

Conneaut
Christmases Past
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Past Conneaut
Area Historical
Society
Newsletters



Conneaut Township Park

December 1998

The Society's largest expense in 1998 was a \$300.00 rental charge for six months on a storage shed for items given to us. On January 1, we will have to renew our rental, as we still have no suitable place offered to be the Historical Society house. Please Help Us Find a Home!

The Conneaut Area Historical Society meets the 4th Tuesday of each month 7:00 p.m., at the Masonic Temple, State Street, Conneaut. We have an average of 20 members, plus guests, in attendance. Our guest speakers, all from this area, have been most interesting and greatly appreciated. Members bring items to auction. Proceeds benefit our Society. Refreshments and Social time follow. Everyone has a great time. Please join us and bring a friend.

December 1999

A big thank you to Dr. Parminder Singh for his great generosity. When you purchase his book, "Conneaut, In My Memories," from our Historical Society, Dr. Singh donates \$10.00 back to our society for each book sold. So far, our Society has sold 40 books. If you are interested in purchasing Dr. Singh's beautiful book, call Bob Blick 593-2385 or Sue Howard at 593-4896.

For our readers at a distance, if you haven't seen Dr. Singh's book, let us describe it. Dr. Singh sees what we fail to grasp, and he captures it in exquisite photos. The largely local scenes cover a broad range of current views. Lake Erie freighters, rural areas, nature, ponds, creeks, lightening and gorgeous waterfalls. He even takes such everyday scenes as commercial building and a few industrial spots, showing them to us in a new light. You'll see our beautiful century plus city hall along with several other city buildings, a railroad museum, a few churches, and one of the octagon houses.

Christmas Dinner Successful

The Historical Society's Annual Christmas Dinner and get-together was held Tuesday, Dec. 18, 2001 at Pape's Restaurant with 36 members and guests attending.



President, Ed Wharton, (above) presented a thank-you plaque to Nick and Debra Pape for their generous donation of the historic freight depot to the Conneaut Area



December 2002

Grants

The CAHS has received \$4,000 grant money from the Ashtabula Foundation. This will be used toward re-roofing our museum. The money is truly appreciated and will give us a big start to get going on the renovation of the Old Depot, making it our museum. There are 4 other grants pending, which we will hear from in 2003. We still need lots of monetary help. The museum needs a new floor in the front section of the building, new windows, new wiring and much cleaning and fixing up. Outside needs include scraping and painting. Anyone wishing to contribute toward the renovation, please let us know.

December 2003

Did you know?

The Old Girdled Road was built in 1798, connecting Conneaut with Sheffield, Plymouth, Austinburg, Harpersfield and Mechanicsville, Ohio. The Old Girdled Road was for many years known as Mad Anthony Wayne Road.” The Indian Pathfinders Association of Cleveland declare that General Wayne was never known to have been in this section of the country and that he had nothing to do with its construction. The road was never used, as immigrants preferred the road near Lake Erie.

March 2004

Our Christmas Dinner at Laughlin’s Manor was a big success. The food was delicious, service was excellent. Also, Joel Laughlin gave us the history of the house, which was built by Pond Lumber, owner E. E. Brydle. Our members thoroughly enjoyed the evening.



December 2005

Big Society News

Have you heard? We have received a very generous donation. Bonnie Allchin has donated the Octagon house as well as the carriage house and the Dye House on Liberty Street to our Society. The Octagon House is to be used as a Museum set up to represent the later 1800s, while the other two houses are to be rented for upkeep money. A plaque is to be placed on the Octagon House in memory of her parents, Robert and Margaret Schatz. We are very appreciative of Bonnie's generosity. This is very exciting, but will be a lot of work for the group.

