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MARCH PROGRAM

Steamboats on the Western Waters Of the USA

The March program of the Mason Historical Society will be a well-researched and illustrated presentation on "Steamboats on the Western Waters of the USA" by Mr. Dan Back at the Alverta Green Museum Annex on Monday - March 23, 2020 @7pm. Dan is a well-known and respected local and National Inland River Historian who resides in nearby West Chester (Gano), OH. Some of our members will recall his presentation last year on the Ohio Canal system and can expect another very informative and entertaining discussion about steamboats and their importance to the overall development of the United States. Dan has a marvelous collection of photos of steamboats and other inland watercraft to augment his diligent research for his presentations on the subject. We hope to see you there for this program. Light refreshments will be provided.

Larry Jeffers

Message from the Prez:

As March comes in like a lion we look forward to the birds singing, leaves emerging and the weather warming as we head into Spring. Let's hope that Punxsutawney Phil is correct and Spring comes early this year!

Included in the newsletter this month is the 2019 budget results for your review. We were a little over budget mainly due to building & museum enhancements such as painting the exterior of the accessory building, replacing the carpeting on the first floor of the museum, adding additional fencing to the side yard and the player piano restoration. All actions taken to maintain and enhance our beautiful campus and museum.

Just a reminder to please send in your membership dues if you have not done so already. Your membership is the lifeblood of MHS. Also remember that the museum hours will be back to normal in March so make a point to stop by. Stay warm & thank you for your ongoing support of MHS.

Jay Meibers

MHS 2019 Income

Income	Amount	PERCENT
City of Mason matching funds	\$8,000.00	26.853%
Donations	\$4,019.00	13.491%
Membership	\$4,010.00	13.460%
Ice cream social/auction	\$3,012.00	10.110%
Annual raffle	\$2,894.00	9.714%
Memorials	\$2,160.00	7.250%
Cemetery walk	\$1,720.00	5.773%
Gift shop sales	\$1,503.24	5.046%
Brick memorials	\$700.00	2.350%
Yoga	\$622.00	2.088%
Misc.	\$526.69	1.768%
Kroger community rewards	\$449.23	1.508%
LaRosa's fundraising	\$175.15	0.588%
TOTAL	\$29,791.31	100.000%

MHS 2019 Expense

Expense	Amount	PERCENT
Museum operations	\$7,361.02	21.961%
Renovations/Repairs	\$7,190.36	21.451%
Insurance	\$2,845.80	8.490%
Electric/Gas	\$2,465.01	7.354%
Gift Shop Merchandise	\$1,421.98	4.242%
Copier	\$1,153.81	3.442%
Postage	\$1,143.43	3.411%
Raffle	\$1,058.60	3.158%
Property Improvements	\$997.97	2.977%
Cemetery Walk	\$924.71	2.759%
Utilities	\$872.69	2.604%
Bank & CC fees	\$851.10	2.539%
Telephone	\$804.96	2.401%
Lawn Care/Landscaping	\$695.00	2.073%
Janitorial	\$633.85	1.891%
Misc.	\$627.59	1.872%
E-Commerce Fees	\$435.15	1.298%
Brick Engraving	\$429.00	1.280%
Security	\$419.40	1.251%
Ice Cream Social	\$406.81	1.214%
Dues	\$310.00	0.925%
IT support	\$246.00	0.734%
Honorariums	\$225.00	0.671%
Total	\$33,519.24	100.000%

Our Secret Got Out....

How many of you remember receiving a new United Telephone book in early summer? We have copies of all of them here at the Alverta Green museum should you ever need to look up an old number or address. One of my favorite features were the community descriptions within the first few pages. Let me share with you the 1976 written version of Mason. (By the way, do you also remember only being able to call Lebanon and South Lebanon for free with everywhere else being long distance?)

MASON A great place for living A great place for business

"In 1971 Mason became a city. A generation ago it was a rural village of mainly white frame homes with a small business district scattered along Main Street.

One of the fastest growing cities in the area, Mason owes its development to its strategic location near the center of the Southern Ohio growth area. With nearby interchanges on Interstate Highways 71, 75 and 275, it is within easy shopping, commuting and trading distance of Cincinnati, Dayton, Hamilton and Middletown. The city is served by the Penn-Central Railroad and has modern water, sewer, gas and electric systems. (No internet or Wi-Fi back in those days.)

Mason is the home of the annual Kings Island Open, a P.G.A. Golf Tournament which helps support the boy scouts. The Mason Bicycle Festival is an annual affair sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and is a fun weekend for all ages.

Within or near the city are four golf courses, with more planned, three swimming pools, indoor tennis club, ten churches and a variety of retail stores and services. Many service clubs and veterans' organizations including Kiwanis, Lions, Jaycees, Grange, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the American Legion function within the community, as well other fraternal and youth groups. Taft Broadcasting Corp. has opened its \$20 million amusement park, Kings Island. Also nearby is the Little Miami River, the first Ohio river proposed for protection under the Federal Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, with planned areas for canoeing, picnicking and camping.

Within an hour's drive of Mason are the facilities of Cincinnati, Dayton and suburban shopping areas, several universities and colleges, art and science museums, major league baseball, football and hockey teams, a nationally recognized symphony orchestra, motion picture and legitimate theaters and a number of state and local parks. Mason is served by first-class public and parochial school systems.

Founded in 1815 as Palmyra, Mason once was a day's stagecoach ride from Cincinnati, more than a day from Dayton. Today with both cities only minutes away, it's a pleasant community where the city meets the country."

