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Christmas at the Tavern

Once again this year members and friends gathered at the Gebhart Tavern Museum to celebrate the holidays in 1800s style. The old log structure was beautifully decorated for the occasion and we were entertained by the Star City Dulcimers, Miamisburg High School Madrigal Singers and a very meaningful recitation by Bobbye Sweny.

Hot spiced cider was served, along with all kinds of goodies to sample.

A big thank you to all participated and who to helped make this annual holiday celebration so special.



Star City Dulcimers with guitar



Bobbye Sweny



Miamisburg
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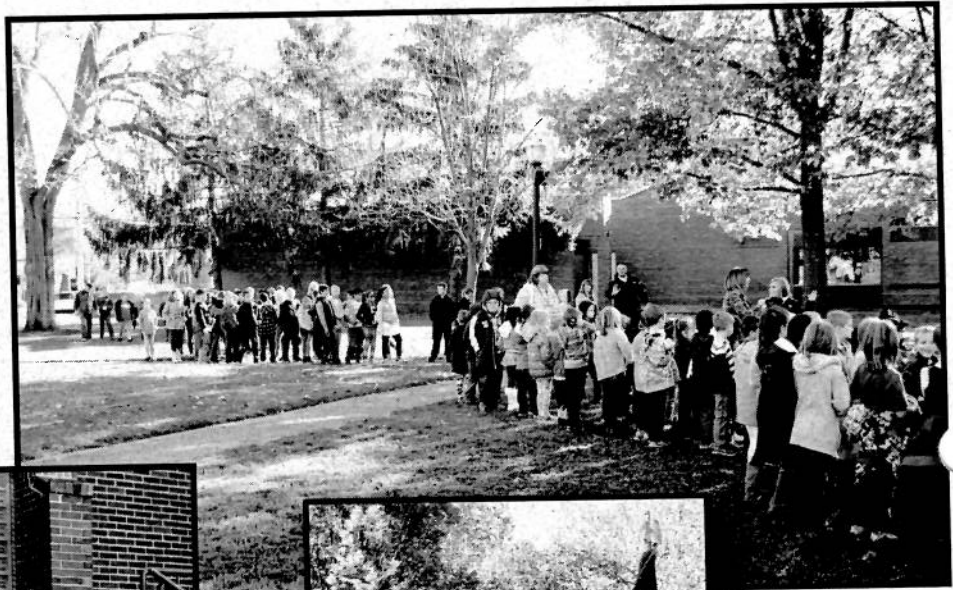
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Library Park Veteran's Day Service Attended By Elementary Students

It was a beautiful sight as elementary students filed in to Library Park to observe the Veteran's Day Service. Having the students attend this year was a "first", but we hope it becomes a tradition. Recognizing all our Veterans, past and present, for their sacrifices in service to our country is vitally important to young and old. If you've never been to our city's Veteran's Day Service in the Park, make it a point to attend next year. It's the least we can do for all who've served our country.



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Membership Renewals During October and November

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Caroline Mays	Roy & Sandy Baver
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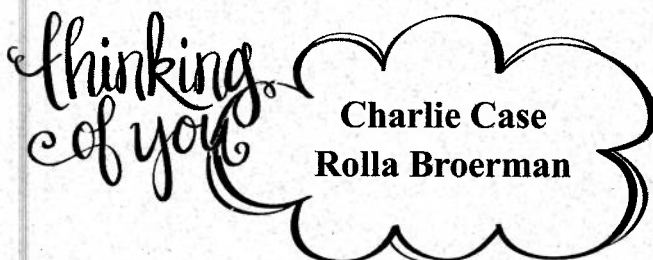
Society Loses Good Friend With Passing of Virginia Kinderdine

At 99 years of age, Virginia was still bright and vital, as she was a member of our HRRC Committee/Center and kept up with her duties as recorder of the marriages performed by Mayor Church. HRRC loved a true "Lady". Virginia never had a negative word about anyone or anything. She had a heart of gold and we all truly loved her.

Virginia had the distinction of being Miamisburg's first female drum major in the MHS band. A 1935 graduate, she always attended the annual Alumni meetings and in 2015, her 80th year out of high school, she rode in the Homecoming Parade and was also honored on the field that night.

Virginia worked for many years as children's librarian at the Miamisburg branch. She was very involved in the community and was a member of the Sigma Phi Gamma Sorority, the W.A. Reiter Chapter #439 O.E.S. and St. Jacob Lutheran Church.

We extend sincere sympathy to all her family and friends.



We're sending our get well wishes out to ALL Society members who may be dealing with health related issues this Holiday Season.

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Holly & Ivy 2016

A big thank you to Jim and Laura Bornhorst who hosted this year's Holly & Ivy gala. There was plenty of wonderful food, sweets and drinks for the many folks who gathered for our annual event on December 2.

What a great way for the Society's members and volunteers, who work so hard throughout the year, to get together, relax and just have some fun. All members are welcome and encouraged to come. Be sure to mark your calendar next December and plan on being there. You'll be glad you did!



