



Mission:

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

Indian Hill Historical Society

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What's Been Happening This Past Quarter?

Welcome Back Members! and the Annual Meeting

On a beautiful, breezy Sunday in September, the IH Historical Society welcomed members back to the Little Red Schoolhouse and hosted the Annual Meeting. It had been about 19 months since our last gathering. Old and new friends enjoyed the lovely afternoon on the front lawn of the Schoolhouse under an open-air tent while the Faux Frenchmen provided delightful background music.



Dan & Jodi Feigelson with
Rosemary Ballard & Kelly King



Eric Holzapfel, Ginny White, Carol
Schmidter, Susan Holzapfel,
Bill Schmidter



Doug Manzler, Chip Hunter,
Ray Schilderink



Rita & Don Stolper,
Debbie & Bill Zimmer



Edgar & Jane Cox, Lois Rust,
Ester Binns, Judith Affatato

Upcoming Events:

October	November	December
<p>Sunday, 17th, 4:30 p.m.</p> <p><u>Wine Tasting with Piazza-Discepoli</u> at Livingston Lodge</p> <p>Sample a variety of vintages while Piazza-Discepoli discusses the nuances of flavors & how to pair the right wine with meals.</p>	<p>Tuesday, 2nd</p> <p>Election Day!</p> 	

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

Member News, 3rd Quarter, 2021 Updates

New Members:

Eileen & Richard Alexander
 Cynthia & John Bismayer
 Lissa & Mike Cambron
 Norma & Leo Dean
 Molly & Benjy Diesbach
 Helen Dupree
 Carin & Jeff Fike
 Nancy Gall
 Betsy Hodges
 Ellen & Garrett Jackson

Carolyn & James Kite
 Cathy & Tom Moon
 Sally More
 Jon Pharr family
 Stephen Reger
 Mary & Larry Schumacher
 Christine & Ralph Stacey
 Tonja & Patrick Wilson
 Jessica & Blake Zaring

Renewals:

Jennifer & Doug Adams
 Dolores & Bob Adleta
 Judith Affatato
 Gail & Nick Bagnoli
 Ann & Todd Bailey
 Eileen & John Barrett
 Gail Bechtold
 Mary Jo Beck
 Jane & Larry Bennett
 Susan & Jim Bero
 Betsy & John Betagole
 Elizabeth & Rick Bieser
 Ann & Stephen Bjornson

Susan & Neil Bortz
 Agnes & Luke Boswell
 Sandra & David Bowen
 Hazeleen & Leland Brewster
 Jane & Mark Burke
 Stephanie & John Busam
 Jeanie & Rob Champlin
 Jessica & Chris Cicchinelli
 Sue & Tim Clarke
 Richard Cocks
 Carolyn Condorodis
 Emily & Ryan Conner
 Jane & Edgar Cox

Claudia & David Cummings
 Jennifer & Brian Davis
 Kathy & Bill DeWitt
 Mary Jane & Ronald Dolan
 Kit & Dick Duval
 Jodi & Dan Feigelson
 Jen & Chris Frutkin
 Noralee & Lewis Gatch
 Ann Gentile
 Lou & Tom Gerdes
 Susan & Jim Gibbs
 Moira & Jeff Grainger
 Susan & Gary Green

Roberta Hair
Don Harrison
Stella & John Hassan
Janet & Cornelius Hauck
Louise Head
Melanie & Bruce Healey
Sally Heckscher
Kathy & Rich Hidy
Jane & Bill Higgins
D.J. Hildebrandt
Kate Hinckley
Sharan & Phil Hinkle
Leslie Gilbertson &
William Hurford
Melanie & Doug Hynden
Sandra & Stephen Joffe
Frani & Don Jones
Gregg Jones
Ted Jones
Chris & Bill Judd
Cynthia & Kelly King
Evelyn & Gary Kirschner
Teddy & John Kladakis
Patricia Klaus
Marianne & Don Klekamp
Lori & Tom Klinedist
Jane & Ron Koppenhoefer
Elisabeth & Kasey Kuhlman
Barb & Eddie Lane
Sue Lawrence
Betty Letscher

