

Renewed Remembering: The Newsletter of the Conneaut Area Historical Society and the David Cummins Octagon House



Alan Jackson

Let it be Christmas everywhere
In the hearts of all people both near and afar
Christmas everywhere
Feel the love of the season wherever you are
On the small country roads lined with green mistletoe
Big city streets where a thousand lights glow

Let it be Christmas everywhere
Let heavenly music fill the air
Let every heart sing let every bell ring
The story of hope and joy and peace
And let it be Christmas everywhere
Let heavenly music fill the air
Let anger and fear and

hate disappear
Let there be love that lasts through the year
And let it be Christmas
Christmas everywhere

Let it be Christmas everywhere
With the gold and the silver, the green and the red
Christmas everywhere
In the smiles of all children asleep in their beds
In the eyes of young babies their first fallen snow
Elderlys' memories that never grow old

Let it be Christmas everywhere, Let heavenly music fill the
Let every heart sing let every bell ring, The story of hope and
joy and peace
And let it be Christmas everywhere, Let heavenly music fill the air, Let anger and fear
and hate disappear
Let there be love that lasts through the year
And let it be Christmas, Christmas everywhere.

Let it be Christmas everywhere, In the songs that we sing and the gifts that we bring,
Christmas everywhere. In what this day means and what we believe, From the sandy
white beaches where blue water rolls, Snow covered mountains and valleys below. Let it
be Christmas everywhere, Let Heavenly music fill the air, Let every heart sing, let every
bell ring, the story of hope and joy and peace, and let it be Christmas, Christmas every
where.



We Remember

“Remembering” was the name of the original Conneaut Area Historical Society newsletter. Joan Barnett was the last editor, and with her death and the Covid pandemic the newsletter has not been published for a time. It seemed fitting to name this new version of the old newsletter “Renewed Remembering,” in honor of the former editors including Louise Legeza and Joan Barnett who edited and published the newsletter for so many years. We hope you enjoy it!

The President’s Paragraph

The Conneaut Area Historical Society wants to thank you for your continued support. As always, new members are welcome. You can call: 440-599-6011 with further questions or write to Conneaut Area Historical Society, P.O. Box 563, Conneaut Ohio, 44030. Our Historical Museum street address is: 518 Mill Street and our David Cummins Octagon House address is 301 Liberty Street, Conneaut, Ohio 44030. Come and visit us. Jim Jones, President

Up to Date and Doing with the Conneaut Area Historical Society and the David Cummins Octagon House

Another Conneaut Area Historical Museum season has whizzed by as fast as the summer. We celebrated our 28th Anniversary Labor Day weekend with free hot dogs and festivities. It has been an eventful 28th years, full of progress, joys, and sorrows. In the last few years we have lost some long-time, faithful members, including Jack Mathay, Rosemary Bennett, and Karl Rowbotham in July. They are missed and mourned, both in the Society and in the Conneaut Community.

Our joys include reopening the David Cummins Octagon House with a June Open House. We plan to keep it open all winter as a base of operations for our historical society, since the historical museum doesn’t have heat. The Octagon House hours are Friday, 12 to 3, and on Saturdays and Sundays we are open from 12 to 5. Come and visit us. As well as antiques and a unique building, we have Conneaut history displays, scrapbooks, city directories, school year books, and military, musical, and other interesting exhibits.

We also have a monthly history program on the third Wednesday of every month that we changed from Time Travel Tuesday to Hump Day History Wednesday. In November, Chris Anderson presented a program about the Miss Conneaut and Miss Ohio Pageants. His mother, Sandy Subetich Anderson won the Miss

Conneaut Pageant in 1967 and advanced to the Miss Ohio Pageant held in Lima, Ohio, that year. She was chosen Miss Congeniality for the Miss Ohio Pageant. A few years later, Sandy's sister participated in the Miss Conneaut Pageant.

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Snowed Under by Digging Out

Winter arrived in Ashtabula County, especially Conneaut, with an avalanche of snow the day after Thanksgiving and we are still digging out. We had planned at least two Christmas teas on December 5th and 7th which we had to cancel because the snow kept peeking in the windows. We decided to combine the teas and schedule them for December 14th. The tea will have a 1940s theme and Connie Naylor will present a 1940s memory program. We are also planning a December 15th Christmas Open House. Please come and have some Christmas tea with us at the Open House from 12 to 5 p.m.