*Jim and Laura
Bornhorst and
their beautiful home.*



Our Condolences

We're sad to announce the passing of long time Society member, Sidney Hagan, who passed away on November 30. He was a US Navy Veteran who served our country during WWII. Sid's friendly face could be seen at many of our programs and events, and he was always a loyal supporter of the Society. We send our sympathy to all his friends and family.

Sending Sympathy

The Society sends condolences to the friends and family of Michael Zennie who passed away on October 29 at the age of 89. He was an avid ballroom dancer and could be seen wherever and whenever dances were held. Michael was always a supporter of our Victory Dance that is held annually at the American Legion on Memorial Day Weekend. Michael will be greatly missed.

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Recognizing Billy Ring and Karen Basso

No, you won't find these two publicizing or talking much about what they do, but the word has gotten out. Each year around Veteran's Day, these two Society members along with some of their family members and friends, go to the local cemeteries and clean up the markers on veterans' graves. During the year these markers, many of which are bronze plaques and lie flat on the ground, become partially covered with grass, weeds, dirt and leaves. Billy and Karen take their rakes, trowels, brooms and whatever equipment is needed and head out. Some of these graves are very old and perhaps no family members remain in the area to care for them.

No newspaper reporters are there to write a feature story, or to take pictures of them working away, but these kind folks do what they can each year to honor and care for our deceased veterans.

We thought they should get some well deserved recognition!

**Paul Schultz celebrates his 90th birthday on December 24.
BE SURE TO WISH HIM A HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

A Message of Appreciation to Randy Staley



Earlier this year our Facility Maintenance Chair, Randy Staley, resigned from that position. Randy had stepped up and assumed those responsibilities after the passing of Les Wead in October, 2011. The position of Facility Maintenance Chairman involves keeping up with maintenance and security issues that occur inside the Market Square Building and also in our historic log buildings at Heritage Village. I'm sure Randy could make a long list of various matters that he has attended to over these past years.

We're sending Randy a **big thanks** for the great job he's done, and for his sincere concern for our properties. He's not deserting us though. He continues to chair the Veterans' Committee and helps out in many ways at the Market Square Building on our open days.

Condolences to Friends and Family of Gene Schuder

Although Gene was not a Society member, we feel that his passing on November 19 should be noted in our newsletter. Gene was well known for many years as one of the founding members of the 1950s band originally called the 'Rock-Its', and later renamed the 'Decades'. Always a kind and gentle person, Gene will be remembered by so many of those who came of age in Miamisburg during the '50s and beyond. Gene was a friend to all.

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New German Fest 'Bier Garten' Successful and FUN!

For many years the idea of hosting a German Fest has been tossed around at the Society, but until this year it has never happened. It took Paul Schultz to get the ball rolling, and did he ever! He took the bull by the horns and went forging ahead with the project. This year will mark the end of his term as Ways and Means Chair and he has gone out with a bang. We are hoping that he has lit the spark and begun an annual fundraising event for the Society that will continue to grow even bigger in years to come.

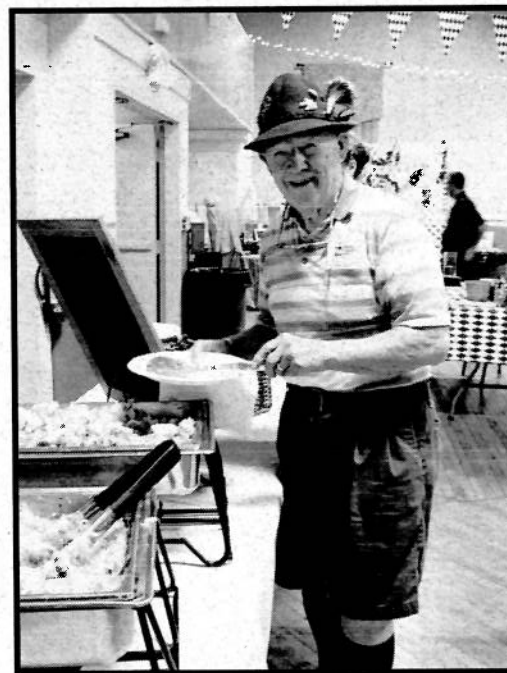
What could be better than delicious food and great music? The German food buffet was provided by TJ Chumps and it was wonderful! The dessert tables were loaded with a big selection donated by our members.

The Sauerkraut Band was a huge hit with their German tunes and big band music as well. Lots of folks made good use of the dance floor!

