

Birthday Teamwork

Liberty Center's sesquicentennial anniversary celebrations were a proud success! Our historical society, the village staff, township trustees, school, library, church groups, and the business group/community all combined throughout the winter to plan for several events during the year. Each group took responsibility for sponsoring portions, and this new teamwork has sparked future community events for 2014 and beyond. All of this is just more proof of why Liberty Center has survived 150 years.

Specific note should be given to The Liberty Press, who went WAY out of their way to gather history stories and



print them in several issues, and to Louisa Strock and her Community volunteers who brought 150 years back to life with song and storytelling at the Fall Festival.

Depot Open for Business

In May, the historical society opened the depot to our long-time supporting members for an open house—beginning a year long use of the building for community events and private parties. Our authentic wood shingled roof is completed, and we have received money from our local Wal-Mart for our continued work this summer. The building is now available for our members to use for a free-will donation. If you aren't a member and would like to use the building for a bridal shower, anniversary or birthday party, class reunion, or something else, please complete a membership form from this newsletter and

send it to our post office box. Vern Meyer coordinates the depot schedule and should be contacted when reserving the building. Our next funding goal is to re-paint the building's exterior and re-create missing 1891 fretwork.

Please try to attend our May Annual Meeting at the depot and learn more about how you can become a volunteer or supporter—OR BOTH!

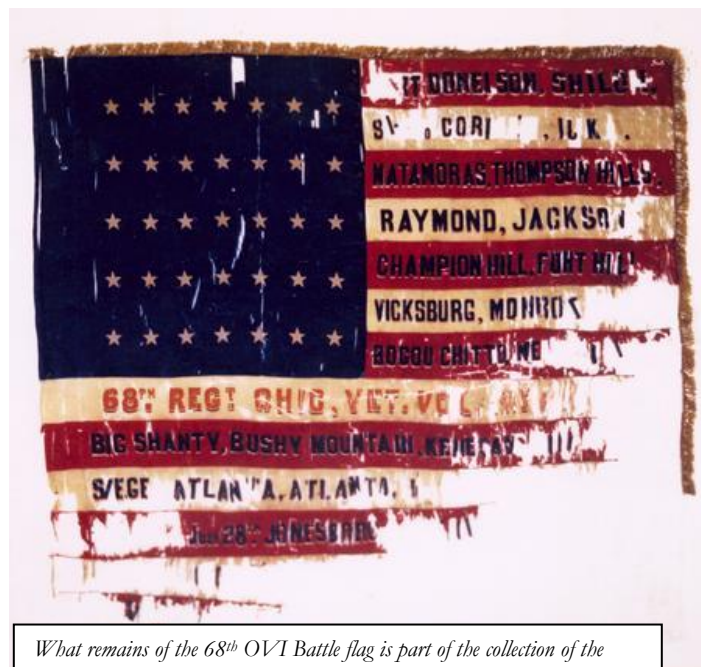
Sincerely,

John Swearingen

President

2014 Annual Meeting

A pot luck will be held on Thursday evening, May 22 at 5:30pm for everyone interested in local history. Each household is asked to bring a dish to pass. After a brief business meeting, we will hear a Civil War presentation by Henry County Local Historian, Russell Patterson.



What remains of the 68th OVI Battle flag is part of the collection of the Ohio Historical Society in Columbus, OH. Most of the volunteers from the Liberty Center area were members of this infantry unit during the Civil War (when Liberty Center was founded).

Spirit of Liberty

By Louisa Strock for our 19th Community Revue, Sept. 2013

Overture of All-American Tunes.....St. Patrick Bell Choir, Cindy Maas, Director

PART ONE

The time path back to June, 1863:

“Tenting Tonight,”
“Aura Lea,”
“The Battle Hymn of the Republic”

Plots in the Thicket, 1863

Growing Pains and Pleasures

Roaring Into the Twenties

PART TWO

The Binding Ties—Faith, Education, Service

As We Remember...

Tribute to the Armed Services

Initiative, determination, leadership, and cooperation were alive in the Spirit of Liberty today. “For the Community, by the Community and its Friends” describes this production dedicated to a commemoration of 150 years of living those principles.

TELLING THE STORY: Roger Fisher, Doris Piercefield, Karen Savage, Dan Seedorf, Charlotte Shrider, and John Swearingen, Jr., Dan and Cecile Chambers appear as Alpheus and Mary Buchanan, 1863.

MUSIC MAKERS: Merl Bauman, Cathy Leatherman, Patty Strock, Jerry Zawodny, the Bells of St. Patrick, the Liberty Day Singers

SOUND: Larry Hefflinger.

SCRIPT AND COORDINATION: Louisa Strock

SPECIAL THANKS: Kay Showman, Garry Cline, Janet Lyne, the Entire Company of Friends and Neighbors, the Historical Society, our Program Patrons and Sponsors, and The Liberty Center United Methodist Church, a continuous supporter since the first rehearsal for WABASH BLUES.

“Liberty Center Experience” on Facebook

Check out our collective stories, videos, and photographs. We have over 2000 members now!