So we are busy and we know you are too, but take some time to drop in and see us at the David Cummins Octagon House, and mark next Memorial Day on your calendar for the next season for the Conneaut Area Historical Museum and the David Cummings Octagon House.

Conneaut Area Historical Museum.

Museum Steering Committee

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Jerry Anderson	Pat Jones
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Debby Herbel	Nancy Lamb
Mo Tanner	

Kathy Warnes

Museum Officers

Jim Jones, president
Jerry Janco, vice-president
Pat Jones, treasurer
Debbie Jones, secretary
Kathy Warnes, historian



Barn Quilt Square No. 11

In the fall of 2023, Steering Committee Member Debbie Herbel painted our museum Barn Quilt and it is proudly displayed on the front of our museum. We are thrilled to be a square in the Ashtabula County Barn Quilt patchwork and a traveler on the Ashtabula Barn Quilt Trail. The barn quilts celebrate Ashtabula County's agricultural heritage, including the

Underground Railroad network, natural areas preservation, and Great Lakes maritime history.

Barn quilts stretch from the Ashtabula Lighthouse to the Pennsylvania borders and into Lake and Trumbull Counties. These trail guides take visitors to the heart and stories of Ashtabula County history. More than 110 barn quilts on both public and private buildings display the tourism and historical attractions of Ashtabula County. For more about the history, purpose, and quilt creators of the Barn Quilt Trail, go to their website at Ashtabula County Barn Quilt Trail.

Tiaras and Roses, the History of the Miss Conneaut Pageant



Chris Anderson from Allegheny University and a Conneaut Area Historical Museum member presented the November program which he called "Tiaras and Roses, the History of the Miss Conneaut Pageant."

Chris's mother, Sandy Subetich Anderson won the Miss Conneaut Pageant in 1967 and advanced to the Miss Ohio Pageant held in Lima, Ohio, that year. She was chosen Miss Congeniality for the Miss Ohio Pageant. A few years later, Sandy's sister also participated in the Miss Conneaut Pageant.

As he researched the Miss Conneaut Pageant, Chris discovered that the Miss

Conneaut Pageant dates at least as far back as 1924 and was affiliated with the American Legion.

American Legion Community Bazaar

Miss Conneaut 1924
Florence Eaton



Won a Ford Coupe
Worked for Nickel Plate Railroad

Miss Conneaut 1925 **Elarka Marie Towne Hakanson**



Beauty Winner 2 Years
Tackles City's Books
Without Fears.

(Plain Dealer Special)

CONNEAUT, O., Dec. 9.—An attractive appearance and a charming personality won the title of Miss Ohio in 1925 for Elarka Marie Towne, but it took brains, combined with the other two traits, to win her the distinction of being the first woman elected city auditor of Conneaut.

Not that Conneaut ever had any doubt about her intelligence. But when attractiveness and brains are combined, there may be some doubt about which will triumph.

For instance, in 1924, Miss Towne was valedictorian of her high school graduating class here. The next year



Ms. Conneaut 1933 Ruth Christman


Win Popularity Honors, These Five Girls
 * * * * *
 To Yellowstone * * * * * They'll See Cent

Happy? Ask Any One or All of Them


Happy?
 Maybe that was a dumb sort of a question for your interviewer to ask a girl who's just won the title of Miss Conneaut in a popularity contest. Trite, sure, but isn't it the sort of thing our public wants to know? We'll proceed on that premise anyway.

The answer was obvious too. Ruth Christman, who was there on top in the last roundup of votes Sunday, was wildly excited about it. She had just come to The News-Herald to see the bulletins posted and she found her name first and foremost among the five winners of trips to Yellowstone park and the World's Fair.


And to what do you attribute your success?



RUTH CHRISTMAN



FLORA PANANEN



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Five Girls Will See Yellowstone Park or th
 * * * * *
 They'll See Century of Progress * * * * * To Ye

Sweep to Victory In Voting


"My friends," she said simply. "They were grand to me." It was hard work, she admitted soliciting votes when she had to take time out to work every day. But fun, too, and she was grateful to the people for their aid in her campaign to win.

