

TRACKER

Tracking Our Past and Present for the Future



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SAVE THE DATE

Gallery Open House In honor of our 10th Anniversary, we will be holding an Open House at our new Gallery following the Memorial Day Festivities in May. We look forward to welcoming you all to our great new space in St. Thomas Church and are sure you will feel renewed pride in our Village as you enjoy the many wonderful pieces the Gallery has to offer. Look for more information on this event in our next Tracker.

10th Anniversary Celebration in the Fall. Watch for more Updates!

TPHS PROGRAM TEACHES Conservation Techniques

It's happened to just about everyone. We open a file of precious memories only to find photos and documents that have deteriorated with age, sometimes beyond recognition or usefulness.

The Terrace Park Historical Society knows there's a better way and has invited conservator Charles Price to its next public meeting to demonstrate alternatives.

The event - Sunday, March 6, at the Community Building - begins at 3:30 p.m. with socializing and a session for children on scrapbooking and creating keepsakes. A

business meeting follows at 4 p.m., followed at 4:15 by the presentation, "Beyond Storage: How to Preserve Valuables and Keepsakes." It's all free and open to the public.

"This will be a hands-on learning experience," said Elaine Fening, TPHS program chair. "People are invited to bring paper-based items of historical significance - prints, etchings, watercolors or books, for example - that are not bound or framed. Our guest professional will evaluate the items and recommend conservation methods."

During his 23-year tenure at

the Archival Conservation Center, Price has done work for individuals, galleries, public and private libraries, county courts, historical societies and various organizations. His projects have included Audubon folios and prints, Picasso watercolor and etchings, Hurley etchings, Henry Farney pastels and historical documents by Abraham Lincoln, Thomas Jefferson, Ulysses S. Grant and Napoleon. Personal documents from the Civil War, marriage, birth and death certificates and family books have also benefited from his preservation techniques.

ARCHITECTURAL GARAGE SALE

Join your neighbors far and near at one of the most extraordinary garage sales ever! Both Terrace Park and Mariemont Elementary Schools are holding a garage/architectur-



al salvage sale on Monday, April 4, 2011. Doors will open at 12 Noon and the sale will end at 7 PM. Examples of the treasures being sold are

doors, vintage trim, staircase railings, hardware, built-ins, lockers, desks, tables, a Mid-Century Modern kitchen, and so much more! Hope to see you there! For any questions, please contact Meghan Mills, memills70@gmail.com.

SUPPORT LOCAL HISTORY- JOIN TPHS

The Terrace Park Historical Society's annual membership campaign is still going strong.

To support the organization's efforts to preserve and share local history (not architectural preservation), and provide educational programs for all ages, consider becoming a member at one

of several levels. Annual membership dues are \$15 for individuals, \$25 for families, \$50 for Heritage membership and \$100 for Corporate/Patron membership. Lifetime memberships, which may be paid over a three-year period, are \$1,000. Checks should be made payable to the

Terrace Park Historical Society and sent to P.O. Box 3, Terrace Park, OH 45174.

In 2010, the historical society's lifetime members' list grew to 42 with donations for "Zip" and Kay Ferriel by their children Kathleen, Dennis and Roger Ferriel; and for Dan Watkins by Jan Watkins.

Dear Members,

Ten years ago the Terrace Park Historical Society began when forty-eight enthusiastic people met to show their support for a local organization focused on preserving the history of our Village.



Because of the efforts of so many, we now boast a membership of over 250 families and over 40 lifetime members.

Ten years is quite an accomplishment for any organization, and we send our sincere thanks to each and every one of you who have supported TPHS through the years.

In honor of our 10th Anniversary, we will be holding an Open House at our new Gallery following the Memorial Day Festivities. Our celebration will continue into the fall with a birthday party where we plan to unveil our new walking tour of the Village that has been discussed by the Society for years and is now coming to fruition. This project is meant to be a gift to our current and future residents.

Throughout our Anniversary Year, you will also notice our ongoing commitment to our Oral History Project. This important tradition of sharing recollections is expanding and taking center stage. Look for a new Oral History tab on our website in the near future.

We look forward to celebrating TPHS with you throughout the year and send a sincere thank you to one and all for your efforts that have helped make our organization what it is today. TPHS is truly a group effort and a labor of love shared by all. Happy Birthday TPHS!

2010 FISCAL REPORT

This is the first time since the formation of the Society that we have provided an Annual Financial Report to our membership. We plan to continue to provide this information yearly. This report was compiled by our Treasurer, Meg Comer, formerly a licensed CPA who has been working to establish and refine professional accounting procedures for the Society. The Board gratefully acknowledges the many hours Meg has given to TPHS in this endeavor.

As you review the financial information, please note that cash flow from our membership, house tour and other sources of revenue exceeded the operational expenses for the Society. The excess income earned this year and a portion of our historical accumulated earnings was

invested in capital improvements to our offices and the construction of a new Gallery. We do not anticipate undertaking capital improvements of this magnitude on a regular basis. However, after careful consideration, your Board felt that this was a valuable investment for the Society to undertake and recognized the future value the Gallery would provide our community.

