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*Tracking Our
Past and Present
for the Future*



Save the Date!

The Terrace Park Historical Society is honored to host a presentation by

John Ruthven

America's Wildlife Artist, and
George W. Bush 2004 National Medal of Arts Recipient

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Date: Saturday, May 21, 5-7:30pm

Location: Terrace Park Country Club,
5341 South Milford Road, Milford, OH
45150

\$30 per person - appetizers and two
drinks included with admission. Cash bar
available.

Please **RSVP by May 14th**. Checks
may be mailed to Terrace Park Historical
Society, P.O. Box 3, Terrace Park, Ohio
45174.

For **online reservations** please visit tphistoricalsociety.org.

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**An Evening with
John Ruthven**

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Thank You Betsy and Adrienne



Betsy Holloway and Adrienne Bente

The Terrace Park Historical Society would like to recognize two of our most dedicated volunteers who have recently retired from active duty with the TPHS.

Betsy Holloway and Adrienne Bente, both Lifetime Members, were among the founders of our organization, and both have contributed greatly to its success.

Betsy has served in many capacities, both as a long-time Board member (and emeritus Board Member) and more recently as our schools archivist. Adrienne has been a tireless researcher collecting Terrace Park stories and events, including obituaries, engagements and weddings for our archives.

Thank you Betsy and Adrienne—you will be missed!

OUR LOCATION

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President's Letter

Dear Friends,

We are very excited about our upcoming program, "An Evening with John Ruthven", and hope you are planning to attend.

This has been a busy winter for our volunteers. We would like to thank Leslie Jones and Sylvia Stirsman for their work in preparing our collection of team sport photographs for display. Watch the Village Views and our website for more information, as we photograph and reframe these one-of-a-kind artifacts.

Our digitization project is continuing, with another decade of Village Views scanned and available on our website, thanks to volunteer Lon Stirsman.

There are many more documents that need to be scanned. If anyone would like to save Lon from being overwhelmed, please let us know—we don't want to scare him off!

Finally, we would like to acknowledge two of our original members and long-term volunteers, Betsy Holloway and Adrienne Bente. Although they are retiring from their current positions as archivists for the TPHS, their efforts will be remembered and appreciated by those who continue the task of preserving Terrace Park's history.

Looking ahead, it is not too early to start preparations for the 2016 House Tour. If you would like to participate, please let us know.

You may always reach us at tphistoricalociety@gmail.com or call Susan Rodgers at 418-1480.

See you at the Country Club!

Susan

Team Terrace Park

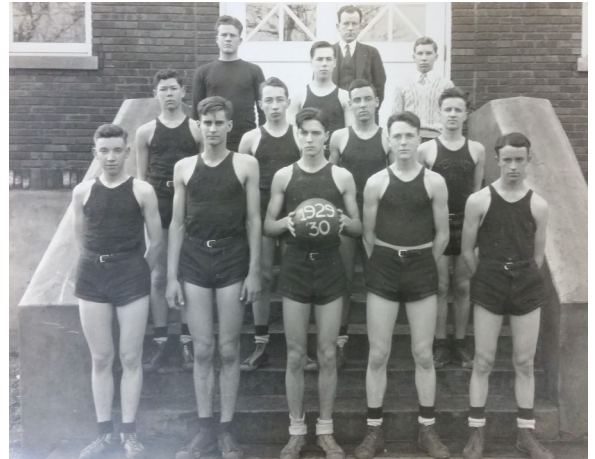


Girls Tennis 1934

The photographs were made at the front entrance of the school and in the gymnasium, and include the names of all the members shown.

We are in the process of creating a display of these fascinating images and will be making them available on our website as well. You are welcome to visit our offices and see them for yourselves.

Thank you Virginia Marquette!



Boys Basketball 1929

A Visit to the Stumps Boat Club

More than 50 members of the Terrace Park Historical Society ventured past the Stumps Boat Club "no trespassing" sign April 9 for an invitation-only look around and presentation by Steve Holmes, a Stumps member since 2003, who is also legal counsel and a lifetime member of the historical society.

Holmes said the club's 133-year history has never been recorded and is instead passed down from generation to generation by the membership, which is limited to just 35. The interior

walls of the shingle-clad clubhouse tell the story, too, through framed photos and memorabilia.

