



Annual Meeting

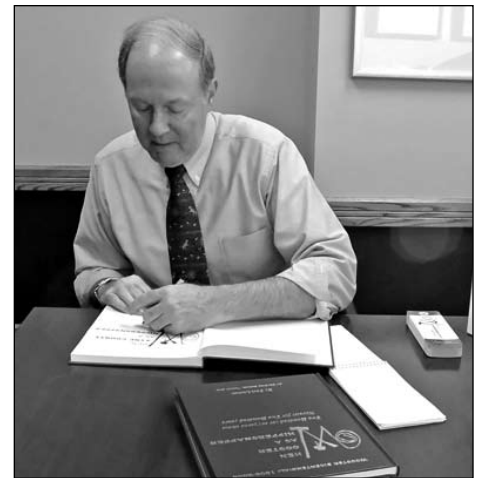
Once Upon A Time in Wayne County, Ohio

Paul Locher, staff writer for *The Daily Record*, will be our guest speaker at this year's annual meeting. A yearlong series of Locher's articles looking at the history of Wayne County, which turned 200 years old in 2012, was published in *The Daily Record*.

In his presentation, "Once Upon a Time in Wayne County, Ohio," he will compare Wayne County today versus Wayne County two centuries ago, looking at some of the inventive practices of early Wayne County settlers and their respect for wood and reverence for God, among other traditions.

Locher grew up in Cleveland and has worked at *The Daily Record* for 40 years. He is a past president of the Wayne County Historical Society, is co-chairman of the antiques department at the Wayne County Fair, and he and his wife Anne own and operate The Cabin at Sassafras Knoll, a bed and breakfast in East Union Township. The Lochers work privately as design and decorating consultants for the restoration of early period homes. Paul is widely regarded as one of the region's leading historians, antiquarians and experts on pioneer living.

We hope you will join us at the Heritage Center on Tuesday, February 26 at 7:00 p.m., for an intriguing evening with Locher.



Paul Locher, author of *When Wayne County Was a Whippersnapper*, will speak at the annual meeting at the Heritage Center on February 26.



The winning entry at the annual Red Beet Festival in Kidron was grown in the Heritage Garden at Sonnenberg Village by Ray and Allyson Leisy.

Members Banquet and Auction April 23

Annual members of the KCHS who have paid their dues for 2013, Lifetime and Heritage Club members will receive invitations in the mail. The banquet will be held on Tuesday, April 23 at 6:30 p.m. at the Kidron Mennonite Church Fellowship Building.

2013 Exhibit

Sonnenberg: The Early Years

The title of this year's exhibit is "Sonnenberg: The Early Years." From the time this area was settled until it was officially named Kidron in 1896, it was known as Sonnenberg, which from Swiss translates as beautiful mountain or landscape. Sonnenberg was an area in Switzerland from which many of our first settlers emigrated.

The plan is to highlight these early Sonnenberg years by displaying as many artifacts from that time period as we can collect, especially those that actually say "Sonnenberg" on them.

If you have Sonnenberg-era artifacts that you would be willing to place on loan for the 2013 exhibit from April through December, please call and let us know.

Also included in our 2013 exhibit will be a sneak preview of some of the displays taking shape in the Sonnenberg Village, including replicas of two Lehman House rooms and the Tschantz Log Cabin.

Heritage Center Volunteers Remembered

Our docents provide a special personal touch at the Heritage Center. Each day that our doors open, they are ready to welcome visitors and share their knowledge of Kidron's heritage with them. Sadly, we had to say goodbye to four of our docents this year.



ELLA ROHRER volunteered 255 hours from 1999-2011. She had a contagious laugh, a great love for people and could make friends of everyone who entered the Heritage Center. Ella passed away on March 8, 2012.



PAUL NEUENSCHWANDER passed away on March 13, 2012. Paul was one of the founders of the Historical Society in 1977, and served on the board more than 30 years (1977-2008); his enthusiasm for the society never wavered. Paul accumulated 102 hours as a docent from 1999-2005.



DELVIN NUSSBAUM volunteered from 2002-2012, logging 285 hours. His work as a pastor in the Mennonite Church and a church history teacher gave him invaluable information to share with visitors. Delvin was also one of the founders of the Historical Society. He passed away on June 21, 2012.



RUTH GERBER passed away on July 3, 2012. Ruth started volunteering when the Heritage Center opened in 1994 and continued until 2003. Ruth accumulated 1,432 volunteer hours, an indication of her passion and dedication to sharing our Sonnenberg-Kidron heritage.

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Annual memberships are due for renewal on January 1. Check your mailing label to see if your membership is up-to-date. Consider becoming a Heritage or Life Member. See page 4 for membership information.

Sonnenberg Village Volunteers

Many wonderful volunteers have helped in some way or another to make the Sonnenberg Village what it is today. Significant progress was accomplished in 2012 and we are extremely grateful for these volunteers. We are truly sorry if you volunteered and are not listed. Please call us so we can add your name to our records.

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Central Christian School students finished the Rain Garden and removed two chimneys from the Lehman House on their Community Service Day in October. Faculty supervisor Von Schrock (second from left) worked along with Colton Rohrer, Abram Fuller, Curtis Yovichin, Sean Adkins and Seth Wesman.

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