



Mission:

*Keeping Indian Hill's
Past and Present Alive
for Tomorrow*

Indian Hill Historical Society

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What's Been Happening?



Completed in 1927, this lovely residence was designed by Guy C. Burroughs and John H. Deekin who also were the architects of other English style houses in Indian Hill. The original estate encompassed 65 acres, much of which is now green area, leaving 16 acres with the present house. The views of the Little Miami River valley are beautiful, too.

Patron Party, October 6th at Crabbs Hill

The Patron Party is a long-standing tradition to thank the many generous supporters of the Historical Society. The doors to this beautiful home were opened and the guests were warmly greeted into this majestic, historic home in the Village.

The original owner was Mr. Roscoe Crabbs, co-owner of The Philip Carey Company, a Cincinnati building supply manufacturer of national repute.

A respectful renovation was accomplished more than a decade ago allowing the current owners the comfort of extended life for this beautiful, notable home.



Trish & Steve Krehbiel, Molly Lucien, Eppa & Buffie Rixey

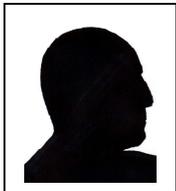


Brenda Benzar, Gregg & Jeanette Jones



Rob & Jeanie Champlin, Evelyn & Gary Kirschner, Andy MacKay, Esh Lunken

What Do the Cultural Arts and the CIA Have in Common? ... Julius Fleischmann, November 17th



Undoubtably, Julius Fleischmann, Jr. led a fascinating life. Judith Zinsser, retired professor at Miami University, was researching the Ballet Russe of Monte Carlo for a book she is writing when she learned of Julius Fleischmann's involvement with the ballet and followed that thread of discovery into learning about his adventurous life.

The family business, the Fleischmann Company, founded in 1868, was a thriving concern and initially produced yeast, and later vinegar and gin. Julius, or "Junkie" as he was nicknamed, inherited a sizable estate upon his father's death in 1925. Junkie was 24 at the time. His passions for travel, exploration, and the arts (dance, music, artwork) were pursued with vigor. (His travels on his yacht, *Camargo*, in 1931-1932 were the subject of an exhibition at the Cincinnati Museum Center in 2016 which was reviewed in *Cincinnati Magazine*

<https://www.cincinnatiimagazine.com/features/julius-fleischmann-jr-treasures-of-travel-geier-center/>)

Julius was a significant patron of the arts including the ballet (*Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo*), the symphony, the opera, a Broadway producer, and an art collector. Later as the Cold War was in full swing, the CIA tapped Julius to lead the Farfield Foundation which had the goals of preserving the cultural heritage of the free world and supporting the interchange of knowledge in the field of the arts. It was an important component in the cultural battle against the Soviet Union for freedom of expression.

The above highlights are just a snippet of the remarkable presentation about a life well lived. The lecture and ensuing dinner were enjoyed by the sold-out crowd at the Historical Society's November program.



Julie, Noah & Louisa Fleischmann



Ted Jaroszewicz, Bill Kite, Stephanie Busam, Anne Jaroszewicz



Rita & Don Stolper, John Hassan



Ann Kranbuhl, Mandy Barbara, Marjorie Applegate



Jane & Ed Terrill, Carol Armstrong, Renie Dohrmann



Stella Hassan, Bill Higgins, Colby Chapman, Marc Manly

The Village Christmas Party, December 1st

For the 37th year, the doors opened and the Historical Society and Little Red Schoolhouse welcomed one and all to the Annual Village Christmas Party. The Schoolhouse was adorned with holiday trimmings – wreathes, roping, pine windowsill candle arrangements, and a beautifully decorated Christmas tree finished with popcorn garlands. Two “elves” entertained the crowd making balloon animals, hats, etc. and performing magic tricks, and two face painters decorated happy faces while waiting for Santa to arrive. Santa’s reindeer were resting up for the “big night”, so Turner Farm came to the rescue with their majestic draft horses and carriage to deliver Santa to the Schoolhouse.

It was a wonderful day of comradery and holiday spirit at the Little Red Schoolhouse.



Upcoming Events:

January	February	March
	<p>Saturday, 22nd, 5:00 p.m. Tales & Tastings with Woodford Reserve It will be an evening of fun and bourbon samplings with one of the area's finest distillers.</p> <p>23rd – 29th One-Room Schoolhouse Experience for 4th Graders</p>	<p>2nd – 5th One-Room Schoolhouse Experience for 4th Graders</p> <p>Wednesday, 18th 11:00 a.m. Battle Royale: The Fight for Women's Suffrage Enjoy lunch, celebrate the centennial of this event, and learn about Ohio's pivotal role in the process.</p>

Please visit the website: www.indianhill.org for more details on these programs.

