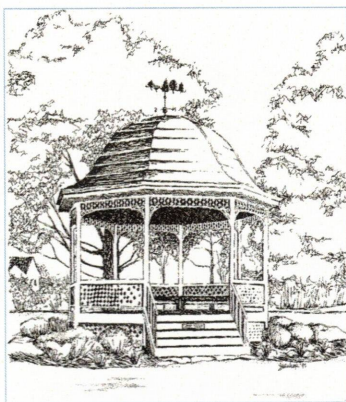


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A New Restaurant in Terrace Park

One day in 1971, Bob Tritsch took a ride going east on Wooster Pike and saw a little sign that read "Village of Terrace Park." Bob immediately turned in and drove around. He thought, "Holy Mackerel! This reminds me of my home out on Long Island." He fell in love with the village and bought the first house he saw. The house had not even gone on the market.

Bob had a friend Dave and occasionally they would meet for lunch downtown. Dave kept mentioning the Yankee Dollar and would say, "Bob, this is right down your alley."

About eight years after Bob and his family moved to Terrace Park, Vera and Howard Andrews, who owned both the Yankee Dollar and the Old School House, decided to sell the property. After the sale, the Tritsch's closed the shop down for three weeks. In that time Bob and his son built the portico, painted, added carpeting, and wooden floors in the Fireplace Room. They also added a driveway to improve the traffic pattern.

When Bob and Mary Jane Tritsch decided to retire, Vicky Leopold, who owned Fiberge, rented the space. Vicky taught knitting classes and sold beautiful yarn. After the yarn store closed, Shaun Martin and Bette Thomas of Springwater Sweets and Flowers briefly took over the space. Then, Village Floral of Terrace Park rented the space.

AND NOW THE BIRCH....



According to Aaron Tritsch, she has always dreamed of opening a restaurant. Aaron had worked in restaurants since the age of 14. It was something that always seemed natural to her. She loved the fast pace and human experience. One night, Aaron met

a handsome musician named Brett. They got to know each other and began to discuss that someday, they would their own restaurant.

Two years ago, both Aaron and Brett began working on the concept of The Birch.

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Upcoming Event

Members Only

June 14, 6 to 8 pm

Come and help celebrate the opening of **The Birch**. Owner Brett Tritsch will present a brief history of the building.

**Lite Fare
Cash Bar**

RSVP June 9

**By Phone
(513) 248-1777**

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They were very attracted to the history of the building, which had been in Brett's family for a number of years. They had always hoped they could do something with this space, but were not sure it was possible. However, with a lot of patience and hard work, The Birch opened its doors in April 2017.

When asked about the décor of the restaurant, Aaron and Brett said that they wanted an atmosphere that was in keeping with the high quality of the food they were offering, and one that was also comfortable. Brett, a lover of old wood, wanted to use the barn wood that had been kept in storage for many years by his father. Brett felt that wood would be perfect for the tables and the bar. Aaron suggested accents of green and blue. When you dine at The Birch, you will see old newspapers, which have been framed and hung on the walls. Brett said they had been found stuffed in the walls and were probably used for insulation. Some of the papers were dated 1935.

Aaron and Brett are focusing on fresh, wholesome ingredients that are appetizing to the diners. The menu offers salads, soups, sandwiches, desserts and a delicious selection of kids' meals.

It is the couple's dream that The Birch will become part of Terrace Park culture, a neighborhood hangout. A friendly place where you could drop in for a beer and run into friends, a place where families would be welcomed. Brett is concentrating on growing the retail business by carrying hand crafted beer and, at the same time, becoming a trusted wine provider to Terrace Park and the surrounding neighborhoods. Brett said that one way they hope to increase the wine sales is by offering home delivery of cases of wine.

"We want it to be fun. We want to give back to our community."



Third-graders' Annual Walking Tour of Terrace Park

On May 30th, The Terrace Park Historical Society members Tricia DiMichele and Suzi Ricketts will be taking teachers Julie Parker and Jen Niezgodas 3rd grade classes on a walking tour through parts of Terrace Park. We will point out historical landmarks and tell funny stories from the past. This will be the third year for this event.



A Message From Our President

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your continued support of The Terrace Park Historical Society. We look forward to many new and exciting programs which will enhance the knowledge of the history surrounding this wonderful village. This spring we have awarded two scholarships to Mariemont High School students to sustain our youth's involvement in the heritage of Terrace Park. We extend our congratulations to the first ever recipients of The Terrace Park Historical Society's Scholarships. The review committee was pleased to have many applicants describe their life growing up in the village. This year we were proud to award \$500 each to Grace Brittingham and Matthew Burgess. Congratulations to Grace and Matthew!

See you at The Birch!

Laurie Baird



"Thanks for the Memories" Award

The Terrace Park Historical Society has a "Thanks for the Memories Award" which we present to deserving individuals who give so graciously of their time, talent and energy to the Historical Society. This year we are very proud to present this award to Sandy Koehler. Sandy was nominated by Susan Frank with the following message: "Sandy has been on the Board since 2006. She has served as Program Chair where she planned and executed 4 programs a year, brought all the refreshments, arranged for all the set up and did so very quietly that no one would know all that she accomplished. One of the most well received programs was the one of the old Terrace Park High School when she worked with Ralph Vilardo to execute a very special program (all on DVD in our office). Linda Lee was so impressed that she had the program done a second time for all the Terrace Park Elementary students and faculty. She always arranged for interesting and diverse group of speakers, the details are all in the office. She was a co-chair of the first house tour and was/is also secretary. Sandy never hesitates to help out with any of all projects." Congratulations to Sandy!

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FALL EVENTS**Waldschmidt House Tour September 2017**

Explore the history of one of the area's first settlements in nearby Camp Dennison. The settlement was founded by Christian Waldschmidt in 1794. This will be a family friendly event.

Membership Drive October 2017

We look forward to your continued support.