

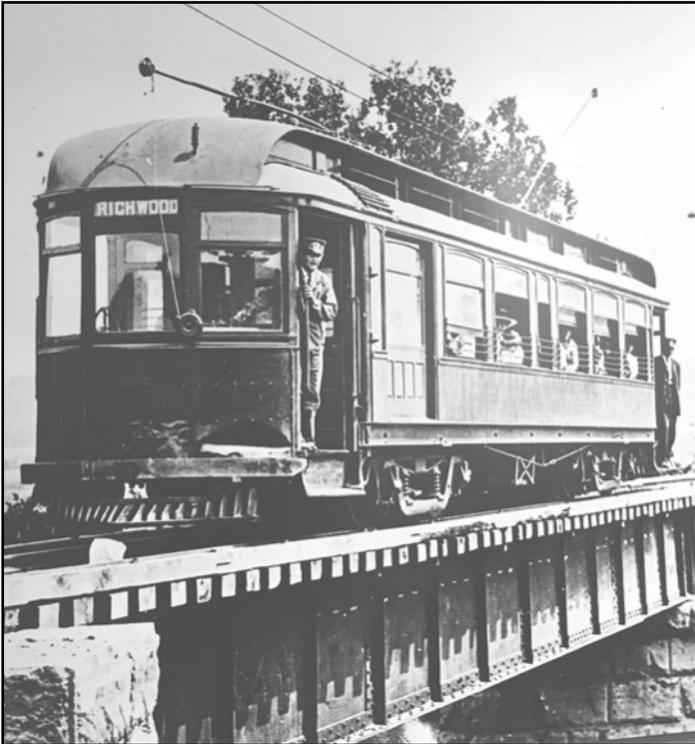


# Delaware County Historian

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## Meeker Homestead Museum To Open



Examples of Interurban cars and street cars in Delaware and Delaware County

(DCHS Archives)

### By Benny Shoults

The Society will open the Meeker Homestead Museum on April 23 with an exciting new exhibit telling the story of transportation in the city of Delaware and Delaware County. This limited-run exhibit will be called “The Story of the Delaware Street Railway Company and the Columbus, Delaware & Marion Interurban.” The Museum will be open that day and each Sunday after that from 2-5 pm.

The story begins in the late 19th century. On foot, on horseback, on buggies, on wagons, on stagecoach, on bicycle, on trains, on street cars, and

on the Interurban, the people of Delaware County were on the move, now faster than ever. Just before the turn of the century, it would take 16 hours to travel by stagecoach from Columbus to Delaware, and it would not be a very pleasant trip.

In 1892, an electric railway passenger service was introduced in the City of Delaware which provided a good portion of the city with the street cars that some called “Dinkies.” And then in 1903, Delaware had an accessible transportation line to Columbus and Marion called the Interurban, which was also run on electricity, but could hold many more riders. **(Continued on Page Ten)**

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## Upcoming Events

May 18	<p>“The Delaware Chair Company” A program about the company, its chairs, and Delaware County society 1871-1930 Barn at Stratford, 7 pm</p>	August 9	<p>“Stroll Down Sandusky” A tour of history and architecture of buildings on Sandusky Street Presented by Benny Shoults and Roger Koch Tickets: \$15 adults, \$5 kids 6-17 Downtown Delaware, 7 pm</p>
June 15	<p>“Letters to the Editor” A presentation on letters from a WWII soldier Presented by Tamsen Dalrymple Barn at Stratford, 7 pm</p>	August 10	<p>“Who Owned My House: House Research 101” Presented by Susan Logan Cost: \$25 per property, space limited to 10 properties Cryder Historical Center, 7 pm</p>
July 27	<p>“Family Photos Old and New” A talk on identifying old and new photographs Presented by Dave Nungesser Barn at Stratford, 7 pm Sponsored by Fidelity Federal Savings and Loan</p>		

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## DELAWARE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Established 1947

**Our Mission:** To promote and sustain interest in the history of Delaware County, Ohio, through historic preservation and education.

**Our Vision:** To be a continuing, self-sustaining source of and a repository for historical information and artifacts which fosters lifelong interest in Delaware County history through community engagement, education and historic preservation.

Donna Meyer, Executive Director

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Send your contributions to the attention of the Newsletter Editor at any of the above addresses.