December 2006

CAHS Officers for 2007

President- Edwin Wharton

Vice President- Rosemary Bennett

Secretary-Sue Howard

Treasurer- Sue Howard

Steering Committee Members

Jerry Gee

Arnold Howard

Rosemary Bennett

John Colver

Norman Gross

Nancy Lamb

Joan Barnett

Bertha Pratt

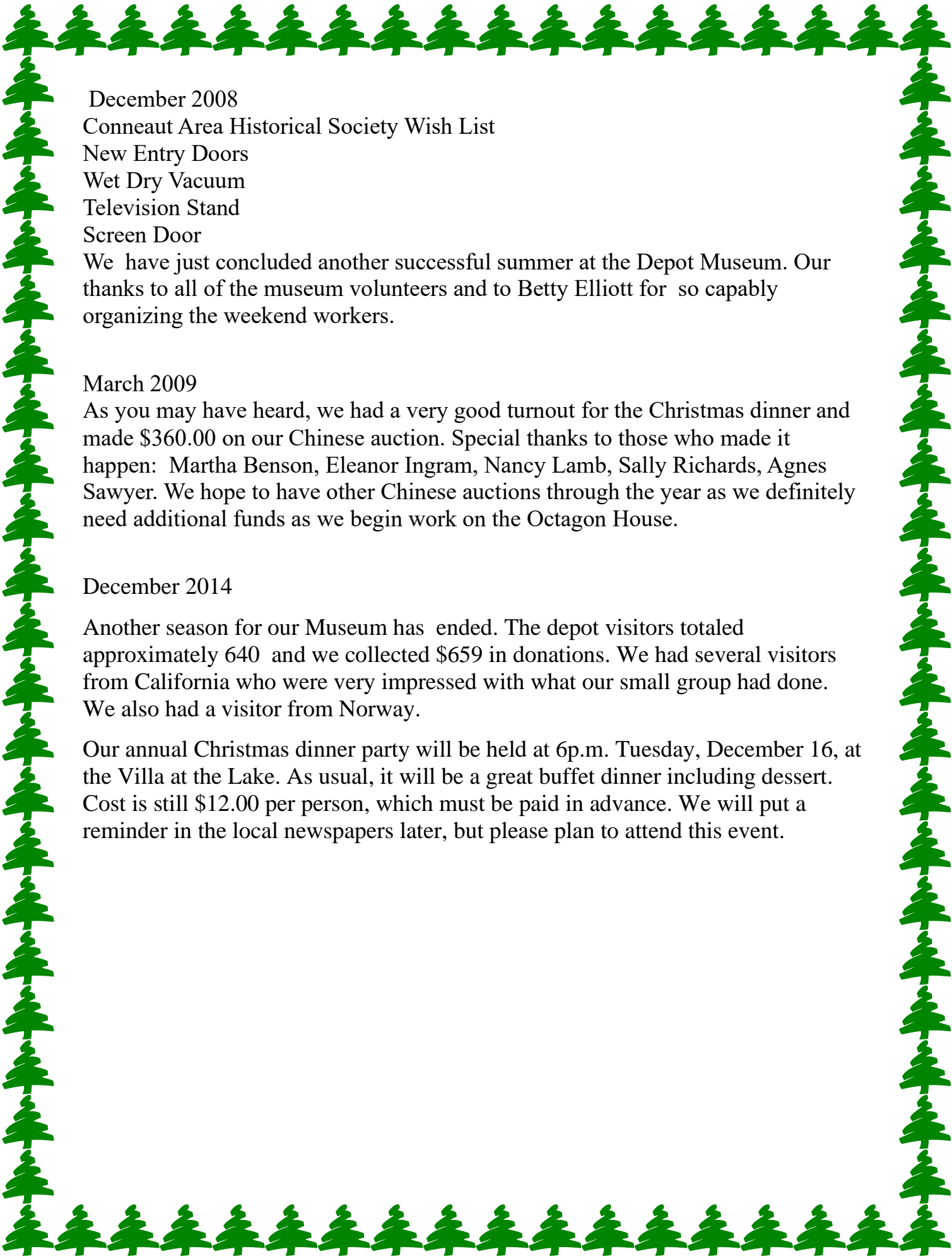
Delmas Bennett

Jack Mathay

December 2007

The annual meeting of the Society was held on November 27th. An affirmative vote was cast for the bylaws that were restricted and updated by a committee of Bert Drennen, Jack Mathay, and Sally Richards to comply with federal, state, and local laws. Trustees will now be elected to three-year staggered terms. Nominating committee Delmas Bennett, Nancy Lamb, and Jack Mathay presented officers for 2008 and the following trustees for election: Delmas Bennett, Betty Carnegie, Betty Elliott, Nancy Lamb, and Jack Mathay.

