# TERRACE PARK HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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for the Future

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SAVE THE DATE:

Open House at Stumps Boat Club – Members Only

April 9, 3-5pm, RSVP

A Visit with John Ruthven
Terrace Park Country Club
May 21, 5-7pm

#### **OUR LOCATION**

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# Save the Date: Open House at Stumps Boat Club - Members-Only Event

Have you ever wondered....about that sign next to Drackett Field?



It belongs to the "Stumps Boat Club", whose members have generously agreed to share their story with the Terrace Park Historical Society. Now you will have the opportunity to explore the historic building and grounds beyond that sign.

Among our extensive archives we have one thin folder devoted to The Stumps Boat Club. It mainly consists of an article dated Wednesday, May 7, 1975 from The Cincinnati Enquirer titled "And A Bar They Love so Well: The Tables Down at Stumps", written by former Terrace Park resident, Dick Forbes, whose son and daughter-inlaw Jack and Mickey are currently Lifetime Members.

What we learned is that the Club has functioned from before the turn of the century, the 20<sup>th</sup> Century! Although the members value

their privacy, they have been very generous to the Terrace Park Emergency Medical Services over the years, hosting the TPEMS annual party on their property.

The building originally designed by G.C. Burroughs has suffered floods and fires, but the members rebuilt each time and have recently renovated the entire exterior.

Our archives include several letters asking permission of the TP Fire Chief to allow a July 4<sup>th</sup> fireworks display. If you are a long time resident you may have enjoyed the display until 1985 when it was suspended.



Steve Holmes, a member of Stumps Boat Club, who is also the TPHS legal counsel and a Lifetime Member, will present a program exclusively for TPHS members, sharing the history of the Club and hopefully some of its secrets!

### Join in the fun on Saturday, April 9th between 3 and 5pm.

RSVP to tphistorical society@gmail.com or 248-1777

Drinks and appetizers will be served. This is an adults-only event.

If you have let your membership expire, now is the time to **renew!** Renew **on-line** at tphistoricalsociety.org or mail us the form at the center of this newsletter. Please be advised that this is an event for <u>TPHS members only.</u>

# **President's Letter**

Dear Friends,

We have so many projects going on that I hardly know where to start.

Two exciting programs are in the works: An Open House at Stumps Boat Club, on April 9 and "A Visit with John Ruthven" on May 21.

Back at the ranch, lots of memories are being preserved, and not just preserved, but made available to the many present and past residents of Terrace Park.

Our scanning project is well under way—Village Views newspapers beginning in 1969 are now available on our website.

If you would like to help us save these valuable community records, we welcome your participation. There are many more documents that need to be scanned and made accessible. You can always reach us at tphistoricalsociety@gmail.com or call Susan Rodgers at 418-1480.

Finally, we are working with Arcadia Publishing to add a book about Terrace Park to their "Images of America" series.

Since this book will consist of mainly photographs, we would like to invite you to contribute. If one of your photos is included in the book, your name will be acknowledged in the credits!

See you at Stumps!

Susan

# Thanks to our Volunteers



Thank you Steve Early! On Thursday, February 11, Terrace Park resident and past TPHS president Steve Early gave a presentation on ancient Terrace Park history at the Historical Society gallery.

The audience was a class of Imagination Destination students in 2nd grade and the subject obviously captured their imaginations, judging by the attention and number of questions they asked. They were curious about everything from the Terrace Park Indian mounds, to the clothing and jewelry of the Native Americans to the glaciers that covered Terrace Park during the last ice age. It appears that Steve has inspired a new crop of future archeologists.

For more information about the ancient mounds and earthworks that were once visible in Terrace Park, visit Steve's blog, http://hopewellmound.blogspot.com/. You can also find a link on our website,

tphistoricalsociety.org.

Fast forward to 1969, and there is more Terrace Park History to investigate.

Thanks to the efforts of TPHS volunteers Lon Stirsman and Teri Shaughnessy, a decade of vintage Village Views newspapers have been scanned and digitized. You can find the very first issue from May 1969, followed by the decade of the 70's on our website tphistoricalsociety.org.

They make some fascinating reading – take a peek back into the world of beehive hairdos and miniskirts, when the Clodhoppers and the Terrace Park Players provided entertainment, and the Life Squad, Boy Scouts and Village Council were very much as they are today.

The scanning was a lot of work but we are glad to know that these records of Terrace Park history are being preserved. Look for the decade of the 80's to be available soon. Fortunately, the current papers, beginning with 2001, are being preserved digitally by Gregg MacMillan, the publisher.