It was only through the outstanding success of our 2010 White House Tour that we were able to undertake such a large project. The Board sends our sincere thanks to the community for the support they have shown us and hopes everyone will take pride in the new Gallery that so beautifully showcases the history and creativity of the residents of our lovely Village.

Income & Expense Summary

For the year ended 12-31-2010

Income

Membership	\$ 6,924
House Tour	\$ 7,310
Sales	\$ 1,193
Donation	\$ 1,000
Other Revenue	\$ 1,002
Total Income	\$ 17,429

Capital Projects

Gallery	\$ (6,462)
Office Improvements	\$ (4,637)
Total Capital Projects	\$ (11,099)

Expenses

House Tour Costs	\$ (2,568)
Sales/Fundraising Costs	\$ (1,764)
Newsletter & Membership Drive	\$ (3,192)
Archives & Program Costs	\$ (1,755)
Office Expenses	\$ (5,330)
Other Expenses	\$ (510)
Total Expenses	\$ (15,119)

COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE AT TPES

There's history in the making at Terrace Park Elementary

(TPE), and all residents are encouraged to take part. On Saturday, March 19, TPE will welcome one and all to a Community Open House from 10am - 1pm. This event will give everyone - students, parents, residents, staff and alumni - the opportunity to tour the current building just prior to its renovation...and to have some TPE fun.

With the theme of celebrating TPE's Past, Present and Future, you'll have the chance to:

- Reminisce with classic school

memorabilia from the Terrace Park Historical Society and

Terrace Park Alumni Association.

- Tour this year's TPE Student Art Show (traditionally held in May) - in full display in the cafeteria.

- Join in art projects to be hung in the transitional and permanent buildings. Bring a necktie to add to a community creation. (And add your wishes to a special keepsake for retiring teacher, Bob

Fleckenstein).

- Get a sneak peek at a modular classroom.

- Contribute your thoughts to the TPE Time Capsule to give

future generations a true sense of TPE 2011.

- Enjoy lunch out by purchasing pizza and beverages from TP Boy Scouts and sweet treats from TP Daisies, Brownies and Girl Scouts.

- Learn fun TPE facts from 6th Grade Historians.

- Enjoy student musical performances.

- See into TPE's future by viewing new building, site and design plans.

Spread the word to all Friends of Terrace Park Elementary. It will truly be a community event as we celebrate the heart of the park - Terrace Park Elementary.

If you have school memorabilia to share, contact Lisi George at 831-1255.

Questions? Call Melanie Stutenroth at 576-9824.



In the beginning

NEW TPHS TRUSTEE

Mary Arkeilpane, co-chair of the Terrace Park Historical Society's highly successful 2010 house tour, has been elected to the organization's board of trustees for a three-year term. She will serve TPHS as gallery and museum liaison and chair of its 10th anniversary celebration this fall.

Arkeilpane, who grew up in Terrace Park and has lived in the community most of her adult life, is a realtor with Coldwell Banker West Shell. She was graduated from Ohio University with a degree in physical education and has three grown children: Liz, who lives in St. Louis; and sons Kyle and Alex who are University of Cincinnati students.



"I have a tremendous love for Terrace Park and want to support it by being active in an organization that's dedicated to preserving and celebrating the community," Arkeilpane said.

THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES, SUSAN

At the entrance to the Terrace Park Historical Society's headquarters is a bench with a gold-plated tribute to Susan Heil Abernethy Frank. The bench commemorates the "Thanks for the Memories" award TPHS recently bestowed on its former president; the inscription summarizes why she's received the organization's highest honor and says, in part, "in recognition of her dedicated leadership and service to the growth and continued welfare of the Society. . . Thank you for the memories and your friendship."

Steve Early, TPHS board member, presented the award to Susan at the organization's annual meeting and tried to list all of her contributions to the organization in just 10 minutes. It was impossible.

"Her love for Terrace Park goes back to her childhood and the years she spent raising her own family here," Steve said. A daughter of Bud and Edna Heil, Susan lived in homes on Western, Marietta and Valley

View before earning a degree from the University of Cincinnati. She later lived in homes on Yale, Michigan and Miami, raising a son, Scott Abernethy, and a daughter,

Molly Abernethy Smyth. She married John Frank in 1997 and moved to the historic district in Newport, Ky., a year later.

Susan served TPHS as president from 2004-07 and has continued as a board member

Among her accomplishments:

- Conducted a major campaign that increased membership from about 50 to over 300.