## Society Brings History To Life

What is History? History is the story of people, and our history is the story of us. The Delaware County Historical Society is dedicated to telling the story of our ancestors, our grandparents, and in some cases, ourselves, as part of a tradition dating back thousands of years. Oral history, a once-practiced custom, is a form of human communication where knowledge is received, preserved, and transmitted orally from one generation to another. Indeed, before a writing system was created, this was the only way to teach future generations the story of your people, traditions, and culture. We are proud to be a part of this retelling of our past.

“Bringing history to life” – what a great phrase! And very appropriate considering the wonderful FREE programs we have offered to community in the first 3 months of the year. On January 19, our Board President and history expert, Brent Carson, gave a presentation on early Delaware restaurants and soda shops, titled “Ice Cream Sodas, Juke Boxes, and Carhops: A Walk Down Memory Lane.” Over 80 people enjoyed sharing memories of their favorite eateries. It even turned into a mini-class reunion for some attendees.

On February 2, the Barn was filled to the brim with those eager to hear about the Underground Railroad in Delaware County. This special presentation, complete with talented and dedicated reenactors, kept the audience entertained with the explanation of how the Fugitive Slave Law of 1850 impacted the Delaware community, as well as the roles of the Scioto and Olentangy rivers in guiding runaway slaves across the county to freedom in Canada.

The Underground Railroad program was developed into a 3-hour presentation for 5th grade Delaware County students held later that month. The Barn hosted 160 children who learned that the Meek-

er Homestead was part of the vast Underground Railroad network. To see the look of wonder on their faces was priceless as they learned about the early farming practices and the important role the Meekers had in helping people as they escaped slavery. These brilliant presentations were

organized by our award-winning, hard-working, and dedicated Curriculum Committee. Made up of retired educators, these folks continue to teach, making our history truly come alive for adults and children alike.

On March 2, the Barn hosted a special program about the Blizzard of '78. Brent Carson presented local newspaper accounts and photographs of the “Record Blizzard” that struck Delaware County in 1978. Following the introduction, attendees shared their own recollections of the storm in what truly became audience participation.

Later this year, we will continue to hold exciting programs, including a presentation about the Delaware Chair and a great workshop on learning the history of your house. See more details in this newsletter.

I heard a great quote – “A people without the knowledge of their past history, origin and culture is like a tree without roots.” As our Society celebrates 70 years of existence, our roots spread deep in our community. I invite you to be part of our mission to tell our story. Whether you are new to our area or your family has lived here for generations, we need people to help us teach, research, catalogue, garden, and help us raise funds to ensure we will continue for another 70 years.

*Donna*



Director's  
Column  
By  
Donna Meyer



### More Upcoming Events

October 4 “100 days in Rutherford B. Hayes Life”  
Presented by Eric Ebinger  
Barn at Stratford, 7 pm

October 8 “Oak Grove Cemetery Walk”  
Presented by Brent Carson  
Tickets: \$15 adults, \$5 kids 6-17  
Oak Grove Cemetery, 2 p.m.

And many more to come!

Program tickets may be purchased at the Society's office, 2690 Stratford Road, or at the Cryder Historical Center, 157 E. William Street, Delaware

Check our website for more information as it becomes available.

## Restoration Begins and Research Continues at the Stratford Cemetery

By John Tetz

The research and physical restoration of this private, historic, community cemetery on the grounds of the Stratford Ecological Center is progressing well beyond our expectations. Since the project began in the Fall of 2013, the cemetery has been cleared, and, last August, a geophysical survey by Jarrod Burks, Ph.D., from Ohio Valley Archaeology, Inc., using a magnetometer, ground-penetrating radar, a laser transit, and drone for mapping was done. The geophysical survey estimated 108 burials. Concurrently, significant research on the burials and life and times of the Stratford community of the 1800s has been accomplished.

The original research of the burials, done by the Delaware County Genealogical Society, focused on the 59 burials from readings of the grave markers over a period of 70 years. Recently, Canda J. Clark, a historical and genealogical researcher, used Delaware County birth and death records and other documents, with the aid of the Genealogical Society, to identify over 20 more burials. Some of these burials were listed as "infant" with parent's names and birth and death dates close. Currently 32% of the burials are 5 years or younger. This confirms Dr. Burks's report which had many more burials than our 59 previously identified. When we began, the period of the burials was 1816 to 1879. Now it covers a span of 78 years, from 1816 to



**Above: Dr. Burks in the cemetery;  
Left: Dr. Burks using ground-penetrating radar**

(photos by Donna Meyer)

1894. Research continues, and more burials are expected to be identified, including more from the early 1800s.

On the physical restoration side of the project, recently Dr. Burks visited, and using his laser transit and with the assistance of Bill Swoager, a farm volunteer, located and staked out the 4 corner posts of cemetery boundaries. This event begins the physical restoration. Bill will begin to probe the cemetery for buried markers on Saturday, April 22 at 10 am. It is physically difficult work, and he is in need of volunteers to help. Please contact Jane at the Ecological Center (740) 363-2548.

