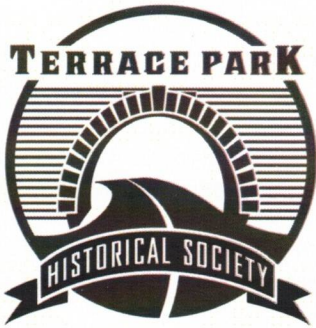


# TRACKER

*Tracking Our  
Past and Present  
for the Future*



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## SEE YOU SUNDAY!

The Terrace Park Historical Society's annual meeting will be conducted Sunday, Dec. 5, following a holiday brunch at the Terrace Park County Club. TPHS members and all interested others are invited to attend this community celebration of the organization's accomplishments during 2010.

Brunch is \$20 per person and will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. when the annual meeting will begin. Reservations for brunch may be made by emailing Elaine Fening at [effening@aol.com](mailto:effening@aol.com) or by calling her at 831-8371. The RSVP deadline is Nov. 29. The annual meeting is free and open to the public.

## NEW RESOURCE

TPHS is creating an oral history template that will enable anyone to easily preserve their memories or the memories of others. The easy-to-use form will be available for printing by visiting the society's website at [www.tphistoricalociety.org](http://www.tphistoricalociety.org). Copies will also be available for pick-up at TPHS meetings and events.

The guide is designed to give people the confidence they need to preserve information that will be of interest for generations to come.

## 2010: ONE FOR THE HISTORY BOOKS RECORD-SETTING YEAR USHERS IN BRIGHT HOPES FOR 2011

By Lorrie Hill, TPHS President

In September of 2001, a group of friends got together to start a historical society. These men and women had a vision of creating an organization that would house and preserve the history of our very special little town. Through their efforts, the Terrace Park Historical Society was born.

Several years later, Susan Heil Abernethy Frank was asked to lead this young organization. She had a vision of everyone in the village supporting the work being done by the society and made it the mission of her board to increase membership in TPHS many fold. It was through her leadership that lifetime members were added and our organization became known throughout the village. Susan will be honored with our "Thanks for the Memories" Award at this year's annual meeting. You would be hard pressed to find a more delightful or dedicated supporter of our work, and we thank her for sharing her wonderful self with us.

Because of the leadership of those that have gone before us, my board inherited a strong and vibrant organization when I became president almost two years ago. It has been my vision that we increase our partnership with the community



The board has selected **Susan Frank** to receive the society's highest honor, the "Thanks for the Memories" Award, in recognition of her leadership in recent years.

and welcome more visitors into the society's home at St. Thomas Church. Every leader has a vision, but without a strong and talented board, it often remains just that. It has been my pleasure to be surrounded with a talented board that shares my vision for TPHS, and we have worked tirelessly to move the society forward throughout the past year.

Through the efforts of our archives team, Susan Frank, Kim Newton, Leslie Jones and Betsy Holloway, our archives have increased substantially in both size and organization. They lead our office volunteers and through their efforts the archives is on its way to becoming a destination for those interested in learning about life in Terrace Park. This is a huge job, and if we're doing

it right and getting donations, we'll always be one step behind. The office, archives, and gallery/museum are currently under construction and we look forward to welcoming you to our new space in early 2011.

Programming has also reached a new level of success under the direction of Elaine Fening. Elaine organizes all of our community programs and worked closely with our house tour co-chairs to make that our most successful fundraiser ever. She has also been instrumental in getting her talented husband involved. Tim Fening's design assistance has given TPHS a new level of professionalism that has not gone unnoticed.

We have also increased our visibility in the Cincinnati area with the fabulous publicity we receive from Sue Porter. Her articles seem to magically appear in all area newspapers making us the envy of every non-profit. Sue has also served as the editor of this newsletter, and has overseen the design change implemented a year ago. In addition to Sue's work, we increased our public presence by continuing to update our website, adding a TPCreatives tab to showcase this new initiative, and adding a FaceBook

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# LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP

## INVESTMENT PAYS DIVIDENDS FOR GENERATIONS TO COME

In just five years, the number of TPHS lifetime members has grown to 41 with the recent addition of the Zip and Kay Ferriell Family. Though Kay is deceased and all the Ferriells live out of town, Zip and Kay's children – Dennis, Kathleen and Roger – wanted to honor their parents by helping TPHS preserve memories of the community that meant so much to all of them.