The depot has been winterized and arrangements made for snow plowing.



December 2008

Conneaut Area Historical Society Wish List

New Entry Doors

Wet Dry Vacuum

Television Stand

Screen Door

We have just concluded another successful summer at the Depot Museum. Our thanks to all of the museum volunteers and to Betty Elliott for so capably organizing the weekend workers.

March 2009

As you may have heard, we had a very good turnout for the Christmas dinner and made \$360.00 on our Chinese auction. Special thanks to those who made it happen: Martha Benson, Eleanor Ingram, Nancy Lamb, Sally Richards, Agnes Sawyer. We hope to have other Chinese auctions through the year as we definitely need additional funds as we begin work on the Octagon House.

December 2014

Another season for our Museum has ended. The depot visitors totaled approximately 640 and we collected \$659 in donations. We had several visitors from California who were very impressed with what our small group had done. We also had a visitor from Norway.

Our annual Christmas dinner party will be held at 6p.m. Tuesday, December 16, at the Villa at the Lake. As usual, it will be a great buffet dinner including dessert. Cost is still \$12.00 per person, which must be paid in advance. We will put a reminder in the local newspapers later, but please plan to attend this event.



March 2015

From a hand-written note found at the Museum that was written by the late Bob Blickensderfer:

Conneaut had three cheese factories in the 1800s supplying more than three tons per year.

The late Dean Horton said the arch of the stage in the city hall is still intact as is the ticket office, which is hidden behind a blackboard in the hall,

September 2017

We finished out another successful year at the depot with more than 670 visitors and \$770 in donations. Jerry Janco has continued working there during September and has had the building open for visitors, approximately 37, on many days. He has received additional donations and sold some odds and ends for an additional \$300.00. We will reopen on Memorial Day Weekend, 2018.

March 2018

We are looking forward to spring so that work can begin again at the Museum and the donated Pape's building. The contractor replaced part of the roof on the previous restaurant in the fall and will complete the work when the weather breaks. We did get a \$5,000 grant from the Morrison foundation for the roof, but donations to help pay our portion are welcome.

Election of officers was held at the December 19 Christmas dinner at the Villa at the Lake. Conneaut Area Historical Society Officers for 2018

President – Jim Jones

Vice President- Jerry Gee

Secretary- Joan Barnett

Treasurer- Patricia Jones

Refreshment Chairperson-Ann Seline

Steering Committee Members (Trustees)

Jerry Anderson

Susan Anderson

Joan Barnett

Delmas Bennett

Jerry Gee

Norm Gross

Lee Hughlett

Jerry Janco

Jim Jones

Patricia Jones

Nancy Lamb

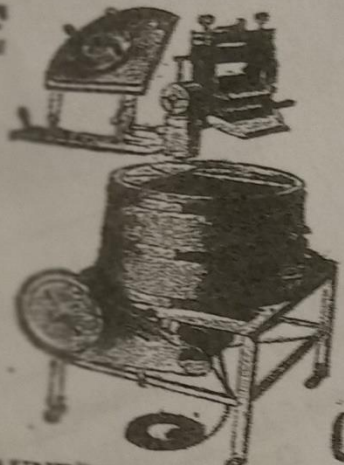
Jack Mathay

Karl Rowbotham



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December 2019



Christmas List
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2022

- Visit our repainted building.
- View our remodeled rooms.
- Enjoy our new exhibits.
- Renew Membership Dues



Christmas Future

Merry

Christmas!

