

Massillon Heritage Foundation

October 2020 Newsletter

President – David Darnell

Our newsletter usually allows us to report on things that have happened. In this issue, we also have a few things that didn't happen. The coronavirus has caused the cancellation of MHF activities at Five Oaks, including summer tours, and our planned 2020 Spring Gala. This has resulted in the loss of income that would have been used in the ongoing preservation and restoration efforts at Five Oaks.

There has been activity at Five Oaks since our last newsletter. After the completion of the most recent phase of exterior restoration, the Foundation began the task of replacing the increasingly unreliable lift with a new elevator. The installation was nearly complete when the virus outbreak caused the cancellation of most events at Five Oaks. The new elevator is now in operation and is ready for service when activities resume at Five Oaks.

While significant portions of the slate roof were put into top condition last summer, there have been minor water issues that have surfaced. One of these areas is above the ceiling in "Aunt Annie's" room. This is believed to be from a leak in the rubber material on the floor of the north balcony, which is just above the fireplace in that bedroom. Repairs have been made by Advanced Industrial Roofing. Fred Horner, President of the company and former board member, has donated his firm's services for the repair.

Although activities at Five Oaks have been curtailed, there is still a constant need for restoration. This mission will continue with the continued support of memberships, donations of our members, and grants. Thank you!

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Welcome New Board Member – Rosanna Pizzino, July 2020

Roseanna has been a lifelong resident of Jackson Township. She is a graduate of Jackson High School and attended Kent State University. She has been employed in the banking industry for more than 40 years. Her experience is focused in the Private Banking area having launched several programs in the Stark County market, including the former First National Bank of Massillon. She currently is the Senior Vice President/Manager of Private Banking in several markets within Huntington's footprint.

She has been active in the community serving on various boards including the Boys and Girls Club of Massillon and the Jackson Belden Chamber of Commerce. She enjoys gardening and spending time with her two grandchildren.

Retiring Board Members - Thank you!

Ed Hare ~ Ed joined the Heritage Board in 1997. He was Gala Chair his first year on the board. He became President of the Foundation in 2002 and had the privilege of presiding during the installation of the lift. After serving as president, he became our capital campaign leader. In 2011, a new boiler was installed at Five Oaks. The old pipes leaked, and asbestos was found. The contents of the basement needed to be moved and stored. Ed graciously offered storage at Atkinson, Feucht, Hare Funeral Home. This benefited Heritage and the Woman's Club.

He initiated the Capital Campaign for the new elevator prior to retiring from the board. Ed and his wife Nancy graciously donated many hours to the Foundation. Thank you, Ed, for your 23 years of devoted service!

Peggy Haunty ~ Peggy became a member of the Massillon Heritage Board in 1996, following the footsteps of her mother, Gertrude Meek, who was a charter member of the Foundation. During her 24 years as a board member she served in many capacities. The Fall Brunch, Wassail Bowl, and Annual dinner meeting were some of her duties as Special Events Chair. Peggy also served as Membership Chair for 10 years. During the Summer Sunday Tours, she served as a cashier. Thank you, Peggy, for your many years of enthusiastic service!

Rhonda Warren – Rhonda became a member of the board in 2018. Prior to serving on the board she volunteered on the fund-raising committee for Showcasing Massillon Heritage. She was extremely helpful planning menus and testing new recipes before they were served at our events. For a brief time, Rhonda also served as Treasurer.

We thank Rhonda for sharing her many talents with us and wish her and hubby, Norm, a very happy retirement in Florida.

David Distelhorst ~ David was the Local History and Genealogy Librarian at Massillon Public Library when he joined the Heritage board in the Summer of 2019. In the short time he served on the board he was a docent and helped with planning the Capital Campaign for the new elevator. David moved from Massillon in December 2019 to begin a new career.

We will miss his creativity and input on the board. We wish him all the best in his newest endeavor.



Retirees recognized at Annual Meeting Peggy Haunty, Lorie Pedro, and Ed Hare. Dave Darnell, MHF President is in the background

If you are passionate about historic preservation, please consider serving as a trustee on the Heritage board. We meet monthly and plan various activities throughout the year for members and guests of all ages. We also manage grants and donations for restoration and preservation projects. Please contact Dave Darnell, (330–209–3580) if you would like to help or have any guestions. We are currently looking for someone to fill the office of treasurer, and are always in need of other talents to assist our mission.