Lifetime memberships are \$1,000, a sum that may be paid over a three-year period. Lifetime members' names are engraved on a plaque that is posted in the TPHS office and displayed at many of the society's public meetings. They also receive a limited

edition print of a Terrace Park historical site painted by local artist Rosell Shundich.

To join at this level contact the TPHS office at 248-1777 or email Susan Frank at [safrank@fuse.net](mailto:safrank@fuse.net).

### Current Lifetime Members include:

Ken and Polly Bassett  
Helen Christopher Barnett  
Bruce D. and Eliza E. Brown  
Stan and Shirley Brown  
Leland and Carol C. Cole  
William and Mary Drackett  
John J. Frank, Jr. and Susan Abernethy Frank  
Eleanor S. Gallagher in memory of Graydon Gallagher  
Mr. and Mrs. James E. Gilchrist  
Robert A. Haines Sr. and Dorothy B. Haines

Edna Heil Hay in memory of Philip R. Heil  
John and Margaret Hodges  
Leslie C. Jones  
G. Franklin Lowe, M.D. and Coleen M. Lowe  
Elizabeth A. Martin  
Dick and Lynne Mileham  
Ray and Patti Normile  
Julie B. Northrop in memory of Ted Northrop  
Mike and Kay Pope  
Mark E. and Beth L. Porst  
Jim and Sue Porter  
John and Linda Rockaway  
Stoddard and Rebecca Rowe  
Barbara G. Self

Nick and Rosell Shundich  
Jack and Barbara Smith  
Roger and Frances Stafford  
William R. and Susan Weakley  
Al and Lynn Nelson  
Donald E. Hughes and Sharon K. Collins  
Mr. and Mrs. Bruce C. Long  
Paul and Joanne Kennedy  
Rita O. Leming in memory of Robert O. Leming  
Tom and Mary Helen Petry  
Carl Pruiss and Jeannette MacMillan Pruiss  
Jack and Rosemarie Brown  
Keven and Sandra Wittman Shell  
Alan and Bette Griffith  
Childress Rodgers  
Nate and Lynda Bachman  
Zip and Kay Ferriell Family

## 2010: One for the History Books

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page to connect with friends throughout the country.

Others on our team work quietly but efficiently behind the scenes to support the work of the society. Sandy Koehler keeps all of the minutes for our animated board meetings – no easy job I assure you! Kay Pope keeps the office humming along. Steve Early works with our school children to keep our presence alive with the younger generation in town, Meghan Mills handles all of our sales, and Kay Everhart is responsible for all of the membership information you just received. Each and every one of these members plays a vital role in our success.

Very importantly, this year we have added several new board members, which is critical

to the future of TPHS. Tricia DiMichele joined us as special projects chair and is currently working on a community based program that will kick off our 10th year. Meg Comer has undertaken the Herculean task of reorganizing our finances and Linda Swensson has put her stamp on our very important oral history program so that residents' memories are not lost to future generations.

As a valued TPHS member wrote to me this past year, "Of course we always owe respect for our leaders 'of the past' for they got the ball rolling. But, for an organization to grow, it must be open to new leadership and new ideas." No truer words could be spoken. We respect the past and have a vision for the future. And that future is bright!

## WE WANT YOU!

### Support TPHS With Your Membership

It's that time of the year when the Terrace Park Historical Society asks current members to renew their memberships and interested others to make the tax-deductible donation that puts them on our membership list.

Membership chair Kay Everhart has overseen the distribution of 285 renewal letters to current members and 518 invitations to Terrace Park residents. She noted that this year,

25 percent of the membership resides outside of Terrace Park.

