

TRACKER

Tracking Our Past and Present for the Future



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TOP 10 REASONS TO JOIN

10. We host a "rockin' holiday party" that you can be a part of Dec. 9 at the Rockaways' on Elm Avenue
9. You'll want to bookmark our super-duper new Web site
8. We keep our costs down by employing tons of volunteers
7. We need someone to receive our newsletter, Tracker
6. We'll help you clean out your house by accepting your old letters and artifacts in our archives
5. We have an age-diverse membership that celebrates beauty as well as brains
4. We store tons and tons of secrets in our deep dark archives
3. We offer interesting programs at the Old Baptist Church (aka Community Building)
2. We help share Tillie's story and other significant community lore (what do you mean "Who is Tillie"???)
1. We help your kids know there are things older than you in Terrace Park!!

MEMBERSHIP DOLLARS AT WORK ANNUAL REPORT ASKS CONTINUED SUPPORT

Proceeds from last year's membership campaign funded 72% of the Terrace Park Historical Society's 2009 operating budget and enabled this eight-year-old non-profit organization to serve the community in many varied ways.

During the past year, TPHS has:

- Maintained and enhanced an expansive archive and made it available to the public;
- Updated computers, printers and software in the TPHS office and archives;
- Offered bronze plaques to designate historic homes and buildings in Terrace Park;
- Created a keepsake coverlet that features 10 community icons;
- Developed an elementary school program that funded students' creation of a quilt and book about the community;



Kay Everhart, membership chairman, regularly displays the Lifetime Members plaque at TPHS meetings. In addition to the recognition, Lifetime Members also receive a Rosell Shundich watercolor print of a Terrace Park site.

- Added more interviews and transcripts to the oral history archive;
- Offered free public programs of historical significance on a quarterly basis;
- Updated and expanded our well-trafficked Web site; and
- Redesigned our newsletter.

"The equipment and software purchases mark the first major capital improvements for TPHS," reports Frances Stafford, treasurer. "Our 2010 Plan of Work is being developed and will be shared in the next Tracker."

In the meantime, membership chair Kay Everhart is leading the annual campaign to support TPHS. Letters have been sent to residents of Terrace Park and friends of the organization asking for tax-deductible donations in the form of new or renewed membership dues. Membership is available at several levels: \$15, individual; \$25, family; \$50, heritage; \$100 corporate/patron; or \$1,000 lifetime, which may be paid over three years.

"We are not increasing our membership dues," says Lorrie Hill, TPHS president, "hoping instead to offset rising expenses by growing our membership."

SPECIAL GIFTS

TPHS welcomes memorial and honorary donations that are given to recognize a friend, family member, neighbor or colleague. Make your check payable to TPHS and mail it with notification instructions to the historical society at P.O. Box 3, Terrace Park, OH 45174. An acknowledgement of your thoughtful gift will be sent to the individual(s) at the address you provide and you'll receive a receipt for IRS filing.

Donations received recently in memory of Dr. Stan Brown, founding board member of TPHS, were given by: Mike and Kay Pope, Ashley L. Ford, Doris R. Huneke Trust, Bill and Betsy Holloway, Mr. and Mrs. James T. Aglemesis, Dick and Lynne Mileham, Tom and Mary Ann Proctor, Edward and Marilyn Davison, Scott and Lorrie Hill, John and Susan Frank, Virginia Bay, Bill and Deb Pendl, Jim and Bets Ryan, Arthur and Karen Boylan, Neil and Vivian Krueger, Nathan Backman, Courtney Roberts, Bob and Carolyn Clemons, Fred and Dottie Vickers, Richard and Norvita Hildbold, Roger and Frances Stafford and Virginia Opdahl.

President's Letter

Dear Member,

I hope you had the opportunity to join us for our September program, where we celebrated the continued series of Treasures of Terrace Park. What a wonderful event! While we all acknowledge that our buildings are treasures to us, I think we

would also agree that the true Treasures of Terrace Park are not the buildings, but the people that live here and give so much back to our community. Fourteen of these "treasures" are the Board of Directors of the TPHS, and I want to personally thank them for all of the time and energy they give to our village to ensure that our history is so well preserved. My deepest appreciation to you all!

The Board is presently hard at work on our 2010 membership drive, and I ask you to show your support of their efforts by renewing your membership this year. Your membership is paramount to our success.

On another topic, TPHS is encouraging members to access our newsletter, Tracker, online or receive it via email. By opting out of receiving a printed copy via U.S. Mail, you can help us save money and reduce waste. You can share your email address on the membership form or advise us with a call to 248-1777. Your email address will not be shared with outside parties.