We have some great projects planned for the coming year and look forward to new ideas.

Tour Report - Nancy Thatcher & Doug Scheetz

Summer Tour Schedule: As well as other cancellations this year, we were unable to offer Sunday Summer Tours.

If you received Tour Passes with your membership, please share them with friends and relatives for a free tour next year, 2021. Hopefully, we will again be able to give tours of Five Oaks and the orange 2020 Tour Pass cards will happily be accepted!

FYI – We are always grateful for Docents. If helping with the tours of Five Oaks sounds fun to you, please contact Doug Scheetz at 330–737–1106 or Nancy Thatcher at 330–833–0520

Education and Community Outreach – Massillon Woman's Club, Patty Carmola and Massillon Heritage Foundation, Linda Tarle, co-chairs

Education & Community Outreach activities are on hold, but that does not mean the planned activities will never happen. Keep up to date with the activities in Heritage newsletter, website: five-oaks.org, and on our Massillon Heritage Facebook page.

Memorial Donations Received

Massillon Heritage Foundation received donations in memory of the following members. Our deepest sympathy goes out to the family and friends of these members and to any member that has passed.

Robert E. Dawson – 3/18/1923 – 12/7/2019 Lucia A. Sampsel ~ 12/16/1948 – 12/31/2019 Dianne R. Day ~ 10/31/1945 – 12/31/2019 Margaret T. Bryan ~ 5/30/1922 – 4/9/2020 Roger W. Riffle ~ 6/1/1942 – 8/12/2020

Any gift in memory of a loved one or as an estate bequest is deposited in the Endowment Fund of the foundation and allows us to continue our mission. Thank you!!

Events - Past and Future

Spring Gala - Saturday, April 18, 2020 Cancelled

Just as invitations to our 2020 Spring Gala, The Anniversary "Til Death Do Us Part!" were received in the mail, the pandemic hit. Our planned Murder Mystery Dinner will one day return and we can search for clues to find out "who done it!"

<u>Decorated Christmas Tree Raffle</u> ~ Only 50 tickets will be sold, \$100 per ticket. Winner will be drawn at MHF board meeting in October. All tickets are SOLD!!!

Community Candlelight Walk - cancelled for 2020

Wassail Bowl - cancelled for 2020

Annual Dinner Meeting – Monday, February 8, 2021 Invitations will be sent if able to hold the meeting.

Kendal / Union Cemetery Pole Dedication & Flag Raising Ceremony

Last summer, the Massillon Heritage Foundation erected a monument to Massillon's early settlers at The Kendal Burying Ground on the corners of Andrew Avenue and 9th St NE. Thanks to the efforts of Massillon Heritage Foundation board member John Patrick Picard, a flagpole has now been placed at the site. The pole was originally located at the former Doctors Hospital. It was preserved and donated through the generosity of Bob Gessner and James Marshall. The City of Massillon Parks and Recreation Department, who maintains the property, was responsible for the installation. John Patrick and Kim Picard have installed solar lighting at the top of the pole and have donated the first flag.

The August 22 flag raising ceremony was attended by about 60 people. MHF vice-president Doug Scheetz delivered the opening remarks. A wreath was placed at the monument by Louise Moore of the Massillon Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. The flag was raised by members of the American Legion Post 221. After all recited the Pledge of Allegiance, The National Anthem was sung by Patty Carmola. Massillon Mayor Kathy Catazarro-Perry was the speaker. Her remarks were followed by the benediction, given by Major Tom Perks of the Massillon Salvation Army.