- Created and promoted a Lifetime Membership program that has brought 42 \$1,000 gifts to the organization;

- Created a program to highlight the history of Miami Grove Nature Preserve that was attended by 120 people and resulted in the renaming of what formerly was known as Terrace Park's Wilderness Preserve;

- Expanded the board from eight to 15 members;

- Involved elementary school children and families in TPHS;

- Led the creation of an historic quilt that hangs in the front hall at the elementary school;

- Expanded the oral history archive by arranging interviews, and training volunteers;

- Championed the TP Creatives archive that has brought donations from artists, authors, photographers and others who have local ties; and

- Written monthly TPHS "recollections" articles for Village Views as well as for the Tracker.

"If space on the gold-plated plaque would have permitted, the message at the end of Susan's emails may have been added," said Steve Early as he concluded his presentation. "It summarizes why she does all that she does. 'Diversity is a privilege! Let's build bridges, not walls.'"

GIFTS FROM THE RAWNSLEY FAMILY

Mary Lou Rawnsley Eycke donated a baby ball made by her mother (one of thousands she made), several WWII scrapbooks and a variety of other items. She stated in her letter that "the Historical Society has certainly become an active and exciting organization since its humble beginnings. I applaud all of you who helped it grow. It would be fun to be a part of all that's going on." Included in this treasure of items was a recollection written by her brother Dave Rawnsley, Please enjoy the excerpt that follows.

From the Recollection of Dave Rawnsley

"...the railroad contributed to our way of life in a number of ways."

Our family moved from Cheviot to Terrace Park on December 6, 1940. My father and mother (Ellis and *continued on page 4*

DID YOU KNOW?

- The current TP Elementary building cost \$30,000 to build and it was completed in 1913.
- The population of Terrace Park was 868 in 1940, 1265 in 1950 and 2203 in 1960.
- The first 2 TP ambulances were purchased through funds raised by the Pancake Supper started in 1959 and a Village Phone Book in 1962.
- Dr. Bruce MacMillan, first Chief of Staff at the Shriners' Burns Institute, was very instrumental in Cincinnati being selected as the second Shriners' Institute in the country.
- Dr. MacMillan was a long time resident of Terrace Park who died in 1985. His widow, Jeanette MacMillan Pruis (a TPHS Lifetime Member), and son Gregg (Linda) still live in TP. Her other son John (Pat) lives in Milford but remains a member of TPHS.

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GIFTS FROM THE RAWNSLEY FAMILY

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Bonnie Rawnsley, my two older sisters Mary Louise (Lou) and Virginia (Gin) and I moved into 717 Wooster Pike, which remained the family seat until my father (Pop) sold the property to the Village in 2000 and moved into a retirement community at the age of 92. 717 was a modest house for five people— three bedrooms (one very small), one bathroom, dining and living rooms, and a diminutive kitchen that seemed to fit my diminutive mother just right. But I don't remember any of us feeling that it was too small, except perhaps for Lou, who decided one year that she needed a room of her own, and fixed up part of the attic. This was before air conditioning in homes— so one summer was enough- the heat was unbearable.

...I am writing about that period of time during and right after the WW2 when, bless us, some of us were very young. I will be talking about the time just after the trolley cars disappeared, and Wooster Pike was just completed as a four lane road, an extension of that marvel of automotive technology, Columbia Parkway.

...These were the days when the main line of the Pennsylvania Railroad ran right through the center of Terrace Park. This didn't represent a disruption to the town; on the contrary, the railroad contributed to

our way of life in a number of ways. Not the least, of course, was that, up until the late forties, trains would stop on request to pick up or drop off passengers. This was in spite of the fact the railroad station that had stood along the track opposite the store and the post office had been demolished some years before, for what reason I don't know. ...Then there was the twice daily ritual of picking up and dropping off the mail on the fly, so to speak. A canvass mail bag with all the outgoing mail, especially constructed for the job, would be hung on the arm of a pole alongside the track. As the train whizzed by, a hook was

extended from the mail car which would catch the bag, which was automatically released from the pole. Simultaneously, another sack of incoming mail was thrown from the train. It bounced and rolled along the embankment and was picked up by the young man who had hung up the outgoing mail, and taken to the Post Office to be sorted and put into the mail boxes. There was no mail delivery to individual houses in those days. Everyone

came to the P.O. and either opened their own mail box or asked the Postmistress, Mrs. Driescher, to hand out the mail to them. ...The Post Office, in those days, was on the bottom floor of a two story frame house, in the invariably painted two tone brown, the upper floor being Mrs. Driescher's home. Young people went in fear of Mrs. Driescher.

Anyway, the railroad was more than just as couple of tracks



Virginia, David,
Mary Lou
Rawnsley

through the Village. This was during the days of steam, and since the line through Terrace Park was near the top of a long and straight grade coming up from the West, the trains did considerable huffing and puffing and whistle blowing while passing through the community. But with all

the noise and smoke, I don't remember hearing anyone complain. You got used to it, in fact even attuned to it, in such a way that it became part of the Village's atmosphere. It was only disturbing in its absence.

This represents a very small portion of Dave's recollection which can be viewed in its entirety on our webpage.