We thank you in advance for helping us with our mission to keep history alive in Terrace Park!



Lorrie Hill

KEEPSAKE COVERLET ORDER NOW FOR HOLIDAY GIFT-GIVING

If you're looking for a unique holiday gift for someone with ties to Terrace Park, look no further than the historical society's keepsake coverlet.

Unveiled at the Terrace Park Labor Day festivities on the Village Green, the 48- by 68-inch cotton blanket celebrates 10 of the historical icons that make

our community so special. You can choose from one of five decorator colors: cranberry red, hunter green, Williamsburg blue, navy blue or black; each is on a natural background.

The featured icons include: Terrace Park School, 1913; Community Building, 1890; Village Green gazebo; the

school's bulldog mascot; St. Thomas Church, 1907, and Covalt Station site, 1789; Log Cabin, 1936; Robinson Circus; Little Miami River; Elm Avenue Railroad Tunnel, 1853; and the village's famous white squirrel.

Order forms are available on the historical society's Web site at www.tphistoricalsociety.org.

Priced at \$45 for TPHS members and \$50 for non-members, orders placed now will arrive in time for holiday gift-giving. For an additional \$10, TPHS will ship a coverlet out-of-town; for a shipment of more than one coverlet call 248-1777 for a quote.



Kim Newton, board member who championed creation of a keepsake coverlet, is shown here with six of the 10 historic icons featured on the historical society's latest offering.

NEW PROGRAM CHAIR

The Terrace Park Historical Society has a new board member and program chairman. Elaine Fening, who lives at 615 Miami Ave., will use her extensive knowledge of Terrace Park and Greater Cincinnati to organize innovative quarterly programs of interest to people of all ages.

A design and decorative painting specialist, Elaine enjoys making her artistic talent available to community groups; most recently, she pieced together the Treasures of Terrace Park quilt created by local

schoolchildren. Her husband Tim, owner of Cause Agency that specializes in medical and pharmaceutical advertising, is responsible for the newly redesigned TPHS logo.

The couple moved to their Terrace Park home 18 years ago. They have three children: Joe, who attends Mariemont High School; Grace, a Mariemont Junior High School student; and John, a Terrace Park Elementary School sixth-grader.

"I grew up steaming wallpaper off walls, so I have always liked

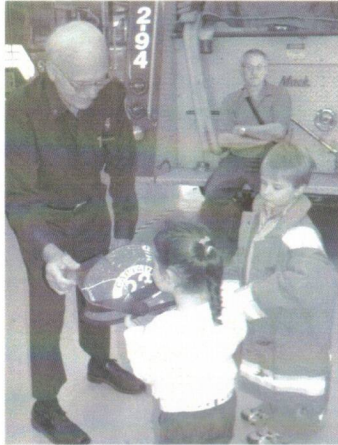


Elaine Fening

older houses, preserving them and maintaining the integrity of them," Elaine says. She's looking forward to sharing her passion for "the older things in life" as program chair.

PRELUDE TO PANCAKE SUPPER ANNUAL MEETING AND FALL PROGRAM

They put out our fires, respond to our medical emergencies and every November they flip pancakes to raise money so



Pierce Matthews, foreground, and **John Maggard** frequently conduct tours and safety demonstrations at the fire station. Here, they welcome nursery school students.

they can continue to serve the residents of Terrace Park. To recognize and thank these dedicated volunteers, the Terrace Park Historical Society is devoting its fall program and annual meeting to Terrace Park Volunteer Emergency Services and the men and women who serve on the village fire department and emergency medical service.

The program has not only been slated for Sunday, Nov. 8, to coincide with the department's 50th annual Pancake Supper, but it's been moved from the society's usual meeting site - the Community Building - to the Terrace Park Elementary School gymnasium. This way, program-goers will be just up the stairs from the firefighters and life

squad members who are flipping pancakes in the school cafeteria.

Festivities begin with refreshments in the gymnasium at 3:30 p.m. followed by the program at 4 p.m., featuring Pierce Matthews, fire chief from 1978-1993, and John Maggard, captain of the fire department and emergency medical service chief. They'll not only explain the workings of today's fire department and life squad but entertain young and old alike with stories of heroics, public service and even a few antics.