Finally, as our time machine arrives back in the present time we would like to acknowledge a group of very dedicated volunteers who have recently updated and organized the voluminous collection of documents which have accumulated in our archives over the years. Our thanks go out to Leslie Jones, Carol C. Cole, Anne Cherry, Libby Rost, and Lynne Mileham for all those Thursday afternoons surrounded by stacks of paper!



(l-r): Anne Cherry, Lynne Mileham, Libby Rost, Lesie Jones, and Carol C. Cole





# Thank You Lifetime Members!

We are pleased to present a listing of our current Lifetime Members, 75 in all. These memberships of \$1000 are the backbone of our organization and make it possible for us to continue to preserve the unique heritage of our little community. Not only do these members know that they have made a valuable contribution to our organization, but they are they never bothered by membership drives again, and they receive a print of a Rosell Shundich painting, created exclusively as a thank you for their contribution.

Stoddard and Rebecca Rowe

Leland M. and Carol C. Cole

Coleen M. Lowe and G. Franklin Lowe, MD

Dorothy B. and Robert A. Haines, Sr.

Susan Abernethy Frank and John J. Frank, Jr.

Ray and Patti Normile

Mary and William Drackett

\*Eliza E. and \*Bruce D. Brown, Eliza, Patricia, Stephanie

Leslie C. Jones

\*Helen Christopher Barnett

Dick and Lynne Mileham

\*Ken and Polly Bassett

\*Edna Heil Hay In Memory of Phil

"Bud" Heil

Jim and \*Ann Gilchrist

\*Elizabeth A. Martin

Jack and Barbara Smith

Julie B. Northrop, in Memory of Ted

Northrop

John and Linda Rockaway

\*William R. and Susan Weakley

\*Nick and Rosell Shundich

Barbara G. Self

\*Eleanor S. Gallagher, in Memory of

W. Graydon Gallagher

Frances and Roger Stafford

Mark F. and Beth Porst

James H. and Susan J. Porter

Michael and Kay Pope

Joanne and Paul Kennedy

Jeanette MacMillan Pruiss and \*Carl Pruiss

\*Rita O. Leming, In Memory of Robert O. Leming

\*Al and Lynn Nelson

Donald E. Hughes and Sharon K. Collins

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce C. Long

Mary Helen and \*Tom Petry

Jack and Rosemarie Brown

Alan and Bette Griffith

Keven Shell and Sandra Wittman-

Shell

Childress Rodgers

\*In Memory of Shirley & Stan Brown

Nate and Lynda Bachman

\*John and Margaret Hodges

In honor of \*"Zip" and \*Kay Ferriel, by Kathleen, Dennis, and Roger

Ferriel

Jan Watkins in Memory of Dan Wat-

kins

William L. and Elizabeth A. Holloway

The Baird Family

Scott and Lorrie Hill and Family

David E. and Sue Ferrell Troller

\*Bill and \*Gwen Nunn

Jerry and Diane Govert

John and Stephanie Jones

Robert and Lois Knox

The Freshley Family

Jane Harrier Master

In Honor of \*"Bro" and \* Edie Critchell

In Memory of Ralph RJ Vilardo

Jack and Mickey Forbes

Adam, Holly, Connor, Janie, Braden,

Caitlin Bortz

The Hayes Family

Kathy Gundlach

Scott and Erin Rosson

Trish and Rick Bryan

Anne Cherry

Steve and Christy Holmes

Ed and Ogle Annett

Dave and Sally Coffman

Judy Nunn Dettloff

Susan Rolih

The Rick Bryan Family

\*Edna I. Stites in Memory of Peter W.

Stites

The Buchholz Family

\*Mary and Ted Annett

Mary G. and \*H. Samuel Cone

\*Bob and Pat Henley

Patricia Beglen

Teri and Mike Shaughnessy

Steve Smith

\*deceased

# 2015 Treasurer's Report

# INCOME:

Membership	\$13,015	ASSETS:	
Donations	\$1,645	Fifth Third Checking	\$12,250
Directory Sales	\$5,897	Fifth Third Savings	\$23,998
Merchandise Sales	\$1,007	Morgan Stanley Investments	\$7,102
Program Revenues	\$2,001		
Other Revenue	\$72	TOTAL ASSETS	\$43,350

\$23,637

\$10,569

# **EXPENSES**:

**TOTAL INCOME** 

**NET INCOME AND EXPENSES** 

Our newest source of income was from a new project - the production and sale of the Terrace Park phone directory which netted \$3545 in 2015.  We also hosted a major thank you to our Lifetime Members with our Evening with Charles Meurer program held at the Eisele Gallery. The event was free to our Lifetime Members but through ticket and raffle sales and the generosity of Doug Eisele, the event was held with minimal cost.
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# Membership Mail-in Form

