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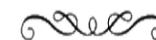


**PLEASE REMEMBER TO SEND YOUR 2016 MEMBERSHIP DUES!**

Send to Treasurer, Chuck Heis  
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**ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2016-2017**

The election of CTHS Officers took place at the March election. The present officers were re-elected for the 2016-2017 term: Earl Corson, President; Tony Torres, Vice-president; Shirlee Morgan, Secretary; Chuck Heis, Treasurer. Unfortunately, Melba Guard had to withdraw her nomination for President as she is moving to South Carolina to be near her daughter. We will miss her!



**SHAKER ANNUAL MEETING**

The annual meeting of Friends of Whitewater Shaker Village, Inc. was held at Fernald Preserve Visitors Center and White Water Shaker North Family Tour pm April 9th. This year's speakers, Brian Hackett and Christian Goodwillie, are two experts in the restoration of historic interiors. Dr. Brian Hackett, Director of Public History at Northern Kentucky University and former director of the Montgomery County Historical Society in Dayton, talked on his experiences of restoring historic interiors, and Christian Goodwillie spoke on what the original hue would have looked like using the original materials available to the White Water Shakers.



**MIAMITOWN BICENTENNIAL**

Miamitown in Whitewater Township celebrates its 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. Arthur Henrie its founding father, came from Cumberland County, New Jersey, and platted the town in 1816. Henrie was a man of many talents—a General surveyor for the Continental Congress, an attorney, land developer, mill and distillery owner, postmaster, inventor, and had military service. Many events are scheduled for the coming year (see below) and the celebration planners invite all neighbors to join them in these various activities!

**MIAMITOWN BICENTENNIAL EVENTS**

- February 27th—Wine Tasting at Art Center
- May 1st—Ladies High Tea at Town Hall
- May 30th—127<sup>th</sup> Memorial Day Parade & Reception
- August 27th—Miami Historical Society Car Show
- October 1st—Bicentennial Celebration Bicentennial Parade 2:00—Old Fashioned Fall Fest (Music, Food, Games, Beard Contest, Fashion Show & more)
- October 2nd—Art Show & Contest
- Nov 17th thru Jan 1<sup>st</sup>--Holiday Train Extravaganza at Town Hall
- December 10th—Train Show at Miamitown Elementary
- December 13th—Bicentennial Christmas Dinner at Town Hall

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## The Lincoln Literary Club

At the turn of the twentieth century, women, especially living in rural areas, were beginning to experience some relief from the busy workday duties, due to the modern conveniences of the time, allowing them the ability to socialize more. In 1910, Mrs. Stella Bowles invited women from Whitewater, Crosby and Harrison townships to her home and the gathering led to the formation of the Lincoln Literary Club—the first meeting being a few days before Lincoln's birthday. The premise was to discuss literature and current events, and mothers could bring their children to play together allowing the women to enjoy time with each other. The organization was formed, bylaws were written, and dues was set at 25 cents per year. The charter members were: Estelle Bowles, Mattie Chappelow, Carrie Radcliffe, Elmina Riese, Carrie Roudebush, Sue Roudebush, Jessie Bowles, May Roudebush, Anna Simonson, Pearl Oyler, Mayme Hann, and Bessie Stone. The group was still active in the early 1990s.

In those early years they read poems, discussed books, and the biographies of writers, and news of the day. In 1915, some subjects were "*Labor Saving Devices*," "*Co-operation of Children in House Management*" and "*President Wilson's notes on the Lusitania*." In 1917, along with their literary discussion they had sales of "country goodies" to raise money for the Red Cross, and they knitted for the "soldier boys." In the post-war 1920s the club joined the Western Hills Federation of Women's Clubs and topics continued to range from homemaking, to famous books, to the subject of "*Russians and Fins*" and "*Ohio's Earliest Civilization of Mound Builders*." In the 1920s, the financial state of the country sparked a talk on "*Depression College*," and "*Is Society Wet or Dry?*" In 1937, the noted novel "*Gone with the Wind*" was reviewed. They honored American women lauding Pocahontas, Molly Pitcher, Betsy Ross, Susan B. Anthony and Harriet Beecher Stowe.

(Robert Taylor, a long-time member of Crosby Township Historical Society gifted us with his book "*It Was Good To Be There*" containing his compiled history and minutes of the Lincoln Literary Club in which his grandmother, Leona Knose Bachman belonged. It is available to members by request. Thank you, Robert!)

