



Prudy Retires from Heritage Center



Ten years ago I accepted the job of Kidron Community Heritage Center director basically because it was a part-time job and I wanted a change. Ten years later I am retiring from my job

because I have a fun grandmother job and once again, it is time for a change.

In those quick ten years I have learned so much and met so many people. I had a great board to work and have fun with, so many wonderful volunteers that kept the Heritage Center going, another group that worked and volunteered at the Sonnenberg Village, and of course a special group of members and friends of the society. So many people that I will miss rubbing elbows with on a daily basis. I say a hearty “thank you” to each one for helping to make my job easier and more exciting.

If I may have one final request as the outgoing director, please continue to support the Kidron Historical Society and your wonderful and competent new directors in whatever ways you can.

—Prudy Steiner

The board honored Prudy with words of thanks and tokens of appreciation at a luncheon in the Sonnenberg Welcome Center. Wayne Liechty led the board members in thanking Prudy for her stellar service as director of the Kidron Community Heritage Center. Prudy’s organizational skills, quick sense of humor and “get it done” attitude allowed her to positively impact Heritage Center guests and volunteers as well as the board and many supporters of the KCHS.

Thank you, Prudy, for an amazing ten years with the Kidron Community Historical Society.

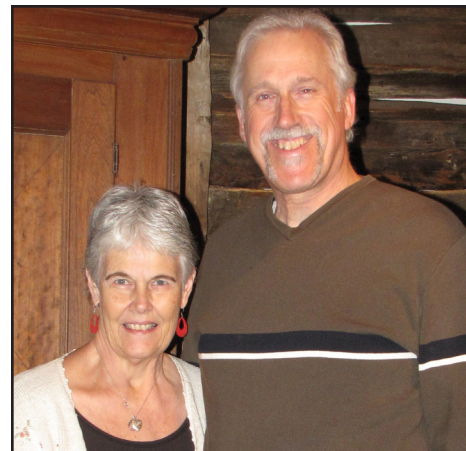
Wolfs Back Home In New Role

Former Kidron residents Dick and Sharon Wolf are back in the area where Dick is excited about his new role as director of the Kidron Community Historical Society’s Heritage Center, succeeding the retiring Prudy Steiner.

A Louisville native, Dick met and married Sharon, a Kidron native, in 1983. During their time in Kidron, he served as youth pastor at Kidron Mennonite Church for 9 years, followed by several years on staff at Living Water Community Church. In April 2009, Dick and Sharon moved to eastern North Carolina, where they resided for a little over two years. During that time, they both worked as historic interpreters at Tryon Palace and Gardens in New Bern. The town of New Bern was the first permanent capitol of the colony of North Carolina. William Tryon, Royal Governor of the colony, constructed a fine brick building to serve as a residence for him and his family and as the seat of government. Dick and Sharon guided tours of the governor’s house, and two other historic buildings on the site – the Stanly House and the Dixon House. Dick’s responsibilities also included cooking 18th century recipes over an open hearth in the kitchen building and instructing the drummers of the Palace Fife and Drum Corps. His interest in historic fife and drum music continues as he has been active with the Camp Chase Fifes and Drums since 2000.

Sharon, daughter of Jesse and Geraldine (Maurer) Nussbaum, grew up on Kidron Road. Her great-grandfather Cleophas Amstutz was an influential minister at Sonnenberg Church in the 1900’s. Sharon’s family were active members of Kidron Mennonite Church, including her large role alongside Dick during his years as youth pastor. She is a graduate of the Licensed Practical Nursing program at La Junta, Colorado. Like her husband, Sharon loves history and is especially interested in studying her Swiss roots. During their work at Tryon Palace, she was fascinated to learn that the earliest settlers to the New Bern area (1710) were Anabaptists and had names like Neuenschwander, Amstutz, Gerber, Lehman, Kraybiel, Nussbaum, and others still quite familiar in Kidron.

For the last four and a half years, Dick and Sharon resided in Columbus, where Dick served as a legislative aide to Wayne County’s representative to the Ohio House, Ron Amstutz. They have two grown sons, two amazing daughters-in-law and four grandchildren. Of all the places they’ve lived, the Wolfs feel most “at home” in the Kidron area and are thrilled to be back and part of the Kidron Community Historical Society.



