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President's Report - Larry Wallace 937-620-2800

December has arrived. My first year as president is over and starting a new year will be challenging. We also have a good time working along side of a lot of good people.

2013 has flown by. A lot of time and hard work by everyone at the AWTHS has made it a very profitable year. With everyone doing the same in 2014 I know it will be just as rewarding.

The Christmas bazaar held the last weekend of November was well attended. We had a great day at the historical house selling Christmas items and other goodies. Thank you to Richard and Sharon Troutwine for the many hours they put into this event.

I hope to see a large turnout for the annual members meeting on Jan 9th at 7 p.m. for election of officers and directors. There will also be some tasty morsels for all. See below for details.

Again I wish to thank all those hard working people that chaired different events and those that chipped in to give them a hand to make it a very rewarding year for AWTHS. Without our volunteers it wouldn't get done. Please contact me or any other member of the board to see what you can do to help out.

Remember all membership fees are due now.

Carry-In Dinner January 9, 7:00 p.m.

Drinks, plates, cups and silverware will be provided.

The first initial of your last name indicates which food item you should bring.

A thru F - Dessert

G thru P - Salad Or Vegetable

Q thru Z - Meat

AWTHS Officers and Directors

President	Larry Wallace	620-2800
Vice President	Rob Lindenborn	621-3709
Treasurer	Jerry Kramer	692-5764
Rec. Secretary	Pat Jones	662-9114
Corres. Secretary	Gayla Metzcar	692-5904
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	Dave Flora	692-8413
	Terry Mills	692-5582
	Jeff Puterbaugh	692-5302

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March 13, 2014 7:00 p.m. Program: AWTHS 10th Year Anniversary

"The Founding of Arcanum Wayne Trail Historical Society"

March 25, 2004 an exploratory meeting was held to discuss forming a historical society. On our 10th anniversary some of those who attended that first meeting will share details of the planning, the purchase of the "house", as well as the renewing and refurbishing of the 1894 building now home to AWTHS. Keith and Carolyn Furlong, Bill Gunder, JoAnne Hill, and Fred and Carolyn Troutwine will discuss those first years. Guests on the panel will be Glynn Marsh and Sue Cummings of the Randolph Township Historical Society. Glynn and Sue were very helpful during that organizational period sharing what they learned when organizing their historical society.

Come ask those questions you've always wanted to know and find out where we go from here. Join us March 13th at 7:00 as we begin a year of celebrating our 10th anniversary.

Committee Reports - Carolyn Furlong 548-6556

Acquisitions: Since this is the Christmas season I thought I would mention a couple items of interest. The next time you visit the historical house check out the framed wall hanging of the Rike-Kumler Toy Land newspaper ad, circa 1940. It features toys, all well known to most of us. It is what childhood dreams are made of and should ignite our own memories of being so excited awaiting a visit from Santa. Also check out the album of vintage Christmas cards.

Membership: A reminder that it is time to pay dues. Lets make 2014 a big year for memberships. Encourage friends and relatives to become involved with AWTHS.

Housekeeping: When I was cleaning and preparing for a rental, I decided to gather a few willing members to organize a house cleaning day. So anyone interested in volunteering, please give me a call 548-6556. It has been a long time coming and the dust is getting the upper hand.

Southern Darke County History - Annette Stewart 692-6462, Genealogical and Reference Librarian
News - We hope you have enjoyed the two displays at the Arcanum Public Library: September was on old schools in Arcanum and Pittsburg area. October was "Honoring Those Who Serve" with an emphasis on our military. The display also included old transportation photos, newspaper clippings, and family photos from our reference library collection as well as personal collections. We appreciate the library allowing us to share with them.

Honoring Our Veterans - Our first "Honor Our Local Vets" was held prior to Veterans Day. We had around eight veterans who attended. Attendees showed appreciation of the event and also they appreciated the opportunity to converse with other who served. We enjoyed their sharing of stories and past memories.