Our members agreed that this was one of our most enjoyable programs ever. Thank you Steve and the Stumps Boat Club!



Those Old Yearbooks....



Along with many other memorabilia from the original Terrace Park School, the TPHS keeps copies of the school yearbooks. However, our set is not complete. We only have the following issues in our collection::

1931, 1932, 1938—1952, 1954—1957.

To fill out the missing years we would like to find the yearbooks prior to 1931, and the years 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937 and 1953.

If you have copies of any of these yearbooks, or other school memorabilia that you would like to donate to the TPHS, please let us know.

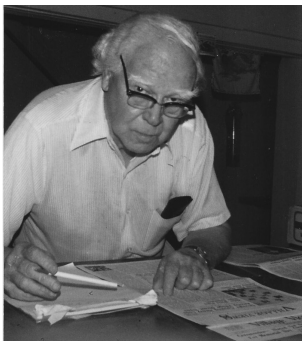
Village's Colorful Past Retold

(excerpt from an article in the Village Views by Sue Porter)

As Terrace Park approached the 100th anniversary of its incorporation in 1893, a group of residents decided it was time for a local history book. After nearly two years of research and writing, an 88-page, hardcover book was initially offered for \$10 a copy in advance of the community's centennial celebrations.

Today, anyone interested in reading "A Place Called Terrace Park" can find it online at the Terrace Park Historical Society website: tphistoricalociety.org. The book, which was recently added to the site, was written by Ellis Rawnsley with research assistance from Esther H. M. Power and John Diehl; project support from Lynn Nelson, Bob Halley and Alan McAllister; design consultation from Mark Eberhard and publishing expertise from Skip Merten of Merten Printing Company, where 1,100 copies were made.

Power said the book was conceived as a "permanent legacy" to mark the centennial and Rawnsley was the perfect person to write it. His journalism career spanned nearly seven decades and included work as a writer and chief copy editor at The Cincinnati Enquirer. He'd also founded Terrace Park's Village Views, and served as its editor for 15 years.

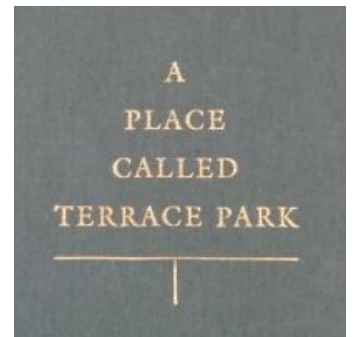


Ellis Rawnsley

But, according to Power, more important to the project than his expansive and award-winning career was his great love and knowledge of the village. He helped found Terrace Park's volunteer fire department and served as chief for nine years, helped launch the life squad, co-founded the first Boy Scout troop and served as cub master, and with his wife, Bonnie, donated property to the village for construction of a new administration building.

"I like to think of it not as a formal history of Terrace Park, but a story of how the village developed over the years," Rawnsley said in a 1992 Cincinnati Enquirer interview about the book.

"He was delighted to see how quickly copies of his "labor of love" sold and Power thinks he'd be especially pleased to know that now – nearly a quarter century later – new generations of readers and residents will have access to it thanks to the Terrace Park Historical Society.



Lifetime Memberships Continue to Grow

Since the last Tracker was published, we have three new Lifetime Memberships: Sallie Lyons, Arlene (Bunny) Proctor and Noel Julnes-Dehner have all joined at this highest level of support. Thank you Sallie, Bunny and Noel!

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DID YOU KNOW ?

- Additional vintage Village Views issues are now available for you to enjoy on our website. Due to a lot of hard work by Lon Stirsman, they span from May 1969 to December 1990. Check out Terrace Park life in the 1980's.
- The Stumps Boat Club had a football team that beat UC in 1903 and 1904.
- Tillie the elephant was known to drink whisky (Dorothy Rixey's oral history)
- Eppa Rixey (of Cincinnati Reds fame) had a masters degree in Latin, which he taught in off seasons

Get Involved

Enjoy stories? You might like to be an interviewer for our Oral History program.

Are you a history buff? Consider helping us preserve our collections and especially to make them available to others. We need help with our displays and outreach to the community.

Interested in houses, old and new? Help us with our upcoming House Tour, scheduled for October.

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