Lynn & Wayne Lippert
Ruth Ann & Kent Little
Ina & Eddie Loftspring
Whitney & Philip Long
Molly & Ted Lucien
Carolyn & Peter Ludwig
Doug Manzler
Candace & Michael McCaw
Alicia Bridgeland &
Don McGraw
Cassie & Lachlan McLean
Debbie & Don McMullen
Pam Middendorff
Audrey & Greg Miller
Judith Mitchell
Tracey & Todd Motto
Cynthia & Rick Muhlhauser
Arlene & Bob Niehaus
Kate & Chris Nordloh
Cora Ogle
Debbie & Rich Oliver
Steve Oughterson
Irene & Daniel Randolph
Angela & David Reed
Janet Reynolds
Alison & Tom Rink
Cynthia & Paul Riordan
Susan & John Roberts
Bonnie Roe
Lois Poe Rust
Melanie & Bob Schaeffer

Shirley Scharfenberger
Lynn & Jack Schiff
Carol & Bill Schmidter
Michelle & Robert Schneider
Sheila & Reed Schroeder
Carolyn Schulteis
Pat Schwemlein
Monique & Mike Sewell
Libby & Raleigh Sharrock
Gloria Uziel & Patrick Shea
Rhonda & Larry Sheakley
John Shepherd
John Shields
Linda Siekmann
Cherie & Martin Silverstein
Sarah & Steve Steinman
Rita & Don Stolper
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Jackie Sweeney
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Mary Uhlenbrock
Brenda Walker
Paula & Tory Watters
Jean Wiester
Kristin & Holden Wilson
Jan & Owen Wrassman
Donna & Don Wymore
Debbie & Bill Zimmer

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Core Strengths Management
Daley Design & Build
Designed2Sell / OH Equine Properties
Wenstrup Power Washing

Renewed Business Member:

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<p> MAIN AUCTION GALLERIES</p>	<p> Mariemont Inn</p>	<p>MHA MORTGAGE HOUSE Of America</p>	
<p> Judy Recker SIBCY CLINE REALTORS</p>	<p>SCOTT CONCRETE</p>	<p> SERENE SUITES PREMIER MEMORY CARE</p>	<p> SIBCY CLINE REALTORS</p>
<p> TOTAL WEALTH PLANNING</p>	<p><i>Turner Farm</i>  Indian Hill, Ohio</p>	<p>Taft FOCUSED CAPITOL SOLUTIONS LLC</p>	
<p>THE V COLLECTIVE DESIGN & CRAFTSMANSHIP</p>		<p>WENSTRUP POWER WASHING</p>	



What's in a Name: Al Bar Meadows and "The Acres"?

by Trish Krehbiel

An email came into our offices last February asking for the history behind the name of Al Bar Meadows.

Those of us who reside in the Indian Hill neighborhood encompassing Brill, Graves, Algonquin, Cayuga, Camaridge, Sorrel, and Indian Run roads have all encountered either the term "Indian Hill Acres" or "Al Bar Meadows" sometime during the home buying process. Most villagers refer to our area as "The Acres".

My husband and I reside in "The Acres" in the house his parents built back in 1952. Over the years I can recall stories about a horse farm which used to be across the street. When the opportunity came to the office via the Al Bar Meadows inquiry, I was more than happy to do a little digging into the Society's archives to sleuth out the genesis of "Al Bar Meadows". Fortunately, we have a treasure trove of oral histories prudently recorded by village residents and Indian Hill Historical Society staff. There are 3 extensive oral histories taken from conversations in the early 1980s with Stanley Rowe, Sr.

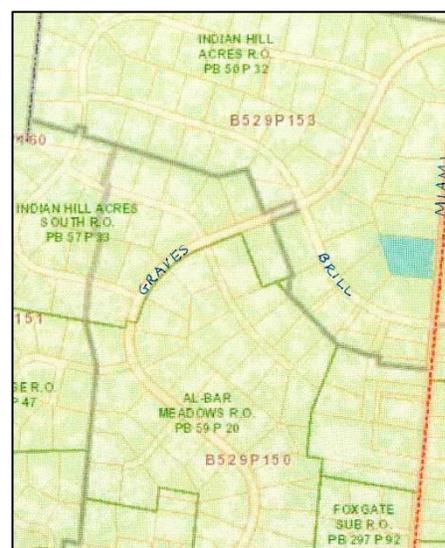


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Sen. Robert (Bob) Taft, Sr. (son of President William Howard Taft) was one of the early transplants to Indian Hill, purchasing Sky Farm about 1917. Taft's friendship provided Dorothy and Stanley Rowe with their introduction to the land they would purchase to build their home, "Annesdale", and go on to plant and build the acreage we now know as Rowe Arboretum.