# Looking Back On Our First 70 Years

By Jan Fleischmann

In November 2017, the Society will celebrate our 70th birthday. The Society was incorporated in the fall of 1947 and since that date it has been continuously providing educational programs and services to the public, thanks to the support of members, donors and the Delaware County Commissioners.

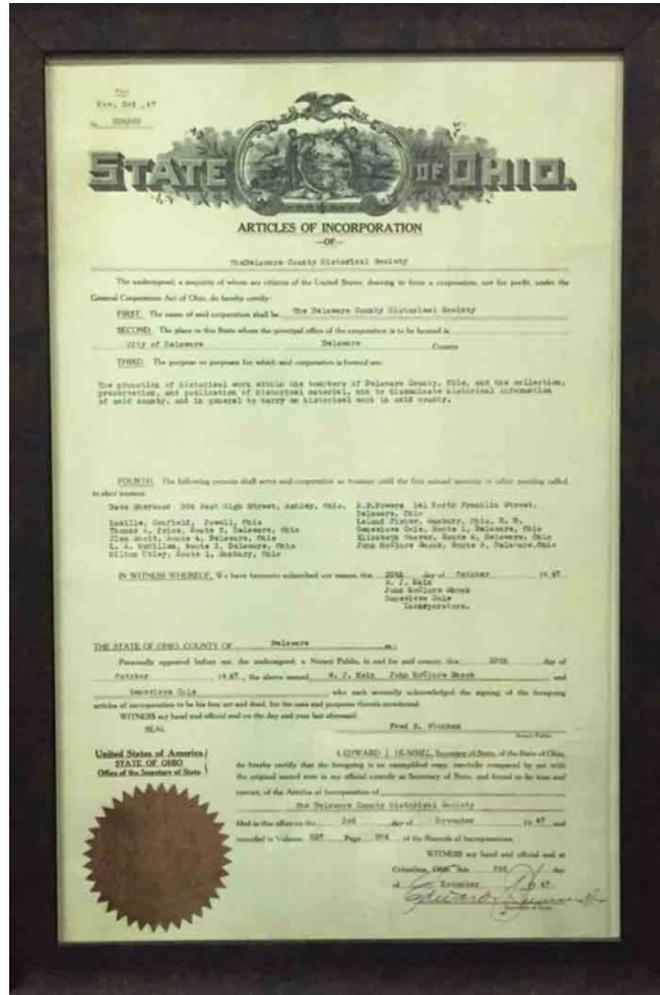
In the early years, the Society met and held programs during the academic year at various churches and schools, with at least one program each year in a surrounding village or township. In 1954 Pauline Nash (1895-1975) gifted her home at 157 East William Street to the Society. The terms of her gift included a requirement that she receive a modest annuity of \$780 per year for the remainder of her life. She was active in developing the Delaware County Historical Society Museum which celebrated its grand opening on May 22, 1955. There were 500 people who visited the museum on opening day. Coincidentally, the Society had about 500 members in 1955. Pauline was our lead “hostess” for many years, and she also served as the Society’s secretary for a number of years.

In 1971 the Museum Annex was built. Today that building is known as the Research Library, which along with the Nash House Museum, is part of the Cryder Historical Center, named after George and Marilyn Cryder. George Robert Cryder (1924-2002) and Marilyn Moseley Cryder (1931-2010) spent about 30 years of their lives focused on Society activities and Delaware history.

Another milestone in our history was the acquisition of the Meeker property at 2690 Stratford Road. Tom and Carolyn Porter, who ran Garth’s Auctions from about 1970 to 2000, gifted six acres and its fine federal-style brick home and stone-end barn to the Society in December 2010. Today the Society operates the Meeker Homestead Museum and The Barn at Stratford at the Stratford Road location.