Yes! I want to support the Terrace Park Historical Society.						
Enclosed is my tax-deductible donation for the following membership:						
Individual	\$15	Heritage	\$50			
Family	\$25	Corporate	\$100			
Lifetime (\$1	.000 Payable over 4 years)	Donation				
Your Name:			(As you would like it to appear in our records)			
Address:						
Phone Number: _	Email addres	ss:				
(We send very few, and only important email notices)						
Please send your check to:						
The Terrace Park Historical Society, P.O. Box 3, Terrace Park, OH 45174						
Thank you! We appreciate your help.						
The Terrace Park Historical Society is recognized as a nonprofit organization by the IRS, Code: Section 501(c)(3), Tax Identification Number: 51093908						

# Vintage Desk Helps Preserve Legacy of Terrace Park Lumber Company

The adage "what's old is new again" is especially apropos when applied to one of the Terrace Park Historical Society's most recent acquisitions, a desk used for display and business transactions nearly 100 years ago. Here's the background:

From 1914 until 1986, the area that is now Denison Lane was the site of The Terrace Park Lumber Company and at various times the source of building materials, maintenance supplies, coal and heating oil for local homes and farms.

In the early 1900s, customers would visit the one-story office building to peruse catalogs and place orders with proprietor George Eveland. After World War I, customers were served by George's sons Miles and Harry, and after World War II Harry's sons George and Clarence, known by the nickname Red, oversaw operations.



Transactions were conducted on an oak veneer desk – listed in furniture catalogs from the 1920s as a "stand-up accountant's desk" - that stood 58 inches high and 6 feet long. Thick catalogs from Cincinnati area building supply distributors were kept on the top shelf and promotional flyers for smaller items like wire fencing and nails resided on the space below.

George's son Tom – a member of the fourth generation of Evelands associated with the lumber company – acquired the desk after the property was sold in 1986 to the Denison Development Company which created Terrace Park's Denison Lane.

About 20 years later Tom sold the desk for \$100 to Terrace Park resident and land surveyor Lee Nordloh, who used it in his Wooster Pike office. When Lee retired and closed his office in early 2015, he fulfilled the contingency that came with the desk.

"Tom sold it to me for just \$100 providing I donated it to the Terrace Park Historical Society when I was finished with it," Lee said.

So it is that today the desk again commands attention as a focal point for the display of sale items. Its shelves and drawers offer Terrace Park Historical Society offerings – CDs, books, notecards, posters, limited edition prints and stationery. But thanks to Lee Nordloh's generosity and thoughtful respect for the past, visitors will also find the remnants of Terrace Park Lumber Company he found in the desk along with artifacts he and others have donated to the historical society. Of note:

- A 1935 letter from The H. Belmer Company, manufacturer of wire goods, that encouraged the Evelands to stock-up on fencing, saying, "Due to (the) improved financial condition of the farmer, resulting from increased prices for farm products, we believe that this spring there will be considerable repair and replacement of fence lines;' and
- A 1912 price list for yellow pine lumber, flyers that offer galvanized steel coal buckets for \$2.50 each, contractor's wheelbarrows for \$27.95, a dozen steel coal and coke forks for \$36, puttyless utility windows and a variety of supplies used by local farmers; and
- A 1950s plat book of Terrace Park Lee acquired from Roger Ward, retired Army Corps of Engineers surveyor.

The Terrace Park Historical Society is grateful to local resident Lee Nordloh for donating the Terrace Park Lumber Company desk, the contents he found in it and historic Terrace Park plat books.

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# **DID YOU KNOW?**

- The White Family, who lived at 100 Redbird Lane in the early 60's? In 2014 Marcia Moyer, our Treasurer, met Connie White while waiting in line for the Baseball Hall of Fame Ceremonies in Cooperstown, NY. Connie noticed Marcia's Red's cap and said she had once lived in the Cincinnati area in a little town called "Terrace Park"! Connie had fond memories of Terrace Park and wondered if anyone still remembered her family. Her parents were Joe and Chotty, and her siblings were Hillery and Roger. You can reach Connie at theconz2@yahoo.com.
- "Vandalism in the Park has risen to such alarming levels that cars parked in driveways are not safe from water hoses pushed through open windows, eggs placed in gas tanks and antennas and mirrors broken off....." (Village Views, October 1978)
- The Cincinnati's Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Carmon Deleone, presented two "Lollipop Concerts" at Terrace Park Elementary on February 4, 1978, for "children four to eight years old". At least one lucky child had the opportunity to be the conductor! There is a photo of the event in the February 1978 Village Views. Does anyone remember the concert?
- To see more stories like these, check out the "vintage" Village Views on our website, tphistoricalsociety.org.

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