Bob Taft had a real estate investment firm with three other investors called Red Bud Realty Company. With an invitation from Taft to come into this partnership, Rowe joined with an initial investment. Red Bud Realty began buying property they perceived as having potential value, acquiring, 200+ acres of the land bordered by Indian Hill Road, De Mar Road, and down to Camargo Pike.

The land approaching present day Village boundaries from the southwest corner was populated with shacks. The properties provided shelter but had no running water, electricity, or plumbing. During the early years, a man approached Stan Rowe at the offices of the Red Bud Realty looking to rent from "the Bed Bug Realty Company". Taft and Rowe quickly re-named their company Indian Hill Acres, Incorporated!

The downtown Cincinnati Businessmen's Club showed interest in buying all 200+ acres if Taft and Rowe could increase their holdings enough so that a golf course could be developed on the site. Rowe promptly bought additional land off DeMar Road down to Camargo, thereby increasing their holdings to over 240 acres. However, the Club never went through with the purchase of the large tract of land.

Indian Hill Acres, Inc. had every intention of re-packaging the 240+ acres into 15-to-20-acre parcels. However, when the Great Depression hit, the three other partners suffered financially so that Taft and Rowe ended up owning and fronting the money to pay the bills on Indian Hill Acres land. Shifting gears

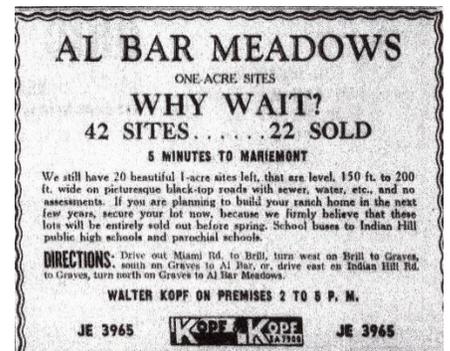
out of financial necessity, 1, 3 and 5 acre lots were planned for sale in the hopes of better success in selling their holdings during the depression era.



By the mid-1930s, the city of Cincinnati was looking for land on which to build a water tank to supply water to the nearby Cincinnati area down Indian Hill Road. Indian Hill Acres, Inc. owned property along Miami Road that was 5-6 ft. higher than anything in the area. For \$7,500 Taft and Rowe sold the land where the city of Cincinnati built the iconic Tudor style water tower which supplies water in the Village today.

Fast forward to the post-war period and a parcel of Rowe’s land, about 45 acres large fronting on Miami Road between current day Brill & Indian Hill roads, was purchased by Alvin A. Gould. Alvin and his brother, Robert Gould, were part of the business efforts rebuilding the American whiskey trade post-prohibition. Through buying up bourbon distilleries in Kentucky, the brothers amassed a fortune. The Gould brothers used part of their fortune to fund research and grants to universities studying animal and human nutrition.

Alvin and his first wife Barbara are mentioned in our archives as being involved with raising and showing horses. Alvin Gould was a trustee of the 1938 Cincinnati Charity Horse Show. Alvin and Barbara are mentioned in files as having sponsored and won 3-gaited, 5-gaited harness saddle stakes. Directories from late 1949 and 1950 list Al Bar Acres and Al Bar Stables’ address in the 5400 block of Miami Road. Most likely the name Al Bar came from the first names of Alvin and his wife Barbara. Two pieces of news printed in the July 1951 edition of the Sycamore Messenger report preliminary approval given by the Indian Hill Planning Commission to both the 44 one-acre lot subdivision known as Al Bar Meadows owned by Alvin Gould, and the 14 one-acre lot subdivision called Indian Hill Acres North owned by Stanley Rowe, Sr. In the records, we have copies of newspaper advertisements listing for sale the 1-acre homesites of Al Bar Meadows.



Further reading of the archives points out that “The Acres” subdivision lies at the nexus of some of the early history behind the establishment of the Indian Hill Waterworks and the Village Zoning Ordinance.

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Is there some tidbit of knowledge that you have or would like to know? If so, please [contact](#) the Historical Society’s office. The archives are extensive and may be able to answer your question. Additionally, we are always looking for information to add to the files.