Visit our website five-oaks.org to view photos of this and previous events of the Massillon Heritage Foundation. Video and articles on the cemetery monument and flagpole available to view at:

https://www.cantonrep.com/news/20200822/flag-flies-in-memory-of-massillonrsquos-kendal-cemetery

https://www.indeonline.com/news/20200110/get-moving-visit-one-of-massillonrsquos-oldest-landmarks

https://www.indeonline.com/news/20190630/newly-dedicated-monument-marks-kendal-burying-ground

A Moment in History ~ John Meinhart, the contractor and stone mason at Five Oaks

John was born August 15, 1848 in Bensheim, Germany in the state of Hesse. His parents were Johann Meinhardt and Maggie Schuman. Johann Meinhardt or Meinhard was a stone mason and builder and there is at least one church still standing that he worked on in Bensheim. Johann died very young at the age of 38.

John Meinhart (dropped the 'd' in the US) came to the USA in 1867 or so. He may have come with his mother and three sisters or they came later. He either landed in NYC or travelled there afterwards. He married Amelia Bangert in NYC in 1872. After seven years in NYC and having three children, they moved to Massillon, Ohio. They had a total of 11 children. He died at the age of 79 and he is buried in St. Mary's cemetery along with many other Meinharts. His mother and two sisters died in NYC and one sister moved near him in Canton where she died.

John started his general contracting business, John Meinhart and Sons in Massillon. His company laid the brick for the streets in Massillon. They built St. Mary's Church, the Charles Steese House, Five Oaks, schools and many other churches and homes around OH, IN and PA.

A note from his great, great granddaughter, Michelle De Long:

We heard many stories about Five Oaks from our Great–Grandfather Edward Meinhart, (John's son) but the one that we remember most is that when the floors were put in and the varnish was applied and dried, my great grandfather (he was 12 at the time) and his siblings were brought into Five Oaks and they skated around the floors in their stocking feet to polish and buff the floors!

I have attached a photo of John and Amelia with their children and a photo of John, his sons, and workers with the stone for the buildings. Our great grandfather is in the back row third from the right. John Meinhart is in the front row second from the left.





Michelle's cousin Lisa has done research on John and how much he and his sons built in Massillon. She did this research by reading through the Massillon Newspaper archives. This is an abbreviated list of buildings that they partially helped build and helped worked on some of the stonework.

Massillon Evening Independent Bldg-

at SW corner of Erie and North St (razed)

Pille Bldg – Lincoln Way W(razed, currently part of the Walgreen's site)

McClymond's Bldg (Owner of Five Oaks) – NW corner of Lincoln Way & Erie St

Segner Bldg - SE corner S Erie and Oak St

Graber Bldg - SE corner of Tremont & 6th St SW (destroyed by fire)

Schuster Brewing Co ~ West side of Tommy Henrich Dr (razed)

N Cherry St Schoolhouse, Canton, OH

Massillon Bottle and Glass

There are more structures, but this is a good idea of how much of Massillon John Meinhart built; and that his work should be attributed to him.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN – NEW ELEVATOR AT FIVE OAKS

The new elevator at Five Oaks is now a reality. In late January, workers began removing the old lift and then installing the new elevator. Work continued for over two months. During the days and hours that the Massillon Woman's Club was not staffed, a Massillon Heritage Foundation board member was on site (approximately 225 hours).

Automatic doors are one of the major improvements in the new unit. It will service all five levels – floors 1, 2, and 3, basement, and the outside ground level. The control panel features pushbuttons to select the desired levels, opening and closing of doors, and an emergency call button that will reach a live person, 24 hours a day, if needed.

The elevator was custom built to fit in the existing shaft, which was constructed by The Massillon Heritage Foundation about 20 years ago. The machinery room in the basement next to the shaft is also being used for the new equipment. There are many, many pieces and parts in the new system that most of its users will never see. Over 60 photos taken during the project show various components and stages of the construction and are available for viewing at the Massillon Heritage Foundation Facebook page.





The board of the MHF appreciates the generosity of all the foundation members who contributed to our Capital Campaign, and to the Massillon Woman's Club, who has committed \$75,000 to the project. The total cost of the elevator was nearly \$170,000. Thanks to all who contributed to this project!

Elevator Capital Campaign - Donations received to date: \$83,680

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The 2020–21 Membership Drive will be sent out in November. We look forward to your continued support of our mission; to receive and administer funds for the purpose of acquiring, restoring, preserving and maintaining properties of historical significance to Massillon and the surrounding area for use in scientific, educational and charitable purposes.

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