While the Society maintains wonderful properties and many important and interesting artifacts, the most important asset of the Society is the people who built it into what it is today, and will continue building it in the future. The Society’s past is full of people who dedicated important service to the Society and the community at large.

Although Dr. Henry Clyde Hubbart was never a trustee, he might well be looked upon as the visionary who got us started. Dr. Hubbart was a history professor at Ohio Wesleyan University. In 1934, he held a meeting of several individuals to discuss formation of a county historical society. Wyford Jones, an OWU student, was present at this meeting. Mr. Jones later became a trustee and was president for three years—1953-1956. Dr. Hubbart planned Society educational



**The Society’s Articles of Incorporation**

(DCHS Archives)

programs for some years, and personally presented some of the talks.

Our first president was Wilbur Main. Many of the Society presidents also served on the Board of Trustees for many years and filled various roles during their service. Some of these people, with their terms as trustees, are George Pugh, 1949-1959; Wyford Jones, 1950-1957; Ruby Pugh, 1959-1969; George Hoffman, Jr., 1980-1984; George R. Cryder, 1985-1994; and Sharlene Shoaf, 1995-2003. The current Society President is Brent Carson, who first took that role in 2007. Many others contributed significantly over the years, and we hope to spotlight them throughout the year. Watch for more articles and blog features that will chronicle our first 70 years.

## Society Unveils Underground Railroad Program



**Above: Students explore the outside of the Barn.  
Below: Joe Dwenger reenacts William Cratty.**

(photos by Donna Meyer)

On February 23, 24 and March 2, the Meeker Homestead welcomed over 160 students who came to hear the Curriculum Committee's opening presentation about the Underground Railroad and the part that the Meeker property played in this effort. Led by Brent Carson and Karen Hildebrand, the Society's Curriculum Committee has been working to prepare this educational event for over two years.

Students enjoyed listening to Mrs. Meeker (portrayed by Laurie Schaefer) as she guided groups through the house, looking for hiding places for fugitive slaves as well as learning the history of the house in the mid-1800s. In addition, abolitionist William Cratty (reenacted by Joe Dwenger) gave students an authentic feel for life on the Underground Railroad and the dangers of fleeing the life of a slave.

Brent Carson and Diane Williams shared a slideshow that presented homes in Delaware County





**Above and left: Laurie Schaefer as Mrs. Meeker with students in the Barn and the Meeker House.**

**Below: Students line up outside the Barn.**

(photos by Donna Meyer)

that are still standing yet played a part in the Underground Railroad. Bill Rietz, Ray Myers and T.K. Cellar guided students around the barn relating the history of Stratford and the Meeker barn and property as well as early farming practices.

Docents that helped with the student groups included DJ Sanfillipo, Nancy Fleming, Susan Hough, Watson Walker, Roxann Newton, Carol Snyder, Caroline Tudor, and school liaison Cindy Kerr.

- Karen Hildebrand



# Delaware and the Great War

By Steve Shaw

“President Wilson Declares War With Germany” said the front page of the *Delaware Daily Journal-Herald* on April 6, 1917. The United States was going to be in the Great World Conflict or the Great War as it was known then. The headline was not a complete surprise. War had seemed imminent since Germany had renewed U-Boat attacks on merchant and passenger ships in the Atlantic. Further, the Zimmerman Telegram leaked a German proposal for an alliance between Mexico and Germany, inflaming Congress and the Wilson Administration. Never again would the United States be able to stay above conflicts in the broader world.

