# TERRACE PARK HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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## Save the Date

2014 Holiday Brunch Sunday, December 14 11:30 am –1:30 pm Terrace Park Country Club

Make Reservations by mail: Send check to Terrace Park Historical Society, PO Box 3, Terrace Park, Ohio 45174

Make reservations online: Go To tphistoricalsociety.org Choose "Store" on menu

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# 2014 Annual Members Holiday Brunch

Join us for our Annual Holiday Brunch: Sunday December 14 from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. Mark it down!

The Holiday Brunch continues to be a favorite among our members...so bring the family and enjoy the fun. Our volunteers will be recognized and our terrific Board member Susan Rodgers will be honored. Hope to see you there.

The cost is \$20 per person which will get you a fabulous brunch as well as some fun entertainment and lots of camaraderie. You may make your reservations on our website, <u>tphistoricalsociety.org</u>, or by sending a check to the Terrace Park Historical Society, P.O. Box 3, Terrace Park Ohio 45174. For questions, call 248-1777 or email us at tphistoricalsociety@gmail.com

# New Acquisitions in the Gallery

We would like to thank Terrace Park residents Jim Rauth, Rick Koehler and James Flerlage for their recent donations of creative work to our Gallery.

Jim Rauth has captured a compilation of truly eyecatching images in his book of photographs, "Catching My Eye".





#### Village Green

Rick Koehler has donated one of his oil paintings depicting the Village Green. Although he is an architect by profession, Rick always wanted to paint and two years ago began enjoying this new vocation. He specializes in plein air impressionistic oil painting and his love of the outdoors is evident in much of his work.

James Flerlage has written the historical novel, "Before Bethlehem" about Joseph, the father of Jesus. James is a writer, researcher and speaker.



# New Lifetime Memberships

Our 2015 membership campaign is just starting and we already have two new Lifetime memberships: Judy Nunn Dettloff and Sally and Dave Coffman.

Thank you Judy, and Sally and Dave!

All Lifetime Members will be listed in the Spring 2015 Tracker. How about adding your name?

#### Dear Members,

Thanks to the wonderful support from many people, including our six homeowners, our sponsors and the Village of Terrace Park, the 2014 Welcome Home House Tour was a great success.

We are already planning the next Tour, so if you would like your house to be included, we will put you on the list. The proceeds from the 2014 Tour will be listed in the Winter 2015 Tracker along with the Annual Report.

As you know, St. Thomas Church has generously provided our Society with a large suite of rooms in their building. At our recent Annual Meeting, Vern Thomas, Senior Warden at St. Thomas, gave an overview of some renovations the Church is planning that would involve the rooms we presently occupy. We would like to reach out to our members to consider supporting St. Thomas in this endeavor.

We are currently planning programs for 2015 and we welcome suggestions. We would also like to invite you to consider volunteering with us or joining our Board of Directors when we schedule our next members meeting in Winter 2015.

Don't forget the Annual Holiday Brunch on Sunday, December 14. Hope to see you there!

Mary Arkeilpane

# And the Winner is.....

Susan Updegrove Rodgers for the "Thanks for the Memories" Award.



Susan Rodgers does it all. Not only is she office manager but she is a Board member, edits Tracker, does the PR which includes articles for Village Views, A Walk in the Park, Facebook and other media, sets up and manages our webpage

www.tphistoricalsociety.org and has even put us in the 21<sup>st</sup> century by setting us up with PayPal. She manages and supplies our Museum shop and has been instrumental in helping to organize the oral histories, the house tour, the membership drive and our programs. Basically she oversees all that we do and she does it with such ease and grace. Certainly worth mentioning is that the office manager position has been a paid job...Susan has refused any pay!!!!

She will be honored at the Members' Holiday Brunch on Sunday December 14 from 11:30-1:30 at the Terrace Park Country Club (see details in Brunch article). Help us celebrate Susan!

just in time for high school at Mariemont, graduating in 1973. incredible volunteer she would She is the daughter of the late Ben and Irene Updegrove and sister of the late Laura Updegrove. Irene was the beloved librarian at Terrace Park Elementary for many years. Susan did her undergraduate work at Ohio State with a degree in computer science. She then went on to do graduate work at committees, whatever. She Georgia Tech in Atlanta where she met her husband Mike. They have 2 daughters. Susan and Mike moved to Terrace Park in 2010. She is also a very valuable member of the Terrace Park EMS.

The comments about Susan speak to her as recipient of this award.

From Marcia Moyer, Board member: Susan - always calm, always competent, and always willing to help. Such a pleasure.

From Mary Arkeilpane, Board President: she has been such an incredible addition to TPHS. She goes above and beyond to help in any way she can. Her dedication and true passion to do what she can to preserve the integrity of our organization is unparalleled. And she always does it with such grace, generosity and smile on her face.

From Lynne Mileham, TPHS volunteer: She is enthusiastic & always open to pursue another or more informative "avenue" of history!

From Susan Abernethy Frank Board member: When Susan walked in to the office Susan moved to Terrace Park as a volunteer about 4 years ago, we had no idea what an be!!!! Now we know. She is amazing...and she never shown any signs of stress. She is a true treasure.