Memberships are available at several levels: \$15, individual; \$25, family; \$50, heritage; \$100 corporate/patron; or \$1,000 lifetime, which may be paid over a three-year period.

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



Next year marks the 10th anniversary of TPHS, which was founded by: from left – (front row) Betsy Holloway, Carol C. Cole and Helen Barnett; (standing) Lee Cole, Stan Brown, Julile Northrop, Bill Holloway, Kay Pope and Ken Bassett. Stan and Ken died within three months of each other in 2009 and actively participated in TPHS activities until earlier that year. Kay remains on the board and the Holloways are emeritus board members.

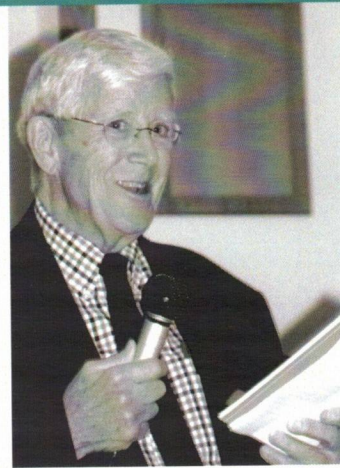
# RECOLLECTIONS

The historical society's oral history transcripts are available for review at TPHS headquarters. Here are excerpts from a new addition that features Flach Douglas, who was born in 1931, grew-up in Terrace Park and lived in several local homes, including the Circus House:

**What did kind of clothing did you wear growing up?** "As a kid, if you'd ask anybody who wore short pants and rode an elephant, they would tell you immediately that the hair on an elephant is like a scrub brush.

*(I) would come home and the insides of my legs would be all chafed and chapped cause in those days you wore knickers ... we wore long socks and knickers until probably the middle of April and then we went to blue serge or blue wool shorts and all kids wore those up until we got out of school...*

**So did you ever ride the elephants yourself?** Yes. The roustabouts put us up on top. The elephants were chained at that point. The roustabouts would take them down in the pit



**Flach Douglas**

*before they would take them on tour...down where those houses are now...right between Wooster Pike and the tunnel...Elm Court."*

## DID YOU KNOW?

- TP kids in the '40s and '50s walked or rode their bikes to Milford to go to the Family Theater, a movie theater on Garfield Avenue between Main and Water Streets?
- The Terrace Tavern (where UDF now stands) had various restaurants over the years and a drive-up pony keg in back?
- Vilardo's Italian restaurant, located in the now UDF space, was a favorite in the '40s that attracted families from all over to enjoy the wonderful food?
- Most Terrace Park homes did not have television sets until the mid '50s?
- Miami Grove Nature Preserve was formerly Miami Grove, a summer resort area along the Little Miami River until the Depression?
- Miami Grove became low-income housing from the '30s to the late '50s when the stilted cottages were condemned by the Hamilton County Board of Health?
- Miami Grove would flood every spring and the American Red Cross would bring boats in to rescue the residents, taking them to St. Thomas or the Community House for food and shelter?

# KUDOS & THANKS TOUR SELLS OUT AGAIN AND AGAIN

The counting is done and the Terrace Park Historical Society's Oct. 17 house tour was a record-setting fundraiser. The tour was so popular, tickets were sold out not once but three times as extras were made throughout the day to meet the demand.

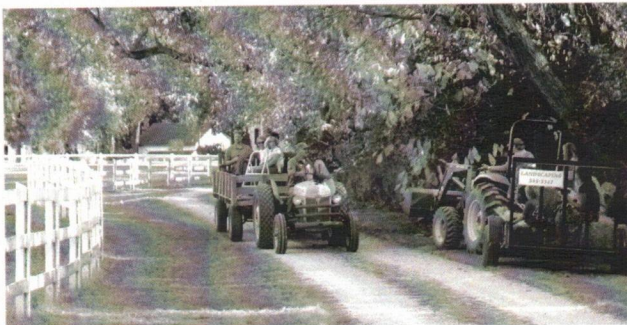
Six homes were open during the White House Tour, which attracted more than 430 tourists and required the assistance of 44 volunteers.