Ideas For National Historical Preservation Month: For those interested in helping or organizing an event for the month of May, 2014 we will hold a meeting in January. Please let me know your ideas or interest. During May 2013 we held a program about the Founder of Arcanum, had a displayed at the Arcanum Library, and researched and wrote about four different old homes and farms in the area. The stories were then showcased in the local newspapers as well as the library. Some future ideas could include old house or business tours, town tours, displays in businesses, or researching and writing about buildings in the local area. Another idea is to have a special event during Old Fashioned Days. Criteria are preservation and historical efforts.

Needs - Our reference library has grown from an accumulation of reference materials and photos into an organized collection. Specific locations include 2 cabinets downstairs, reference room upstairs, as well as computer materials and files. We are grateful for all our donations which makes a super collection. However, at times we need help with the following: putting photos and a variety of materials in sheet protectors, indexing, re-organizing binders and photos, photographing items, and help with computer work. Please volunteer if you can help with any of these area.

Hosting And Open Hours - AWTHS is open the "First Saturday" of the month, 9 a.m. to noon, during the winter and spring. Please volunteer to host or to help assist with Annette and Bill. This can be a mentoring process to learn about research, house history, and where materials are located. There are always "little but important" things that need done.

Save The Date *Wool Penny Rug Workshop* Member Nora Mahoney and Brenda Zarka will conduct a workshop about wool penny rugs Saturday April 5th beginning at 10:00 a.m. Nora and Brenda will share some history of penny rugs along with demonstrating the technique. Attendees will have an opportunity to make a small project. Some of their finished pieces will be displayed. If you wish more information contact Annette, 692-6462.

Brenda and Nora have been involved in the needle arts since they were teenagers. Over the years, they have completed projects of apparel, counted cross stitch, embroidery, crochet work, quilting, rug hooking and wool penny rugs. Last year they both made a wool and cotton applique quilt. They are currently working with wool yardage and wool felt penny rugs. Penny rugs were homemade and popular during the mid 1800s. The penny rug is named for the template that was used to cut the wool pennies.

WWI and WWII Trivia

WWI New 1918 Food Program: Monday is wheatless, Tuesday is meatless, Wednesday is wheatless and Saturday is porkless. One wheatless meal every day. One meatless meal every day. Save sugar every day. Save fats every day. Arcanum Times 2-1-1918.

WWII Dealers must list all tires and tubes, even obsolete.... New autos are being rationed. 1942
 Farm machinery now being rationed. Farmers must make application to purchase.....

Farm Machinery frozen as of November 1... 1942

Gasoline Ration Registration will start November 9, 1942.... Speed limit is now 35 miles an hour. Those caught speeding will lose any tire certificates.... 1943

Above excerpts were compiled by Anita Short from the Arcanum Times . See "Arcanum, A Secret Place" pages 216 and 217 to learn more about how our communities were effected by the wars.

"For the war effort, scrap metal was collected from people and their farms, from old machinery and car parts. Another item collected were milk week pods which were used to make parachutes. Rags and cardboard were also collected." From "Remembrance of Country School" by James Roehrborn in "Countryside" magazine, September/October 2013

Christmas Bazaar Results - Richard and Sharon Troutwine 692-5128

Another very successful Christmas bazaar is over. Thank you everyone for all of your help in so many different ways and of course for your kind donations and purchases.

Our profit was approximately \$3,500 (as yet not all monies have been collected). That is not as much as last year but still remarkable. Our In-House Raffle brought in \$156. The winners were: Marilyn Bixler - Wreath (created by Kim Jackson); Minda Howard - Snowman Gift Package (donated by Larry & Annabelle Wallace); Marlene Mitchell - Decorated Sleigh; Carolyn Siculan - Poinsettia Center Piece (Donated by The Rose Post); Tammy Meyer - Father Christmas; Brenda Arnette - Snowman.

The 50-50 Raffle added \$320.00 to our total. First place of \$150 was won by Wilson Bunger; 2nd place of \$100 went to Lyle Bixler; 3rd place of \$70 went to Jerry Kessler.

Our door prize of Christmas Ware (Donated by Larry and Annabelle Wallace) was won by Donna Bunger.

