### TERRACE PARK HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Tracking Our
Past and Present
for the Future



### **Upcoming Events**

**2016 House Tour** Sunday, October 16, 1-5pm

Members' Holiday Party Saturday, Dec.3, 5-7pm Terrace Park Country Club

#### **Theater Event**

"Mornings at Seven" Thursday, Jan 5, 2017 The Mariemont Players Walton Creek Theater

#### **Annual Members Meeting**

Sunday, January 22, 2017 3pm, TPHS Offices in St. Thomas Church

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# Save the Date!



The **2016 Terrace Park House Tour** is scheduled for Sunday, October 16, 2016, from 1-5 pm.

Join us in touring some of Terrace Park's lovely homes, both old and new, original and renovated. This is one of our most popular events, and only happens every other year, so mark your calendar!

If you would like to be a volunteer (and get a **free ticket**), please let us know. We need volunteer docents during each of the two shifts: 12:45 to 3:00 and 2:45 to 5:00 pm. You would serve as a docent in one of the houses during

one shift, leaving the rest of the time free for visiting the others.

To volunteer, please contact Suzi Ricketts at 260-4450 or Susan Rodgers at 418-1480 or send us an email at tphistoricalsociety@gmail.com. You may also leave a message on tphistoricalsociety.org under "contact".

Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 the day of the show. You may purchase tickets **online** at tphistoricalsociety.org or you can **mail your check** to Terrace Park Historical Society, P.O. Box 3, Terrace Park, Ohio 45174. Look for an invitation in the mail—it will be included with our annual membership drive envelope.

# Finally Finished!



At last, we have digitized our entire collection of Village Views Newspapers, beginning in May 1969 and ending in December 2002. (Subsequent copies are being archived by Gregg McMillan, the publisher and are available on his website, Terracepark.com)

This has been a huge task, almost entirely undertaken by Lon Stirsman, who was a resident of Terrace Park during those years and remembers many of the events

and issues that were recorded. This is a fascinating look at a long-gone era, as reflected in our small community.

You may read the issues online at tphistorical society.org.

### President's Letter

Dear Friends,

Are you ready for the 2016 House Tour? Suzi Ricketts has been hard at work setting the stage for a tour of some lovely and interesting Terrace Park homes. Remember to save the date -Sunday, October 16, from 1-5pm.

Our last program, featuring wildlife painter John Ruthven, was a great success. Our next event, after the House Tour, is our annual Holiday Party, also at the Terrace Park Country Club, on Saturday, December 3. Save the date!

We have moved our annual members meeting to January, as that will allow us to show our accounts and activities for the previous year in total.

After a long summer of scanning documents, our archives volunteers have completed the Village Views project and are now preserving records from the old Terrace Park School. This material will be added to our website as it becomes available—stayed tuned!

Finally, we would like to extend our thanks to Teri Shaughnessy, trustee and Lifetime Member, for the awesome amount of effort she gave to our projects during her two years with us. She will be missed!

See you at the Tour -

Susan

### Researchers Needed

This photo shows a scene from the days when Terrace Park was a summer destination.

We have a growing collection of online documents and images from our history, but we need researchers to provide the background. If you enjoy history and writing, there is a wealth of stories just waiting to be brought to light.





Tracker, in the Village Views, and on our website under "stories", and you could easily do the research from home. Please let us know if you are interested in helping us bring this material out of obscurity! You can contact Susan Rodgers at 418-1480 or email tphistoricalsociety@gmail.com.

# Yearbooks from Mariemont High School



Our organization is fortunate to have a collection of original Terrace Park High School yearbooks, dating from 1929 through 1957.

Yet, from 1958 forward, when the Terrace Park High School became part of the Mariemont School District, the

yearbooks are missing from our collection, and even the high school does not appear to have a complete set. Although these books contain much information that is not relevant to Terrace Park, they still record the school life of our population over the years.

In an effort to fill in this gap, we are asking our residents for any Mariemont High School yearbooks that they would like to donate. Our goal is to eventually provide two copies for each year.

In a few decades will the current fashions look quaint and stodgy? Will future great grandchildren of our residents wonder about these old-timers with their cell phones and backpacks? Will there still be sports teams, music, drama, clubs and proms?

We owe it to the future to save these memories. So – dust off those ancient tomes and tell us what you find. You can send us a message: tphistoricalsociety@gmail.com or call 418-1480.

# Mystery Men



A correspondent recently sent us a photo of the portrait on the left, with the following comment:

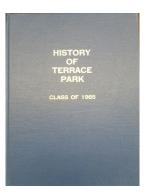
"I have a couple Fred Williams paintings that my great grandfather acquired from 'some guy in Terrace Park'. We recently came across this crayon portrait behind one of the paintings. We thought perhaps someone in Terrace Park may know who this gentleman is, or have a connection to him."

The identity of the young man in the photograph on the right is also a mystery. If you have any knowledge of either of these two people, please let us know. We will be glad to email you a larger version of either image if you would like a closer look.



# TP Elementary Class of 1985?

We recently came across a book that was donated to us during the renovation of Terrace Park Elementary School. All the material was written by the students, and you can see some of the pages on our website. Does anyone remember the project? Were you part of the class? The following is a quote from the inside cover:



### **Grade Schoolers Put Together Their Own History of Terrace Park**

Terrace Park's Elementary School's graduating class of 1985 prepared its own history of Terrace Park and presented it to the school library as the legacy of its members' school days.

Sixth grade teacher Mrs. Ann Kempczinski said the class started the project early in the year after reviewing Village Views columns written by Stan Miller and extensive conversations with Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Ruth Clayton and Bob Ingeman.

# Annual Members Meeting - Date Change

In order to provide a more complete overview of our activities and finances for the year, we are changing the annual meeting date to January. Mark your calendars for Sunday afternoon, January 22, 2017. We will meet in our offices at St. Thomas Church for an evaluation of 2016, trustee elections, and feedback from our members. Please plan to attend and consider joining our Board of Trustees.

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# **DID YOU KNOW?**

#### We need YOU to write this column!

Do you know of any tidbits of information that might interest our readers? Stories that you remember about life in Terrace Park?

Our archives offer a rich source of anecdotes and memories. One is our collection of taped oral history interviews from residents over the years, and most of these are available in printed format.

Another source of material is the readership of the TP Historical Society Facebook page, many of whom have a long history with the village..

If you would like to be the Tracker's "Did-You-Know-It-All", please contact Susan Rodgers: 418-1480 or tphistoricalsociety@gmail.com.

# A Fond Farewell

We are sad to announce that one of our very valuable trustees and Lifetime Member, Teri Shaughnessy, will soon be leaving us to move to Chicago.

When Teri joined our organization in 2014, she was new to Terrace Park, and she lent her considerable energy and talents to all of our activities—leading the Village Directory project, helping coordinate the complicated logistics of our Meurer event, and spearheading our digitization efforts just to name a few.

Our organization has benefited greatly from her creativity and fresh insights. Teri, we will miss you!