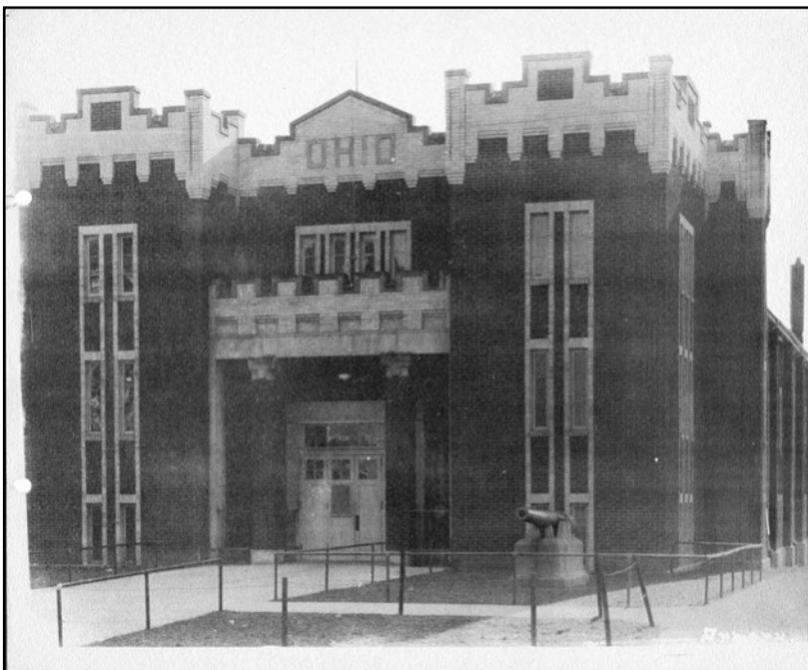
Locally some smaller headlines on the same front page told how the pending war would change life for the average civilian. One story described how 210 Ohio Wesleyan men had signed up to form military units and many young women were joining Red Cross units. The Ohio Adjutant General stated he expected to call up all National Guard units “to the colors” that day or the next day.

The men of Ohio National Guard Company K from Delaware must have



Above: Front page of the *Delaware Daily Journal-Herald* on April 6, 1917  
 Below: The Delaware Armory in the World War I era.

(DCHS Archives)



taken special notice of the last headline. Company K had returned during the winter of 1917 from a five-and-one-half month deployment on the Mexican Border. National Guard units had been sent to guard against border incursions by the Mexican rebel Pancho Villa. They had recently been honored by former Governor Frank Willis at a banquet in their honor on March 9, 1917, and were looking forward to civilian life. Instead, they were destined to be deployed and remain in service until May of 1919.

Records compiled by the local Red Cross show the breadth of commitment modern warfare would ask of the country. In addition to infantry, war records showed a new type of job list to maintain a global military. These jobs included weather forecaster, veterinary corps, tank corps, submarine patrol,



This World War I German 15cm heavy field howitzer cannon, model m93, was manufactured in 1893 by Krupp's Manufacturers in Essen, Germany. It sat in a WWI memorial park, once located along East Central Avenue. The cannon was refurbished by Warner Metal Works in Delaware.



**Above:  
World War I  
era gun on  
display in  
Delaware.  
Left: The  
World War I  
Memorial at  
the Delaware  
County  
Courthouse.**

(photos by Steve Shaw)

instructor of night flying, mobile laundry unit, and naval radio operator, among others. Some of the areas of the world where young men and women from Delaware were deployed for this global conflict included Belgium, Cuba, England, France, Ireland, Italy, Palestine, Panama, Scotland, and Turkey. After the War's end, many would remain in Europe as part of an occupation of Germany.

Each person who left home had experiences they never expected when they grew up in Delaware, Ohio. Consider a few stories from hundreds of service records compiled by the local Red Cross. Leslie Laughlin was gassed in 1918 and died of complications from pneumonia. Stanley Plaske enlisted before the draft and was in the Polish/Russian Army. Robert Eichorn saw action at Bacarat, and Meuse-Argonne in France. Ruby Claire Fee was a nurse in Turkey and Palestine.

Thousands from Delaware County served in many military and civilian capacities and were scattered throughout the country and the world. After deployment to France, Company K was to be maintained as a unit as part of the larger Rainbow Division. Post-war records indicate 90 of 137 soldiers in Company K were casualties. The figure included 16 killed and 37 wounded. By the Battle of Chateau-Thierry in July of 1918, just 28 of the unit that left Delaware were reported present for duty.

The World War I monument on the Delaware County Courthouse lawn shows that 53 sons of Delaware County paid the ultimate price during the 18 months that the United States was involved in the war.

## Meeker Museum to Open

### (Continued from Page One)

Delaware had railroads since the 1850s, but for going shorter distances the Interurban was much more convenient and efficient.

The exhibit promises to display photographs, newspaper articles, and other archived items from the Society's collection along with artifacts that are on loan to the Society. Some items that haven't been seen for nearly 100 years will be a part of this exhibit. We will attempt to give Society visitors a peek into the times between 1890 through 1933 when the city and county were growing at a rapid pace.