Miss Christman's joy in victory was tempered a bit by regret for the contestants who did not win, but she's anticipating a glorious time at Yellowstone. The stage is all set for that. And it's the first time she's ever been away from home for such a long trip.


Miss Christman's remarks were typical of the others whose pictures you see here. They were glad they'd won and glad the others had. And so is the rest of Conneaut.




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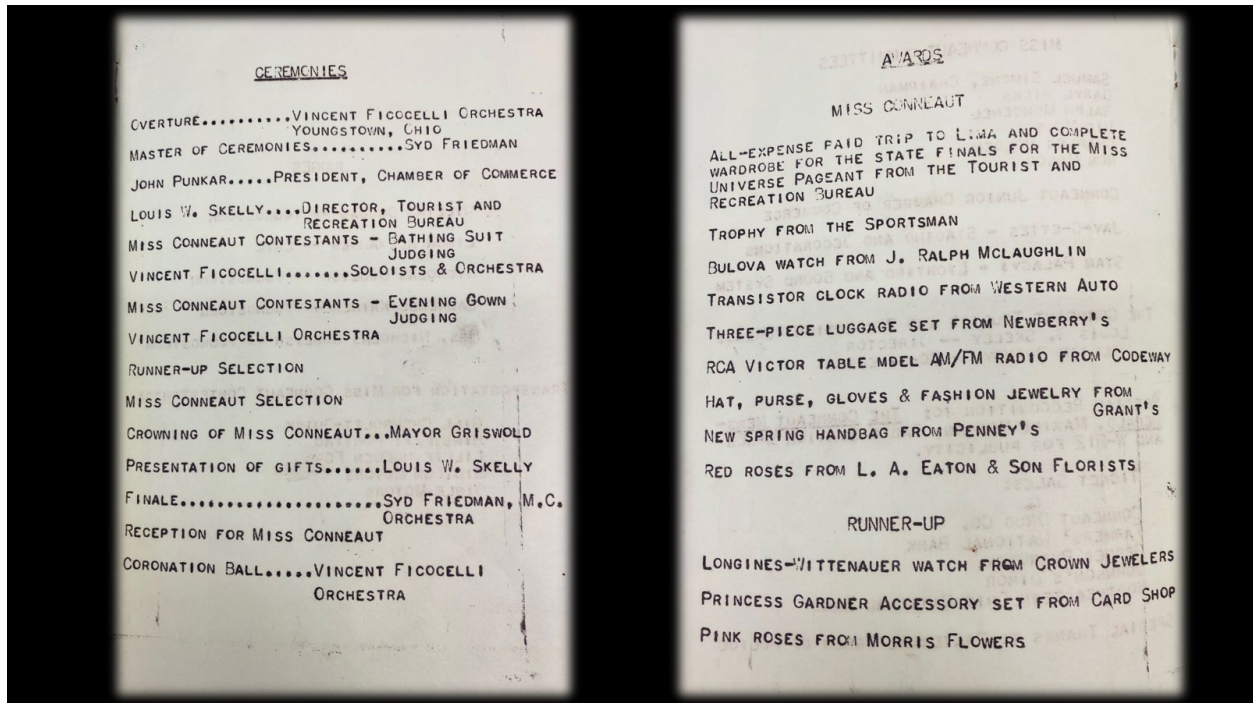
Ms. Conneaut 1967 Sandra Sebetich



Miss Sandra Sebetich
MISS CONNEAUT
"1967"

Sandra Sebetich – Ms. Conneaut
William Sanger – Rotary President
Colleen Dobbins – 1st Runner-up





Sarah B. Schenck
1928 – 2013

**Helped revitalize
the Miss Conneaut
pageant in 1970 and
supported it until
1999 retirement.**



**Ms. Conneaut
1974
Barbe Sanford**



**Sandi Kurdas
Miss Ohio 1975**

**Miss USA pageant
New Orleans**



**Ms. Conneaut
1975
Deanna Joslin**

**First Runner-Up
1975
Cindy Sebetich**



Ms. Conneaut 1974 Contestants



Jill Curtis, 17
Mr. & Mrs. Stuart Curtis
228 Parrish Blvd.



Victoria (Vicky) Evans, 15
Mr. & Mrs. Ted Evans
1000 Buffalo St.



Jacki Force, 16
Mr. & Mrs. John Force
261 Bloor St.