Member News, 4th Quarter, 2019

New Members:

Gail Bechtold
 Richard Block
 Gail Jordan

Stephanie & Keith Rabenold
 Polly Whittaker

Renewals:

Clare & Tom Ackermann
 Jennifer & Harold Angus
 Valerie & Noah Allen
 Mary & James Baker
 Ester Binns
 El Bourgraf
 Liz & Bill Colohan
 Sally Heckscher
 Pat & Don Hinkley
 Tony Jaccaci
 Ann & Jon Keeling

Paula & Robert Lindner
 Patricia & Calvin Linnemann
 Rebecca & Lester Lubitz
 Andy MacKay
 Bonnie & Cromer
 Mashburn
 Mary & Michael McGraw
 Linnea & Norbert Nadel
 Buffie & Eppa Rixey
 Diana & Basil Rowe

Janet & Scott Sayre
 Anne & Doug Schmidlin
 Emily & Jeff Schoeny
 Joanne & Bill Sloneker
 Melinda & Robert Sherman
 Ginny & Al White
 Sally & Tony Woodward
 Debra Wright
 Suzanne & Ronald Zesch

New Business Members:

Cincinnati Asset Management

Serene Suites Premier Memory Care

Remembrance:

Barbara Pope, a founder of the Historical Society and long-time supporter, passed away in December. Her obituary stated that she was a “woman of indomitable spirit, both at home and in her community” and that “the grass never grew under Barbara's feet.” She touched many lives and will be greatly missed.

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Winter Reminiscences

By Lawre Finn-Bonekemper

Indian Hill was (and is) a wonderful place to grow up. Each season has its own beauty and surprises, but winter was always special in our neighborhood – especially when it snowed or the creeks froze over. Our neighborhood was particularly well placed as there were 2 hills for sledding and a creek nearby for ice skating.



The *Flexible Flyer* sled

For sledding, our yard and our neighbor's yard, the Schauer's, were the places to go. The latter had the best hill as it was the biggest, but if the conditions were right, our home's smaller hill had a great layout which allowed for the best sled run ever!

We lived on a private drive which was not maintained by the Village. So, more often than not, the lane was covered in snow and ice during the winter. My family lived at the top of the hill and could manage the lane fairly well, but the two neighbors below us were not so lucky. I remember cars stuck,

tow trucks stuck, and one year, a car burned up trying to get unstuck, and the fire truck got stuck! However, these driving woes were a sled rider's dream. When the lane iced over, it created the perfect conditions for some of the most thrilling sled runs ever. We could zoom down the lane, over the neighbor's bridge, down the hill into their pasture, and all the way down to the creek at break-neck speeds. Weeeee-haw! Needless to say, there were a few injuries, but boy was it incredible - at least a 4-minute ride!

The Schauer's hill was the most popular for traditional sledding. When it snowed, many from the neighborhood would gather and sled ride day and night. Toboggans, sleds (*Flexible Flyers* were the best!), tubes, saucers – you name it – any way of sliding was there. We'd pile on the toboggans or sleds, sometimes arguing about who got to be in front. We'd have races down and slog back up to do it again, and again, and again. There were even times that a few of us would bring our ponies to help with hauling the sleds back up the hill.

I remember a few accidents such as when a people-laden toboggan ran over a sledder, and he ended up with a concussion. There were also several sledders who went too fast or couldn't turn at the bottom of the hill and they ended up in the creek - not a good place to be. The creek walls were rocky and steep with about a 10'-12' drop. There were a few broken arms and legs, but I think all would say it was worth it.



Our "private" nature rink

Ice skating was our other winter pastime when temperatures dropped and the creeks froze over. Not too far from our home was an area of a creek which had been dammed. This created a fairly wide expanse of water, and thus ice-skating area. (In the summer, this was the swimming hole for our ponies!) With our skates slung over our shoulders, brown bags full of lunch and other yummys, and brimming with excitement, we would set off for about a mile hike along the trails. An old log cabin once stood on the banks of the creek near the dam and the chimney, fireplace, and stone foundation still stood. We'd use the fireplace to build a fire and keep warm as we'd

spend hours skating in our "private" nature rink. The walk home was never as fun with frozen toes and fingers, but we were always eager to go again the next time the creeks were frozen.

I don't know how much sledding or creek / pond ice skating is being done today, but I feel it has declined. I think liability issues, etc. have sadly closed many hills to sledding and ponds to skating. My children have been able to experience the same sledding hills of my childhood, and for that I am so thankful. These are memories that I cherish and hope you've enjoyed my sharing of them.



Old Chimney

Happy winter!

Office News:

The new year has started, and today is a beautiful sunny day. We've had some snow this season, but winter has just been teasing us so far – no polar vortex yet! I am excited about the upcoming programs in February and March. The event with Woodford Reserve is sure to be popular and interesting. A little burgoon and a sampling or two of Woodford should be tasty, too! The March program on Women's Suffrage is very timely since it's the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment. Given our current political challenges, it's valuable to reflect on past issues that have both divided us and enabled us to come together as a stronger nation. The upcoming One-Room Schoolhouse Experience for 4th graders is always fun to be part of – our "Schoolmarm", Mrs. McLean, does an amazing job of bringing history to life. Please contact the office if you would like to be a volunteer during this program.



Buckingham Lodge

This past fall, we had an incredible donation of some original photos taken by Neil Armstrong during the Apollo 11 mission on the moon. They are amazing to see, and we are very honored to be the custodians of these treasures. The Historical Society submitted an article to the Indian Hill Bulletin that provides more details about these photos from that phenomenal event. You may access the article here: <http://ihill.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/11-27-19.pdf>

If you have memories of your life / adventures in Indian Hill that you would like to share, please let us know. Your comments and suggestions are always welcome. You may contact us through email: history@indianhill.org, phone: 513-891-1873, or stop by the office at 8650 Camargo Road.

Happy 2020!

The Indian Hill Historical Society

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