This exhibit will be on display until early June and is the first in a series of rotating exhibits that will be featured in the Meeker Homestead Museum. There are also several permanent exhibits, such as the display of an early-to mid-1800s parlor (the room where the family congregated) and a bedroom from the same period. Most of the items on display are actual pieces that families brought with them into Delaware County. The items that will be featured are a grandfather clock made in the mid-1700s, a trunk

that carried family belongings across the Appalachian Mountains to the Ohio Territory and into Delaware County, and a chair that was turned into a rocking chair (which was a common practice of the day) that is from the Sherman Family of General Sherman fame circa 1810, along with other items that were part of the furnishings of the early 1800s.

Additionally, the Society plans to create a permanent exhibit to honor the native American people who were here when the Euro-Americans came to the county. Research is taking place to verify the many stories of the pre-settlement period to give as accurate an account of the time as possible. There are other rooms in the Meeker Homestead Museum that the Society plans to use for rotating exhibits. These exhibits will include themes such as "Made in Delaware," rivers and grist mills, visiting exhibits from the many different parts of the county, and "Footpaths to Freeways," an exhibit about the evolution of the transportation routes throughout the county. There will be many more exhibits developed in the future, so watch for future exhibit announcements.

## Donor Recognition

The following individuals and groups donated at least \$100 to the Society between June 1 and December 31, 2016:

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## “DELHISSO Chautauqua Company” Short-Lived in April 1964

By Jan Fleischmann

Delaware enjoyed an old-style Chautauqua program on Monday evening, April 27, 1964. The program was presented by members of the Society at Asbury Methodist Church. The program was patterned after the famous Chautauqua Circuit of earlier days, with music, dramatic readings, and “a talk about today’s youth” by Reverend James A. Verburg. (*Delaware Gazette*). Forrest L. Shoemaker led the audience in singing old-time favorites and read from Henry L. Longfellow and Edmund Vance Cooke. “Vocal Harmony” was presented by the Ohio Wesleyan University Glee-ettes. Pat Jarvis played the auto-harp.

The first Chautauqua program was in 1874 when a group of Methodists, uncomfortable with the flamboyant emotion of camp-revival meetings, proposed an alternative summer assembly for Sunday-school teachers. The first gathering was held by Lake Chautauqua in New York, and the name began to be used elsewhere for lectures, music, and recitations presented for a wider audience. By 1904 Chautauqua went on the road as “Circuit Chautauqua.” (*Chronicle of Higher Education*, May 20, 2005)

As an adult education movement in the United States, Chautauqua was highly popular in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, bringing entertainment and culture for the whole community, with speakers, teachers, musicians, entertainers, preachers, and specialists of the day. President Theodore Roosevelt was once quoted as saying that Chautauqua is “the most American thing in America.” ([//Wikipedia/Chautauqua](http://Wikipedia/Chautauqua))

The handout from the 1964



Above: The Chautauqua tent from 2006 in Delaware

(all photos this page from DCHS Archives)

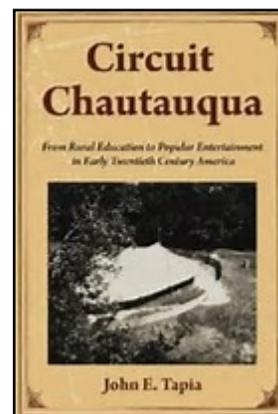
Delaware program explained the demise of Circuit Chautauqua in this way: “Traveling Chautauqua, which began in 1904 to take culture and entertainment in tents to the small towns of America, died in 1932 under the wheels of a hit-and-run Model A Ford on its way to the movies on a new paved road. Radio swept it into the ditch and the Wall Street crash and the subsequent depression gave it the coup-de-grace.” (source of quote unknown)

But destination and traveling Chautauqua is alive and well today. Vacationers look forward to outdoor fun on Lake Chautauqua and attending performances at the Chautauqua Institution in New York, and going to Lake Erie for Lakeside Chautauqua here in Ohio.

Traveling Chautauqua came back in the 1980s, in a movement created by state humanities councils. In our own state we have Ohio Chautauqua, brought to us by Ohio Humanities ([//ohiohumanities.org](http://ohiohumanities.org)). Each June Ohio Chautauqua comes for five days to each of several towns. Music is always a part of the event. Each evening a reenactor portrays a character, answers questions

from the audience and then, as a historian, shares additional information about the character portrayed.

Delaware hosted Ohio Chautauqua in 2006, with the theme “War and Peace.” The big red- and white-striped open-sided tent went up for five evenings on the soccer field on the Ohio Wesleyan University campus, where hundreds of people gathered to hear Dan Cutler as Chief Cornstalk, Michael Hughes as Ernie Pyle, Karen Vuranch as Clara Barton, Hank Fincken as Francisco Pizarro, and Gene Worthington as Teddy Roosevelt.