Janet Greene, 15
Mr. & Mrs. Aubrey Greene
500 Creek Rd.



Joan Kozesky, 18
Mrs. Walter Kozesky
and late Walter Kozesky
1011 Main St.



Linda Lawrence, 17
Mr. & Mrs. David Lawrence
1011 Main St.

1989 Ms. Conneaut Contestants



**Kelly Creager
Hamler, Ohio**

**Miss Conneaut 1997
Miss Ohio 1998**



**Miss Conneaut
Scholarship
Pageant
2000**



Chris discovered much information in his research, but as often happens in researching a topic, he also uncovered many more questions about the Miss Conneaut Pageant's beginnings and also its end. One of the last Pageant booklets he discovered is dated 2000 and it is now called the Miss Conneaut Scholarship.

Chris and the Conneaut Area Historical Society historian are doing further research to discover when exactly the Miss Conneaut Pageant began and the winners and Pageant details through consecutive years. We are also further researching the connection between the state pageant and the Miss America and Miss Universe Pageants. If you have any pictures, documents, or other information about the Miss Conneaut Pageants, please email Chris Anderson or kathywarnes@gmail.com

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He is the co-founder and Director of Northern Arizona Trail Runners Association, Retired, Williams and Tusayan Ranger District Archaeologist, Kaibab National Forest

*Merry Christmas
And a Happy New
Year!*



Patron's Pages

Join Our Patrons Program

The Conneaut Area Historical Museum is excited to announce a new Merchant Patron program which is available to any local business who desires to help our museum to function and improve. For \$50 per year (January to December, renewable every year) we will include your business name and phone number in the publications the museum produces, including a monthly newsletter, any future books the museum produces, and our website. If interested, send your donation of \$50.00 to P.O. Box 563, Conneaut, Ohio 44030. We will include you in our list of great merchants and businesses in this area.

*American Legion Post 151
162 Broad Street
Conneaut, Ohio
440-593-2205*

*Angela's Café
268 Lake Road
Conneaut, Ohio 44030
440-593-6060*

*Conneaut Dairy
Queen
1009 Main Street
Conneaut, Ohio
440-593-2765*

*Biscotti's
Restaurant 186
Park Avenue
Conneaut, Ohio
44030
440-593-6766*

*Chris Brecht State Farm
Insurance Agency
216 Main Street Suite B
Conneaut, Ohio 44030
440-593-1191*

*Conneaut Creek
Veterinary Clinic
West Main Street
Conneaut, Ohio 44030
440-593-7387*

*Leslie & Donald O'Bell
2 Bretenahl Place
Bretenahl, Ohio 44108*

Crafty Shanty
183 Park Avenue
Conneaut, Ohio
44030

Kathi's Golden
Retrievers of
Albion

11790 Penside
Road

Albion, PA 16401

Lake Erie Auto

West Main Road

Conneaut, Ohio 44030

Lynn Armington

48 Ranch Road

Willoughby, Ohio
44094

Marcy Funeral Home

208 Liberty Street

Conneaut, Ohio 44030
440-593-4253

Gerdes Pharmacy

245 Main Street

Conneaut, Ohio
440-593-2578

Maureen Mo Tanner
930 Main Street
Conneaut, Ohio 44030

Port Conneaut Federal Credit Union
1002 Broad Street
Conneaut, Ohio 44030
440-593-7350

Rainbow Café
263 Main Street
Conneaut, Ohio 44030
440-593-2504

Susanne Trigg
Canfield, OH

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humor podcast where in each episode two
foreigners living in Oslo discuss one weird
thing about Norway.

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Membership Application



The dues period runs from January through December.

Single \$15.00_____

Couple \$20.00_____

Family \$25.00_____

Patron \$50.00_____

Name_____Address_____

City_____State_____

_____Zip Code_____

Phone Number_____

Would you be willing to volunteer at the Museum or at the Octagon House during the summer months or help us with winter projects?

The Conneaut Area Historical Museum is open Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from noon until 5 p.m., starting on Memorial Day and ending on Labor Day.

The David Cummins Octagon House is open from Memorial Day to Labor Day from noon until 5 p.m. We also plan on keeping the Octagon House open during the winter for special programs and tours. What day or time is best for you?

Thank you for your membership.

P.O. Box 563. Conneaut, Ohio 44030