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

President, John Swearingen, Sr., Vice-President, Mary Hill, Secretary, John Swearingen, Jr., Treasurer, Levern Meyer, Curator, Marlene Jones, John Eckenrode, and Dean Sherman

Curatorial Report

Our Curator presents the following items that were donated before January 1, 2013:

2012.1 – Union Rebecca Lodge - Liberty Center Chapter 273 via Louisa Strock

2012.1.1 - White Ceremonial Bible
– King James version

2012.1.2 - August 7, 2008 Liberty Press w/story of Rebecca Lodge.

2012.2 - Carolyn Weis Collection

2012.2.1 - Wooden Folding Chair from the R. H. Walter Funeral Home, East Street (west side), Liberty Center, OH.

2012.3 - Trustees, Colton United Methodist Church Collection

2012.3.1 - Scale Model of the church, approximately 1” = 1’

2012.4 - Leo Russell Estate Collection

2012.4.1 - Concrete Whistle Signal Post via Jack Hill

2012.5 - Arlene Adams Collection

2012.5.1 – Charter of the “Mothers of WWII” organization, 1955

2013 *Acquisitions and Donations will appear in the next newsletter*

Below:

Liberty Pharmacy, now Pisanello Pizzeria, west side of East Street



Annual Treasury Report

The following report is the financial standing of the corporation from January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012:

Balance forward as of 12/31/11 \$1,959

Receipts

Memberships	\$840	
Lifetime Memberships	\$500	
Donations	\$315	
Advertising/Sales	\$580	
50/50 Drawing	\$193	
Musical Revue	\$509	
Memorials	\$240	
Depot Rehabilitation Project	\$900	Total: \$4,077

Expenses

Festival Expenses	\$127	
Friends of The Library	\$207	
OLHA Membership	\$ 35	
Insurance	\$414	
Printing	\$150	
Repairs & Maintenance	\$823	
Rent & Speaker Fees	\$ 90	
Utilities	\$1,886	Total: \$2,932

SAVE THE DATES NOW!

The Immigration Story of the Maumee Valley

Lecture by Angie Quinn

Monday, January 13, 2014 7pm

Path Stone Migrant Education Center
County Road V, LC OH

Cabin Fever

Downtown Association Spring Event

Saturday, March 29, 2014, 9am - 1pm

Liberty Center Public Library and L.C. Depot

Old-Fashioned Ice Cream Social

Sunday, June 22, 2014, 5 – 7pm

Liberty Center Historical Society Depot

2013 Community Review

We thank the following patrons who helped make the restoration of the depot possible last year:

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Countryside Flowers & Homestead Design

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Liberty Mainstop

The Sharpe Design; Sharon Sharpe

Trucker's Paradise, Gene & Gerry Ripke

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* Dale Leininger * Kay Lingruen * RD Rigal * Maude Houts * Arvay
Sestrap * Larry Lanzer * Helen Shockey Leopard * Helen McOscar *
Orville Minnich * Marvin Mueller * Don Myers * Edna Myers * Helen
Spiess * Lawrence Warner * George Wiemken

Please remember to renew your annual membership to The Liberty Center Historical Society, Inc. and send this form to P.O. Box 106 Liberty Center, OH 43532-0106 (*complete below*)

Individual Membership _____ (quantity) or – \$10.00

Lifetime Membership _____ (quantity) \$100.00

Names _____

Address _____

Lifetime Members: Leo & Shirley Barlow * Dr. Gary C. Barlow * Betty Bartels * Kelly Bodenbender * Todd Bodenbender * Carolyn Boge * Margaret Bollman * Francis Brown * Lois Brown * Ken Carpenter * Mike Carpenter * Marianne Carpenter * Robin Carpenter * Cecile Chambers * Daniel Chambers * Elva Clague * Cheryl Crawford * Cinda Creager * Ralph Creager * Bruce Creager * Bernadine Drummond * Donald Drummond * Karen Ellinwood * Julia C. Engler * Colleen Spencer Fosnau * Ruben Fuerst * Lori Fuerst * Fr. F.A. Gallagher * Ron Garber * Kenyon & Deb Glanz * Aletha Halvorson * Mary Hill * Randy Hill * Patty Hill * Karen Howell * Dr. Diane Jones-Landrum * Dr. John Jones * Sheri Jones * Dr. Marvin Jones * Marlene Jones * Cecelia Kern * Charleen Keith * Jack Krueger * Marilyn Krueger * Judy Leininger * Rex Lingruen * Lavern Meyer * Mary Ann Meyer * Don Mickens * Keith Mickens * Sue Mickens * Norma Miller * Rick Miller * Ronda Miller * Sharon Miller * Terry Miller * Martha Minnich * Bonnie Mohler * Ted Mohler * Margaret Mueller * Bev Overmier * Dr. James B. Overmier * Kay Overmier * Milt Overmier * Pam Overmier * James Phillips * Mary Jo Peairs * Janice Rohrs * Sky Bank * Kay Showman * Charleen Snyder * Robert E. Stickels * Joel Spiess * Shirley Spiess-Landrmeier * Hilda L. Spiess * Ronald Spiess * L. Lyle Spiess

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If you don't see your name any more, it's time to renew your membership.

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Liberty Center, OH 43532-0106

THE LIBERTY CENTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.

...working to preserve the history of Washington and Liberty Townships of Henry County, Ohio, including the villages of Liberty Center, Colton, Texas, Damascus, Ratsville, and Fox's Corner