.50 if mailed. I even mailed one out to Oregon. It has been a good little fund raiser.

I am continuing to research the home and am currently going into the offices of the Children & Family Services and abstracting information. This will benefit them as the books are in very fragile shape and at some time in the future will not be able to be used. I am putting the information on a cd for them.

A quick note is that from the opening of the home in 1876 until 1926, a mere 50 years, there were 4,550 children who passed through the doors of the home.

STRANGERS IN THE BOX

Come look with me inside this drawer,
Inside this box I've often seen,
At all the pictures, black and white,
With face proud, stiff and serene.

I wish I knew these people,
These strangers in the box,
Their names and all their memories,
Are lost among my socks.

I wonder what their lives were like,
How did they spend their days?
What about their special times?
I'll never know their ways.

If only someone had taken time,
To write, who, what, where or when,
On these faces of my heritage,
They could come to life again.

Will this become the fate,
Of the pictures we take today?
The faces and their memories,
Someday to be passed away.

Take time to save your stories,
Seize opportunity when it knocks,
Or someday you and yours could be,
The strangers in the box.

Author unknown.

poem in the Jefferson Co. Historical Assoc. newsletter.

The message is so true. We have pictures that have been given to us and there were no names on them. Don't be guilty, after you have finished reading this newsletter, go get started on identifying the people in your pictures so they won't be strangers in the box in the future.

Carolyn