The year of 1942 the women gave homage to a letter from England telling how their farm women survived the ongoing war. As the Second World War continued they sang and discussed patriotic songs and donated money from their treasury for the War Chest, and in 1946 shared "*President Truman's Address to the Nation*." Another topic was the wonder of communication with the radio. In the 1950s they saw Dwight Eisenhower, whose biography they had shared in the 40s, when the man was a general, now become the new President of the United States. They witnessed the effects on the country by the Korean War and saw Armistice Day changed to Veteran's Day. A report was given on the welfare of children called the "*United Nations Children's Fund*." Lighter programs were also shared like "*Poets and Novelists of Ohio*," and "*Stephen Foster lyrics*."

In 1960, the Lincoln Literary Club celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a luncheon at the Golden Lamb in Lebanon, followed by a visit to the Warren County Historical Society. Through the years, as transportation improved the ladies took excursions to Coney Island and LeSourdsville Lake and visited historical sites like the above mentioned Golden Lamb, Hillforest mansion in Aurora, and other places. They shared commentaries by Paul Harvey and Dale Carnegie. Some books that were discussed were "*Jonathan Livingston Seagull*" and "*Murder is My Business*." They gave reports on the local Shaker history, and remembered the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Morgan's Raid through Harrison. And, sadly, they read letters from soldiers who prepared for combat in the Vietnam War.

The Lincoln Literary Club was a gift to the women of the community and survived the passage of time. The organization witnessed four U.S. wars, and experienced the changes of society in its eighty-plus year existence. It left many fond memories.



## Historical Society

### Programs

**Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup>**—The beautiful Veraestau Mansion in Aurora, Indiana will be the topic of this month's program given by Jarrad Holbrook, S.E. director of Indiana Landmarks.

**Thursday May 19<sup>th</sup>**—David Lentz, Executive Director of University of Cincinnati Field Studies will speak on the research station established at the south Shaker dwelling for the purposes of archeological, geological, and environmental studies to serve students, teachers and scientists.

**Thursday, June 16<sup>th</sup>**—The McGuffey Museum at Miami University campus will be the program in June given by Steve Gordon, museum director. This dwelling built in 1833 was the site where this long-ago faculty member compiled the famed McGuffey Reader.

### In Case You Missed it . . .

There were no meetings in January or February.

In March Professor Don Henrich Tolzmann gave a great program on the Roebling Bridge which was dedicated 150 years ago this year. Don is the historian for the Covington-Cincinnati Suspension Bridge Committee, Curator of German-American Heritage Museum, and President of German-American Citizens League. Joann Augustus Roebling was born in Muhlhausen, Germany, in 1806 and immigrated to Pennsylvania in 1831. He was an engineering genius who accomplished many scientific endeavors before he took on the project of the suspension bridge over the Ohio River between Cincinnati and Covington using an improved design of wire twists of cable. The bridge was delayed for lack of funds in 1849, and then construction was halted due to the Civil War in the 1860s. His son Washington Roebling, a Union officer, stepped in to help with his father's project in 1864, and the bridge was officially completed in 1867 operating by tolls. Roebling went on to New York to build the same design which became to be known as the Brooklyn Bridge. Ironically, the man was injured while at the site and died from the injury.

### SALES CORNER

**STANLEY MC'CLURE'S CROSBY TOWNSHIP HISTORY BOOK**, published in 1992 is again available for purchase by our organization. The 118 page **CROSBY TOWNSHIP BICENTENNIAL HISTORY BOOK**, published in 2003 is also available, and both books can be purchased by contacting Karen Klaene at 513-922-3379 or E-mail her at [kklaene@fuse.net](mailto:kklaene@fuse.net). They are \$15.00. Additional fee for shipping.

**STANLEY MC'CLURE'S CROSBY TOWNSHIP CEMETERY TRANSCRIPTIONS COLLECTION**, published 1985 is available for \$5.00 (plus \$1.45 shipping).

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Regular member: \$5.00\*  
 Contributing Member: \$10.00\*  
 Family (3 or more, same household): \$12.00\*  
 Life Member: \$100.00 (one time)

Please mail dues to: Chuck Heis

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Our Officers and Board meet at 7:00 p.m. prior to each regular meeting, the third Thursday of each month, March thru December, at the Crosby Township Senior Center, 8910 Willey Road. Members are welcome to attend. 738-1440