After the program, which is free and open to the public, guests will be invited to line-up for pancakes, sausages and conversation with the firefighters and life squad personnel behind the griddles in the cafeteria.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Plainville was once known as **Beasley Station**.
- Milford was originally called **Hageman's Mill**.
- **Montauk** was a bustling industrial community between Terrace Park and Milford on the Little Miami River.
- Covalt Station was also known as **Bethany Town**.
- **Madison** had 20 houses by 1811 but the name was later changed to Madisonville.
- Terrace Park has also been known as **Camden City** and **Gravelotte**.
- The **first mail delivery** in Terrace Park was in 1931 and not 1961 as earlier reported.

PEEK INSIDE THE TREASURE TROVE

Ninety people from Terrace Park, surrounding communities and as far away as Dayton, Ohio, attended the second annual "Treasures of Terrace Park" program hosted by the Terrace Park Historical Society in the Community Building Sept. 20.

John Diehl and his daughter, Sarah Diehl-Fernandez, examine some of the documents from the historical society's archive that were made available at the meeting. John, who has lived in Terrace Park since 1988, says he tries not to miss a TPHS program.



TPHS board members Susan Abernethy Frank and Steve Early sampled refreshments prior to the program, where they honored the Terrace Park Elementary School teachers - Shelley Komrska, Melissa Rupe and Mary Kay Kroeger - who made the Treasures Quilt possible, and fellow board member Elaine Fening for stitching the quilt squares together.

Featured speaker Lynn Nelson is joined by Terrace Park Elementary School students Whynter Crawford-Mack, left, and Emma Worple for a segment on the Robinson Circus that wintered locally during the early 1900s. Other speakers were Susan Abernethy Frank, who was joined by students Scott Overbey and Nathaniel Arington for a presentation on the Elm Avenue Railroad Tunnel; and Laurie Baird, who was joined by Riley Hayes for a presentation on the Community Building. The students and their classmates created the Terrace Park Treasures quilt and handbook.



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VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Background: In 1974 Bill Schwinn and his wife, Betsy, moved from Hyde Park to their present home at 407 Marietta, Terrace Park, with their children, Tara and David. They were looking for good schools but Bill particularly liked Terrace Park for its peacefulness. Now Tara

lives in Cos Cob, Conn., with her husband and three sons, and David is living in Cincinnati's Northside suburb. Bill, who has since retired from Procter & Gamble's information systems, continues to enjoy the quiet neighborhood and his current interest in early American history.

interested can learn firsthand about specific topics.

Is there a program in the archive that's particularly memorable to you? I was,

and still am, fascinated by the electric interurban line that came through Terrace Park. It followed the electrical lines and transported people from town to town. It pretty much went out of business in the 1930s and then the tracks were taken-up during the war for scrap iron. You can still find evidence of the interurban where it crossed into Terrace Park by the railroad tunnel. The expansive pavement at Amherst, Elm and Terrace Place is there because that was an interurban turnaround.

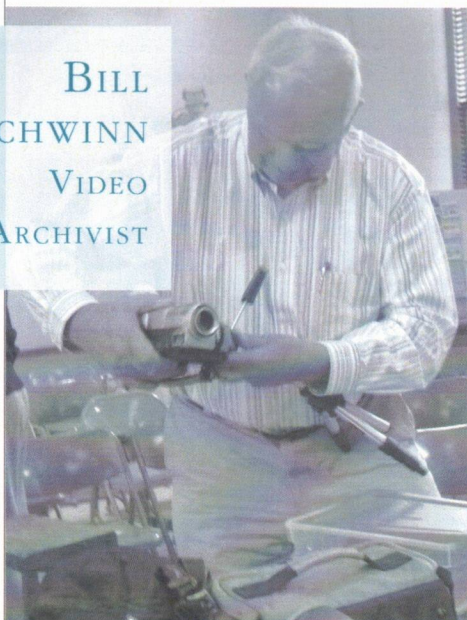
Have there been any surprises over the years?

I'm kind of amazed how often the historical society turns up new subjects in our community.

What does a video archivist do?

It's pretty simple: I arrive, I record, I copy. Very early in the historical society's history of hosting public programs, I was drafted to video record the meetings. I used to put everything on VHS tapes but now I copy what I tape onto DVDs. We document every meeting so that researchers and anyone who is

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

John and Linda Rockaway are again opening their historic home to members of the Terrace Park Historical Society for a holiday party Wednesday, Dec. 9, from 7 to 10 p.m. "Gravelotte," located at 720 Elm Ave., is one of the oldest and grandest homes in the community. It will be decorated for the season and a pianist will accompany carolers. Membership dues, beginning at \$15 for individuals, will as always be accepted at the door.