# Old Restaurants Featured in January Program



**Above and Right: Society President Brent Carson opens the program discussing old restaurants and ice cream shops in Delaware County.**

(photos by Matt Kear)



**Below: Former employees of the A&W Restaurant share stories about the restaurant.**

(photo by Donna Meyer)



## Blizzard of '78 Remembered in March Program



**Above: Brent Carson tells the story of the Blizzard of 1978.**

**Right: Carson asks Carolyn and Sheldon Ross about their experience of the Blizzard.**

**Below: Carson and former *Delaware Gazette* photographer Rex Welker talk about taking photos for the newspaper during the Blizzard.**

(photos by Matt Kear)



## Chocolate Walk



**Society Trustee Charlton Amidon and his wife, Roxanne, dressed in period attire, passed out chocolates and shared information about the Society at the Hair Studio in Downtown Delaware on February 3. The Hair Studio was one of the stops during the First Friday Chocolate Walk.**

**The chocolates were made by Society Trustee Benny Shoults using the molds from the former Nectar candy store. The molds are a part of the Society's collection.**

(photo by Donna Meyer)

### Newsletter Articles Are Wanted!

We want to publish articles written about Delaware County history in this newsletter.

Send your submission or your questions to [mkear@delawareohiohistory.org](mailto:mkear@delawareohiohistory.org)

### SHOP & DONATE!



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## *More Ways To Help The Society*

### **Sign Up or Renew Your Kroger Community Rewards**

**By Marian Vance**

Just by shopping at Kroger you can send fundraising dollars to the Delaware County Historical Society. It's easy – all you have to do is sign up. If you are already a Kroger participant, it's time to renew your participation. Signing up can be done at any time but reenrollment is needed every year in April.

Go to the Kroger website ([www.Kroger.com](http://www.Kroger.com)) and sign in or register if this is your initial visit. Go to "my account" then scroll down the page and follow the guidelines for Community Rewards. The DCHS organizational number is 84793. You then click "Enroll" or "ReEnroll" to continue. Enter the organizational number in the box and click "search." You are almost done – fill in the circle beside the Society name and click "Enroll."

That should do it and the Society will be the lucky receiver of your shopping bonus – at no extra cost to you.

### **Committee Members Are Needed**

The Society needs volunteers to serve on its many committees. Committees for 2017 and their chairs are as follows:

Buildings and Grounds	Roger Koch
Education	Susan Logan
Library Subcommittee	Susan Logan
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Programs Subcommittee	Alice Frazier
Collections Subcommittee	Susan Logan
Curriculum Support Subcommittee	Karen Hildebrand
Communications	Lynn Foreman
Information Technology	Ralph Au and Rick Fisher
Membership	Karen Cowan
Finance and Budget	Ralph Au
Resource Creation	

George Needham and Deb Martin

To find out how you can serve, contact Susan Logan at [volunteer@delawareohiohistory.org](mailto:volunteer@delawareohiohistory.org).

*Check out our new website!  
Delawareohiohistory.org*

### **Volunteers Needed!**

The Society has a critical need for volunteers! If you can help, contact the Society at [volunteer@delawareohiohistory.org](mailto:volunteer@delawareohiohistory.org)

#### **Grant Writers**

The Delaware County Historical Society is looking for a few preservation-minded, history-loving, experienced grant writers to join our grant writing team. We are in desperate need of funding to help preserve the Barn at Stratford. Time commitment will be several hours a month and the rewards include a free 1 year membership to the Society plus knowing that you can help us preserve this Delaware County treasure. Are you interested? Please let us know at [volunteer@delawareohiohistory.org](mailto:volunteer@delawareohiohistory.org).

### **Seeking Interested Candidates for Board of Trustees**

This is an exciting time for Delaware County and the Society. We are now managing the Meeker Homestead as well as the Nash House Museum and our library. Would you like to help more with this process? The Board of Trustees is entrusted with the long-term financial goals and mission of the Society. Board Meetings are monthly with committee meetings as necessary. This is a "working" Board.

If you are interested, please contact Ana Babiasz, chair of the Nominating Committee, at [ababiasz@delawareohiohistory.org](mailto:ababiasz@delawareohiohistory.org) for further information.

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