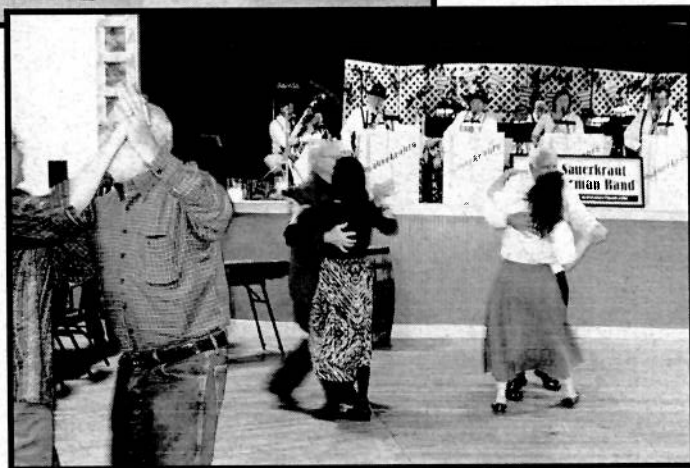
We were also beautifully serenaded by the Miamisburg Community Chorus while the band members took their break. Star City Brewing provided two styles of German beer, and assorted wines were also available and served up by folks from the Blue Note Bistro.

A big thank you to the Baum Opera House Assn. for providing the perfect venue. A very special thanks to Baum Executive Director, Bronwyn Peck, who went above and beyond in setting up tables and decorating the hall for this event.

We must also recognize Paul Schultz for all his work as Ways and Means Chair. We owe him a big thanks for finally getting the ball rolling on our German Fest, which we hope will continue on for many years into the future.



Paul Schultz samples the German food at the buffet provided by TJ Chumps.



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Heritage Village News

By Judy Wuerstl, Heritage Village Coordinator

Our season at the Heritage Village closed out with another successful 'Old Time Craft Day' on October 23. It was a beautiful, sunny, autumn day and most of our craftspeople were back, along with a couple of new blacksmiths. We were saddened that our whittler/carver/story teller, Russ Kidwell, passed away in February. His widow, Pam, brought a lot of his work to set up and display in his memory. One of the three original spinners had passed away last fall, but her daughter came back to spin in her memory. In case you missed it, here is the roster of our craft demonstrators:

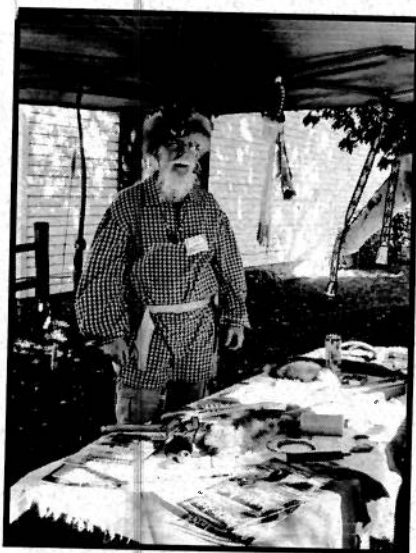
Debra Hamilton – chair caning
Cathy Sweny – yarn wrap baskets
Josie Reno – herbal creations
Janet Wead – tatting
Carol Cates – weaving

Sue Marine – basket weaving
Anne Freimark – knitting
Carol O'Connell – crocheting
Susan Sinks – quilting
Pat Caldwell – pioneer woman

Jennifer Gray & Melissa Maxwell – rug hooking
Barbara Willis & Amy Baird – spinning
Joe Mitchell & Phil Francis – blacksmithing
Tom Conway & Chris Wang – bow making
Scott Hamilton – furniture maker/carving
Jim Caldwell – "Two Hawks" Native American re-enactor



Barbara Willis demonstrates spinning as Judy Wuerstl looks on.



Tom Conway demonstrates the making of bows and arrows.

Annie Gilkison and Murielene Case welcomed visitors at the Historical Society table while Pat Barnes offered for sale, souvenirs from the gift shop. Jeanette Belvo served up the delicious homemade cookies that Jane McGriff and Jessi Trofi brought and there was cider and lemonade to go with them. Jessi Trofi once again handled the children's table, ably assisted by young Jade O'Gorman. Children sure enjoy making those felted snakes! Doug Stamm helped us pull it all together and Tom and Joyce Zimpfer decorated inside and out in their usual awesome style. Randy Staley and Gary Petticrew came to help Carolyn Kilpatrick and Judy Wuerstl with tours for the visitors.

Thanks also to the volunteers who worked at the Village in October:

Carolyn Kilpatrick	Kim Izor	Jeanette Belvo
Tom Silberman	Sharon Hiatt-Yee	Iola Hail

The Heritage Village will open the first Sunday in June next year, with another Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social. Hope to see you there!

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Children's Programs Ended Until Next Spring

By Judy Wuerstl, Children's Education Chair

The Children's Education Program began in September for the 2016-17 school year. We had four of the popular Heritage Walks and four in-class programs. Then in November we were again honored to give our Veteran's Day program for the middle school eighth graders at the Chautauqua venue. There were 470 students in attendance, the largest group we've ever had!

That closes out our programs until spring. And once again, we are asking for your help with the Heritage Walks. Please consider this, as it really is fun as well as important to the children of our town.

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