Sponsors included: Camargo Landscape, The Cause Agency, Coldwell Banker's Mary Arkeilpane, Fletcher Remodeling and Custom Homes, Jane Yancey Architect, Springwater Sweets & Flowers and The Tea Room in Milford.

Proceeds will help fund the historical society's new public gallery that showcases artists and authors

who have lived or are living in Terrace Park.

Special thanks are extended to the co-chairs, volunteers and homeowners: Sally and David Coffman, Barbara Jane and John England, Lane and Joe Grever, Lorrie and Scott Hill, Abby and Pax Lindell, and Tracy and Todd Motto; and to Sandra Wittman-Shell who coordinated the volunteers.



Tractors driven by David Lewis, left, and Pax Lindell transported tourists to and from the Lindells' home.



Tour co-chairs Barbara Jane England, left, and Mary Arkeilpane, offer junior hostess, Gigi Hill, a ride to one of the tour sites.



Meghan Mills, who directs sales of TPMS merchandise, set-up shop during the house tour and reported lively business.

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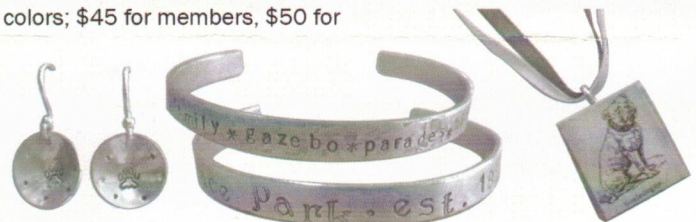
Whether you're shopping for the perfect gift for the person who has everything or simply want to share your love or theirs for Terrace Park, the historical society is ready to help.

New to the TPHP Store are custom-made earrings, bracelets and necklaces priced from \$15 to \$40. Each item is designed to feature an aspect of Terrace Park. The jewelry debuted at the

society's house tour in October and has been much sought-after ever since.

In addition, the store offers keepsake quilts in a variety of colors; \$45 for members, \$50 for

non-members, with a gift card and shipping for \$10 more. Books, DVDs, postcards and posters are also available.



To shop, visit [www.tphistoricalsociety.org](http://www.tphistoricalsociety.org) anytime or TPHP offices Thursdays from noon to 3 p.m., or email Meghan Mills at [memills70@gmail.com](mailto:memills70@gmail.com).

## WELCOME, VOLUNTEERS!

Thursday afternoons have always been a busy time at the Terrace Park Historical Society when volunteers work from noon to 3 p.m. on all sorts of projects. New to the list of volunteers are Lynne Mileham, Susan Rodgers and Marianne Gay.

If you are looking for something interesting to do during that time, come on down to the archives in the lower level of St. Thomas Church. The only job requirement is an interest in Terrace Park history. Volunteers are also needed for projects that will enable you to set your own schedule; no commitment is necessary. Questions? Call Lorrie Hill, TPHP president, at 831-7775.

## ARCHIVES GROWING WITH YOUR HELP

A USA Victory Ration Book, one of the most recent additions to the TPHP Archives, arrived just in time for Veteran's Day. Since the society's Anything Terrace Park campaign began earlier this year, dozens of interesting items have been donated by local residents and many others with ties to the community.

Old photos; newspaper and magazine articles; school play, theater and church programs; yearbooks and collectibles are welcome. Donations may be sent to TPHP at P.O. Box 3, Terrace Park, OH 45174; dropped off at TPHP headquarters in St. Thomas Thursdays from noon to 3 p.m.; by calling 513-248-1777; or emailing Susan Frank at [saf Frank@fuse.net](mailto:saf Frank@fuse.net).

The archives are open to the public and featured on the society's website, [www.tphistoricalsociety.org](http://www.tphistoricalsociety.org).