Obviously, the early efforts of residents, business owners, and city government helped to establish Mason as an incredible community to live, work or play!

Submitted by Perry Denehy



A Mason Local

Patsy Diangelo Jr., 89, of Mason, Ohio passed away unexpectedly Wednesday, January 29, 2020. He was born on October 23, 1930, a son to the late Pasquale "Patsy" Diangelo Sr. and Irene Verno Diangelo.

After attending Washington High School (PA), he married the love of his life, Dolores, on December 30, 1950, shortly before serving in the Army during the Korean War. After several other jobs, he started the Mason Shopping News Guide in 1966 that grew into the Pulse Journal. After selling that paper, he worked with other community newspapers, creating results others could not match. His love for working with people and easy manner meant he never met a stranger. When first coming to Mason, he joined others to start the Mason Chamber of Commerce and put up the city's first holiday decorations. He became a fixture in the area, known for his newspapers, his salesmanship and his civic mindedness. And not least for his colorful everyday attire — as well as his outrageous get-ups in Mason's annual parades. These ranged from dressing like an Old-World vendor pushing a wheelbarrow and hawking newspapers, to riding on the running board of a vintage car dressed as Bugsy Malone and staging a mock bank robbery. At the Sesquicentennial Festival he was the town marshal.

He hosted Santa Claus in his downtown building, sometimes donning a Santa suit himself to help. He garnered broader community support for Mason HS sports programs through donations and activities and volunteered to man the sideline chains during high school football games. He was a member of the Mason Historical Society for many years (see August 2014 for an article in Connections). Upon his official "retirement" in 1996, the Mason Mayor declared January 10th "Pat Diangelo Day" and the Warren County Board of Commissioners issued a resolution expressing appreciation for his career of community service.

All reflected his high priority for community investment and figuring out ways to leave a lasting impact. A devoted husband, father and "Pappap", he took great pride in his extended family. He always figured out solutions whenever there were family disagreements. Despite running various businesses, he seldom missed family sports events, social gatherings, and recitals. He was a member and usher at both St. Susanna (Mason) and St. Andrew (Myrtle Beach) Catholic churches. He enjoyed dancing, especially the Jitterbug, most recently cutting a rug at his granddaughter's wedding just two short years ago. He was loved by many and will be missed by all. He and Dolores took special interest in supporting expansion of Warren County's services to children with mental disabilities, creating better opportunities for their daughter and similar children. How they raised Gina and worked to improve the broader Warren County environment for special needs children was included in the documentary film "Welcome to Holland". The film director noted them as pioneers, blazing the trail for children like Gina to be included in Mason public schools. The annual resiliency award given during the Remarkable Families Symposium sponsored by Xavier University is also named the Diangelo Resiliency Family Award in their honor. He is survived by his wife Dolores, three sons, one daughter and their families.

Submitted by Dave Andersen



Happy Leap Year!

This July, the United States of America will celebrate its 234th birthday. But this month, we can celebrate our Nation's 60th leap year on—get this—February 29, the 60th day of the year! Whoa.

But wait, there's more: this special Leap Month also includes five Saturdays! For this to happen, January 1 had to fall on a Wednesday (which it did—remember how much fun mid-week holidays were to make plans for?). Five occurrences of any given weekday in one month should normally happen every 28 years (7 days x 4 years, easy-right?*), but the gap can increase to 40 years, as there is typically no leap year for "century years." There are, however, "exceptions to the exception"—in order to more precisely fine-tune our Gregorian calendar, a century year is occasionally re-designated as a leap year. This recently happened in 2000, which was a leap year (and included five Tuesdays). The next February with five Saturdays will be in 2048.

By the way, Lent will be one day longer in 2020, as leap day falls between Ash Wednesday (February 26) and Easter (April 12). Plan accordingly.

*Not so fast—the very fact that a leap year adds an extra day to the year (366 vs. 365) complicates matters to a degree which we decline to dive into here."

Would you consider donating?

We would like to create a 1960's era living room atmosphere in one of our rooms at the museum. If you have any period furniture (small couch or loveseat, coffee table, lamps, etc.) that you would be willing to donate, please contact Perry Denehy at (513) 444-9882 or Perrydenehy@gmail.com. Additionally, a Barber's chair is also on our wish list. We would be able to pick up your items as well.

Thanks for your support.



Subject: City Founder William Mason and our LEGO City Hall / Two cities pizza.

Available!! Memories of Mason 2nd edition

Memories of Mason the 2nd edition is available for purchase at the Alverta Green Museum for \$10.00. They make great gifts and a great edition to any collector of Mason history. Thanks for your support.

Note From the Editor

Remember this is your newsletter. If you have any contributions or suggestions for making the newsletter better, I'm easy to reach.

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Remember the things that happen today, no matter how small, are tomorrow's history.

Thank you.

Denise



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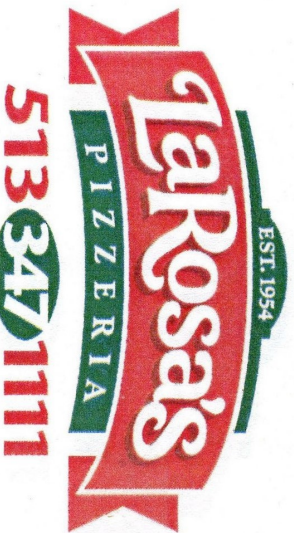
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