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From the President: Looking Back and Forward: Vaccines

Vaccines have been employed to prevent infectious diseases since the late 1700s, revolutionizing global health and saving millions of lives. As the United States is in the midst of a mass vaccination campaign to protect its citizenry from COVID-19, the history of these inoculations is worth reviewing.

During the 1600s, the Chinese became the first to try to prevent smallpox – one of the world’s most feared illnesses. In the 1700s, Dr. Edward Jenner experimented using cowpox material, *i.e.*, pustules, to create a vaccine. His efforts in Great Britain demonstrated that immunity to cowpox, a related but milder virus, provided protection from smallpox. Jenner’s 1796 vaccine quickly became the major means of preventing the spread of that dread disease. He coined the word “vaccine” from the Latin *vacca* for cow. Jenner was revered as the Father of Immunology. His methods were improved over time and eventually resulted in the eradication of smallpox in 1980.

In 1885, Louis Pasteur created a vaccine for rabies in France. An acclaimed pioneer scientist, Pasteur used live, weakened, or killed viruses in his injections to produce immunity against other diseases as well. In the following years, vaccines against cholera, plague, typhoid, tuberculosis, whooping cough, diphtheria, and tetanus were developed. New techniques led to formulations manufactured in laboratories that produced higher rates of effective protection.



By the middle of the 20th century, more innovations occurred, and new vaccines were created for common childhood diseases such as measles, mumps, and rubella. The polio vaccines were especially noteworthy. Dr. Jonas Salk developed an injection using killed virus which was widely administered to schoolchildren in 1954 and the following years. In the next decade, Dr. Albert Sabin, of the Children’s Hospital Research Foundation in Cincinnati, produced an oral polio vaccine using live weakened virus. Although Salk’s vaccine was first to the market, Sabin’s sweet tasting and less expensive vaccine was more popular and has been used to prevent the spread of polio throughout the world.



In the latter part of the 20th century and the early 21st century, vaccines for hepatitis A and B, chickenpox, human papillomavirus, shingles and various types of influenza were introduced. Technological progress allowed researchers to probe a cell’s genetic sequence. Most recently, Johnson & Johnson, Moderna, and Pfizer have created vaccines to combat the coronavirus outbreak.

Even though vaccines are largely safe and effective, many Americans are resistant to taking them for a myriad of reasons ranging from misinformation and lack of trust in the medical establishment to political positions, religious beliefs, convictions about individual liberty, and the lack of flexibility in work schedules. This

anti-vaccine sentiment is not new in the nation's history. Popular doubts about vaccines are as old as vaccines themselves. During the Revolutionary War era, the Continental Congress issued a 1776 proclamation forbidding the Army from inoculating soldiers against smallpox. General George Washington defied this rule and ordered that his troops receive the inoculation. No regiment was ever incapacitated by the disease, which may have been a factor in the Continental Army's winning the war. In contrast, Benjamin Franklin regretted his decision not to give his children smallpox vaccine. Franklin wrote, "In 1736, I lost one of my sons, a fine boy of four years old, by the smallpox taken in the common way. I long regretted bitterly and still regret that I had not given it to him by inoculation."

Some will always resist vaccination resistance. But overall, the benefits of vaccines have outweighed the risks. Vaccines remain the most effective tool for preventing severe illness or death and improving public health. They have changed the course of history.

Rosemary D. Welsh



Tuesday, November 2nd is Election Day!

While it's an "off-year" in terms of state and national level issues, there are local City Governments / Councils, School Boards, and Tax Levies on the ballot.

Please remember to vote.

Office News:

It was such fun to see so many of the members at the September event. It had been a long time since we were able to gather, and I'm thankful for the beautiful afternoon on the lovely lawn of the Schoolhouse.



Buckingham Lodge

As mentioned in previous newsletters, under the terms of the new lease agreements for the Little Red Schoolhouse and Buckingham Lodge, the Society is responsible for the physical maintenance of these historic structures. This work has continued throughout the summer with plumbing repairs, driveway resurfacing, and painting. Since the start of 2020, the Historical Society has spent about \$50,000 maintaining these wonderful buildings.

Your continued support and membership are truly appreciated and critical for keeping this organization a vital part of our community.

Your comments and suggestions are always welcome. You may contact us through email: history@indianhill.org or phone: 513-891-1873.

Happy Autumn!

The Indian Hill Historical Society

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