Special Thank You to Carolyn Trump for the handmade doll clothes, purses, & bags; Betty Shank and Kim Jackson for creating beautiful glittery wreaths and centerpieces; Carolyn Furlong for designing many of our wreaths, trees and organizing Beck's Boutique; Fred & Carolyn Troutwine and Jenny Quigney for designing the tomato cage creations; Larry Wallace's sister for all of her beautiful Christmas decoration donations. Barb Deis for organizing the Country Store and Gingerbread Bake Shoppe, Connie Payne for all her donations and also for advising and creating many unique items; Sandy Warner and Nora Mahoney for their hand made scarves; and Jeannie Miller who once again did a terrific job in advertising our Bazaar.

Our next project will be **Old Fashioned Days**, it will be here before we're ready. We need some new and clever ideas for our plant and garden sale. Think spring!

2014 Membership Form**Mail to AWTHS, P.O. Box 4, Arcanum, OH 45304**

Name _____ New _____ Renewal _____

Phone Number _____ Receive Newsletter by Email - address _____

Address _____

City, State and Zip code _____

___\$15 Single ___\$25 Family ___\$50 Sponsorship ___\$150 Corporate ___\$1000 Lifetime

Your additional tax deductible contributions are also greatly appreciated \$ _____

Your participation is needed for AWTHS to exist and for continuous growth. Please check the area where you can serve.

___Acquisitions ___Newsletter ___Membership ___Programs ___Ways & Means

___Historic Sites ___Education ___Nominating ___Flower Garden Care ___Yard Care

___Genealogy ___Publicity ___Design/Displays ___Publications

___Adopt A Highway ___Typing Research Papers

Local historians and authors Bill Gunder and the late Anita Short wrote several books on local history. Their books each cover different stories which show life in a vibrant town. Our community is fortunate to have these local history books for quick reference as well for pleasure reading.

Books for Sale * History of Arcanum*The Secret Town - The Story of the Founding of Arcanum, Ohio* \$20*Arcanum, Ohio Business History (1852-1968)* \$25*Arcanum Chronicles*-Opera House, Sports, Parades& Celebrations, Brig. Gen. Ed Sigerfoos,
Grassville Quartette, Christmas, Chautauqua, Fast Horses, District 7 Ithaca School \$20*Arcanum Chronicles Volume 2* - Fire Department and Arcanum Public Library \$18**To purchase books contact: Barbara Deis 678-7832, Bill Gunder 692-8000, Board Members or our website****On Going Projects**

Euchre Parties - First and Third Friday of each month - Dave & Beth Flora 692-8413

Hall Rental - Carolyn Furlong, 548-6556 Aluminum Can Recycling - Keith Furlong, 548-6556

For Sale - Historic Arcanum books, Bill Gunder, 692-8000 Arcanum Note Cards

Donation of Appreciated Stocks - Richard Troutwine, 692-5128 or Todd Durham, 2nd National Bank, 548-2206

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Calendar of Events

First Saturday Of Each Month * Visitors Hours 9 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Reference Room 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

All Membership Fees Are Due January 1, 2014

January 3 & 17, 2014	Euchre Card Party	1:00 - 3:30 p.m.
January 8, 2014	Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.
January 9, 2014	Annual Membership Meeting/Carry In Dinner	7:00 p.m.
February 5, 2014	Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.
February 7 & 21, 2014	Euchre Card Party	1:00- 3:30 p.m.
March 5, 2014	Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.
March 7 & 21, 2014	Euchre Card Meeting	1:00 - 3:30 p.m.
March 13, 2014	Membership Meeting	
	Program: AWTHS 10th Anniversary	7:00 p.m.
April 5, 2014	Demonstration: Wool Penny Rugs	10:00 - Noon

Just a Reminder

- * Books written about the people and the history of Arcanum make nice gifts.
- * Bring your friends to the Euchre Card Parties.
- * Place only aluminum cans on the back porch for recycling .
- * Submit personal stories: family history, Christmas & Thanksgiving Memories, School Stories.
- * Renew your AWTHS membership, also ask family and friends to join.
- * Items for the May Plant and Garden Sale are now being accepted. New ideas needed!
- * Contact the reference librarian, she needs your help.