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SAVE THE DATE

Timeless Treasures House Tour

September 30, 2012 by 5 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 27 and \$20 thereafter. To purchase tickets call TPHS at 248-1777 or Kim Newton at 239-6568.

Holiday Brunch and Annual Meeting

Mark your calendars for Sunday, December 2, from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm, for our Annual Meeting and membership get together! We will be returning to the Terrace Park Country Club for another wonderful brunch. Details to follow.

TICKETS ON SALE NOW FOR "TIMELESS TREASURES" TOUR

The Terrace Park Historical Society is thrilled to announce the six homes that will be featured during its biennial house tour Sunday, Sept. 30. The theme, "Timeless Treasures," encompasses the wide variety of architectural designs featured on the tour and a construction period that spans more than 100 years.

Special thanks to the homeowners who are graciously opening their beautiful homes from 1 to 5 p.m. for this, the third house tour sponsored by TPHS:

- Debra and Doug Burgess, 202 Harvard Avenue
- Molly and Steve Cobb, 315 Miami Avenue
- Jill and Dan Freshley, 435 Elm Avenue
- Barbara and Tim Harth, 306 Rugby Avenue
- Joddy and Matt Perry, 815 Princeton Avenue
- Barb and Jack Smith, 609 Elm Avenue

Tickets are \$15 if purchased by 5 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 27 and \$20 thereafter. To purchase tickets call TPHS at 248-1777 or Kim Newton at 239-6568. Tickets will be delivered prior to the tour or made available for pick-up tour day at the gazebo on the Village Green, where same-day tickets will be on sale.

Local artists and crafts people will be on the green
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BURGESS HOME 202 Harvard Avenue



COBB HOME 315 Miami Avenue



FRESHLEY HOME 435 Elm Avenue

PRESIDENTS' LETTER

Dear Members,

As we start to wrap up the summer of 2012, I can't help but think it is a season for the (local) history books. First we had Nick Thoman win a gold and silver medal at the Olympics



in London, then we came really close to having a neighbor as the vice presidential candidate, and now the new school is about to open, ushering in a new era for children in the neighborhood. Lucky for them, the start of school is delayed until after Labor Day this year, letting them squeeze in a few more days at the pool before classes start.

We are looking forward to a great autumn in the village this year and excited for the house tour which will feature some of the most beautiful and unique residences in the neighborhood. We are fortunate to have such a diversity of architecture and style in TP and this tour, organized and developed by Sandy Koehler and Sue Porter, will offer a view into several interesting homes built during different periods in our history.

A couple of years ago I had the opportunity to purchase a 1930s map of TP drawn on blueprint paper and somebody had written the names of the families living in each house. Going over it I found two homes that are still in the same families that they were in the 30s- the Startsmans on Rugby and the Dronsfields on Miami (the house was built by Jennifer Dronsfield's grandparents, the Gehrigs). While it is not uncommon for children to grow up in TP and come back to raise their own families here, it is unusual to see the same house stay in a family for 70+ years. It is a true testament to the way people feel about this village. Enjoy the autumn, one of the most beautiful seasons in TP, and be sure to get tickets for the house tour.

Steve

TICKETS ON SALE NOW FOR "TIMELESS TREASURES" TOUR

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tour day, too, offering tourists and visitors the opportunity to purchase a "timeless treasure" of their own. Refreshments will also be available there.

Tour proceeds will help fund a self-guided audio tour of the community that anyone can access at any time via the TPHS website. Providing a most appreciated boost toward the fund-raising goal are the tour's nine sponsors:

- Chain Reactive - Tim Fening
- TechneGraphics - Gregg MacMillan
- Nationwide - Vivian Krueger and Jeff Krueger
- Michaelson Home Remodeling & Building
- Jane Yancey Architect
- Smith's Camargo Landscape
- Coldwell Banker - Mary Arkeilpane
- Early's Antiques & Auction Company
- Springwater Sweets & Flowers

It is suggested tourists stroll from house-to-house, travel via bicycle or by some other means to make parking spots readily available for those less mobile. TPHS is hoping local golf cart owners will make shuttle service available and encourages anyone willing to help in this regard to call tour co-chairs Sandy Koehler, 248-0033, or Sue Porter, 831-7418.



HARTH HOME 306 Rugby Avenue



PERRY HOME 915 Princeton Avenue



SMITH HOME 609 Elm Avenue

CAN YOU GUESS WHICH HOUSE.....

Once was the Marigold Tea Room? Is a reproduction of the Waldschmidt House, headquarters for the U.S. Army's Civil War post at Camp Dennison? Predates the 1893 incorporation of Terrace Park and was built by James W. Sibley for his son Frank

Sibley? Is a Del Ray? A Sears Modern Home that arrived in Terrace Park by railcar from a millwork plant in Norwood. This top of the line Honor Bilt kit was listed in Sears' 1922 catalog for \$2,557, and that included everything from precut lumber to nails and

varnish. Was built by James W. Sibley in 1895 for a tailor and his seamstress wife? It is also one of a dozen or so homes built to the same pattern during this era that became known as "Railroad Houses"? Is considered a "painted lady"?

RECOLLECTIONS...OF STORY STEVENS

From the transcript of Story Crandall Stevens: (entire transcript can be seen in the TPHS Archive)

Interviewers' note: Story was a 1945 graduate of Terrace Park High School, was senior class president and a talented athlete. He later won many awards during his military career. As of July 1 1977 General Stevens was promoted to Major General and assumed command of the US Army Aviation Research and Development Command, which he commanded until his retirement in July 1983.