> From John Maggard regarding Susan's EMS service:

What can I say? She's the first to raise her hand when a task comes up- extra duty, was instrumental in getting our recruit class of four together and committed this year - no easy task. And, she has agreed to co-chair and coordinate our EMS inventory needs, again, not for the faint-of-heart.

She is wonderful with patient handling, a skill that not everyone masters easily, but her openness and empathy go a long way sometimes in easing crisis situations. I'm sure she's a tremendous help in the Historical Society scheme of things, and you couldn't pick a better recipient for an award!

And what does Susan say: "I am so honored to be chosen for this award. I know I've said it before, but working with the TPHS has been one of the best things that has ever happened to me. This is a wonderful organization and I have really enjoyed working with a bunch of seriously talented people. You all totally rock!"

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## Would you like to join our Board?

Would you like to help us with some of our many projects and activities? Please consider joining our Board. We will have elections for 3-year Board member rotations at our next program in 2015. Look for the date in the next Tracker. Be a part of history!

# More from the Gallery: The "Green Beetles"

## The Green Beetle drag tag... what is that?

The placard states: "A group of Terrace Park boys organized under the name of the Green Beetles in the midlate 1950's."

The Green Beetles graduated from Mariemont High School in 1959, after having 2 years there. Prior to that the group was at Terrace Park Elementary and High School.

In the words of Jim Rockaway, one of the members of the Green Beetle Club, "The Green Beetle *drag tag* is a



keep-sake for sure. Don't recall whatever happened to mine, but it used to hang

proudly beneath my Dad's '57 Plymouth during our high school years. Anyway the guys I remember are: Jim Ritz,\*Joe Bellamy, \*Rudy Bretscher,\*Tom Curtis, Bryan Walton, Gerry Gregg, Bill Hauenstein,\*Steve Kipp, Sheff Boardman and Jim Rockaway (\*deceased).

The Green Beetle Palace was just down the hill from Miami Avenue in an old summer house very near the river. We had a lot of fun there. It was a club designed to keep our identity with Terrace Park."

So there it is...come to the Gallery and see our new additions as well as the famous Green Beetle drag tag.



Lifetime member and longtime Terrace Park resident,

# What a Life - Almost 103!

William "Zip" Ferriel was headed toward 103...and we are not talking about his golf score! Zip's son Dennis recently sent this message to longtime family friend Vivian Krueger:

"To All, William A. "Zip" Ferriel walked off the 18<sup>th</sup> green of life on Friday October 24<sup>th</sup> in the early evening. He passed away in the early evening hours peacefully at 4 months short of 103. Thanks to Doug and Tom, W.D. and I had been to Camargo to play in September so his last few week-ends were spent smiling and talking about that wonderful memory of the people, property and golf there. We also had talked about all the wonderful family/golfing group friends and events and of course Terrace Park. Thanks to all for the wonderful impact that you and your families had in his life! He sincerely appreciated everyone! Thanks, Dennis"

"Zip" and his wife Kay lived

in Terrace Park from 1950 until 1984. Their 3 children Kathleen, Dennis and Roger all attended Terrace Park Elementary and graduated from Mariemont High School. Zip was best known for his career at Camargo County Club from 1935 until 1976. Much of that time was spent as the golf pro and later he was the pro at Terrace Park Country Club. The 3 Ferriel children purchased a lifetime Membership in the Historical Society in honor of their parents. What a life!

## **DID YOU KNOW**?

...that these license plates were required on all bicycles during the '50's and '60's? They were given out with a registration form by the TP police.

...an ad appeared in the Wrenwood Lane News September 1960: "Does anyone want a cross-eyed Siamese cat who doesn't know indoors from outdoors? "

... another item from the same publication in August 1962 stated, "Freckles, the Jarrett's dog, is recovering after suffering a stroke".

...who were the Green Beetles? (See above article on the Gallery)



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# The Country Club Burned Down?

The Terrace Park Country Club began in 1900 and was incorporated in 1910. Its original facilities were located along the Little Miami River in Terrace Park. In 1930, in an interest to expand the golf course to eighteen holes, the TPCC moved to its present location in Milford.

The current clubhouse is a Cape Cod Colonial style designed by Robert Critchell. It was built after the previous clubhouse—the existing farmhouse from the acquisition of Woodward Farm in 1930—was destroyed by fire on December 28, 1946. Construction on the new clubhouse began on March 20, 1947 and was completed on November 15, 1947.

The fire began on the roof near the center of the building and spread quickly. It was discovered around 1:45pm. The Terrace Park, Indian Hill-Madeira, and Milford fire departments all responded to the scene. Despite the club's proximity to both the Little Miami River and East Fork River, insufficient water supplies greatly inhibited efforts to control the fire. The clubhouse was destroyed; however, the concrete locker and grill rooms that were added in the early 1930s survived.

Although the clubhouse was destroyed, there were no injuries. Club members and staff were able to rescue most of the equipment and some furnishings. In all, damages amounted to \$30,000.