Many of his awards are listed in this recollection. Story, during his time as class president, also wrote a very heartfelt and touching article regarding FDR's death. It too is seen below.

I=interviewer; S=Story Stevens

I: Can you tell me why you moved to Terrace Park?

S: Well, yes, my dad sold the house we had in Madisonville and he wanted to move out of that area. He had some friends in Terrace Park and liked that community so we decided to move there.

I: Story, then when you came to Terrace Park you began your freshman year of high school in Terrace Park?

S: Yes.

I: Okay, what was your first address...home in Terrace Park?

S: We lived at 505 Stanton Avenue. I was there of course for four years and then I was called up to active duty in the military...in about July of '45...my parents (Happy and



General Stevens

Bob Stevens) lived there for a while longer and then built a house next door and they lived there for quite a while.

I: So the 505 Stanton was the first home and then your parents built a home next door?

S: Yes, we sort of went together on a home next door and I think that address was 501.

I: That was the one on the corner right?

S: Yes, on the corner. It was a vacant lot prior to that time. My dad owned the lot.

I: When you were at Terrace Park High School can you tell me a little bit about the school and your experiences there, the education you received friendships, etc?

S: Of course at that time the classes weren't very large and so we knew everybody and made many good friends. I think we graduated only about 22 or 23, I'm not real sure...somewhere around there. I was active in sports which certainly was a lot of fun. Time went fast...had a lot of fun.

I: When you graduated

DID YOU KNOW?

In 1970, development of the "bird sanctuary" area as a recreation center with courts, diamonds, a jogging track and ultimately an ice skating rink was being studied by village council?

In March 1969 a bulldozer smashed the last remaining walls of the old Terrace Park Building and Loan office at Wooster and Elm? (now UDF) "Hans" Gehrig, (619 Miami Avenue purchased in 1929 and

sold to family in 1984) used to set Ivory soap trout lines in the little Miami below his home? Reason....of course, "Ivory Soap, see it float down the river like a boat"

Earl Runyon's Café in Miami Grove (currently the Miami Grove Nature Preserve) was considered the "roughest bar in Southwest Ohio" during the '40's and '50's? (Noted in Flach Douglas's memoirs of TP)

in 1945 you said you were called to active duty?

S: Yes, I had enlisted...there was a program at that time where you could enlist in the air force for pilot training. I took the necessary tests and was accepted, but then when the war in Europe was over they canceled that program and gave us the option of either getting out and registering for the draft or going into Army reserve or staying in the Air Force and going to navigator school or something like that. I had a good friend, Edward Hill, he and I decided to be paratroopers so we wanted to go into the Army. We both signed up for that. He got

called a month ahead of me, so I didn't go in until July of 1945. In 1953 I was discharged to go back and finish up at Purdue. I received my degree in chemical engineering. I did interview with several companies in various processes of the chemical industry, but decided chemical engineering wasn't interesting anymore after flying in the Army. I saw where the Army needed some pilots in the Corp of Engineers so I went to Washington and they said yes come on back. I went back into the Army and they sent me to helicopter school. I told my wife, Susie, (Susie Cosby was a 1944
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VOLUNTEERS ALWAYS NEEDED

Do you like to garden? Work on the computer? Read old editions of Village Views? Whatever YOU like to do we can find a volunteer position to meet your skills and interest! If you enjoy history too, all the better, but not required. We have a fun

group that work and visit on Thursday afternoons from 12 to 3. You don't have to stay the entire time or come every week as we are very easy to work with and (did I mention?) we have a lot of fun. Call the office 248-1777 or stop in to visit!

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graduate of TPHS) I was going to stay in for 20 years and get out but I never did.

Editor note: The complete transcript of Story Stevens is in the TPHS Archive. Some of his military awards and achievements are listed below:

Distinguished Service Medal
Legion of Merit w/2 Oak Leaf Clusters
Distinguished Flying Cross
Meritorious Service Medal
Air Metal w/13 Awards
Army Commendation Medal
Master Aviation Badge
Parachute Badge
General Staff Identification Badge

Inducted into the Army Aviation Hall of Fame, and the Order of St. Michael.

When Story was senior class president at TPHS he wrote the following in the school publication, Bulldog,

April 1945: (death of FDR)

“One of the most astonishing careers in all human history came to a shockingly abrupt end Thursday afternoon. Very few men have played as big a role on the world stage as Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

He broke many traditions and did many startling things and with such a record it was inevitable that he should attract supporters and at the same time develop much violent opposition.

Crippled by Infantile Paralysis in 1924 he spurned invalidism and became one of the world’s most powerful leaders in peace and war.

Few presidents were more alert to world developments than were Mr. Roosevelt.

He was commander in chief of the world’s largest armed force the United States ever mobilized which participated

in the world’s greatest war. More than any predecessor he brought the federal government into the life of every citizen.

He was responsible for far reaching social and economic reforms.

A son of wealth he was the hard-hitting champion of the forgotten man.

The workers will mourn his passing and remember him as the greatest benefactor of their economic welfare.

In the president’s passing minority peoples throughout the nation and the world have lost a great friend and leader.

Many Americans who opposed Roosevelt in life are now mourning him in death.”

Story and Susie currently live in Hilton Head South Carolina and occasionally return for TPHS reunions. Story was a recipient of the TPHS Outstanding Alum Award.