Annual Business Meeting February 28

The public is invited to the KCHS annual business meeting at the Sonnenberg Village Welcome Center at 7:00 on Tuesday, February 28. Following the board’s annual reports, Dick and Sharon Wolf will be introduced via an informative dialog focusing on “Why We Do What We Do.”

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Members Banquet Invitation

Invitations to the annual members banquet will be included in the spring *Bit o' Vit* which will be mailed in early April. We will continue to ask for RSVPs by phone or email from those planning to attend.

Even though an invite will be included in each *Bit o' Vit*, only paid-up annual, Lifetime or Heritage members will be eligible to attend.

The invitation in the spring *Bit o' Vit* will be the **ONLY** invitation you will receive – printed invitations will not be mailed.

Mark your calendar for April 25 and look for more information in the spring *Bit o' Vit*.

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 27 | 1:30 pm

Patrick Henry: Portrayed by Doug Thomas
 Sonnenberg Village Welcome Center

February 28 | 7:00 pm

KCHS Annual Business Meeting

Sonnenberg Village Welcome Center
 "Why We Do What We Do"

Wayne Liechty with Dick and Sharon Wolf

March 25 | 2:00 pm

Lone Raven: Eclectic Traditional
 Sonnenberg Village Welcome Center

April 22 | 2:00 pm

Scott Ainslie: American Roots Music
 Sonnenberg Village Welcome Center

April 25 | 6:00 pm

Annual Members Banquet

Lifetime and Heritage members
 and annual members with 2017 dues paid

May 13 | 7:00 pm

Mercy River Quartet: Southern Gospel
 Sonnenberg Village Welcome Center

New Members

Vilas Amstutz, Elida OH

Brian W. Kratzer, Columbia MO

Kelly Marie Kratzer, Encino CA

Peter and Susan Rao, Medina OH

Brenda Smucker, Wooster OH

Rachel Steiner, Massillon OH

Betsy Warwick, Cincinnati OH

Correction: The Wayne County Community Foundation was incorrectly called the Greater Wayne County Foundation in the "Lights in the Parking Lot" article on page 3 of the Fall 2016 *Bit o' Vit*.

Sonnenberg Village Volunteers

In 2016, volunteers provided at least 1,188 hours of service at Sonnenberg Village. Some volunteers may not have recorded their names or time. The following volunteered or provided services at no charge or at a reduced rate, as best we know.

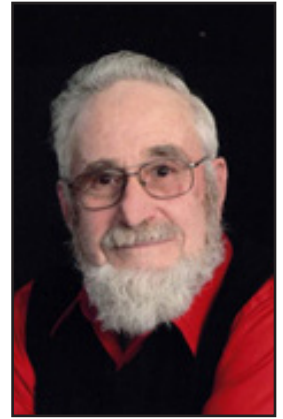
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| Clair Bixler | Coblentz Bros. Inc | Eldon Kornhaus |
| Mark A Bixler | Coblentz Furniture | Karl Kuhns |
| Mark E Bixler | Coblentz Roofing | Richard & Kathy Lang |
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| Abe Hochstetler | Gerber's Poultry | Elton Lehman |
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| Marcus Keim | Glassmith Artists | Ray & Allyson Leisy |
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| Dan Yoder | Robinson Heating | Cordell Neuenschwander |
| Joe Yoder | Storck Film Design | Harry Neuenschwander |
| | Tignor's Hardware | Phil Neuenschwander |
| | | Stuart Neuenschwander |
| <i>Central Christian Service Day</i> | J. Augspurger | Curt Nussbaum |
| Chase Baker | Phil Buchwalter | Junior Nussbaum |
| Gage Haven | Jonas Coblentz | Richard & Judie Nussbaum |
| Joshua Laird | Milan Coblentz | Vic Schantz |
| Sky Mao | Ray Coblentz | Keith Schloneger |
| Branton Shepler | Jon Fiellitz | Paul Snyder (Secrest Arboretum) |
| Brandon Swartz | Ron & LaVera Geiser | Dean & Prudy Steiner |
| Bob Troyer (teacher) | Gerald Gerber | Jim Stephenson |
| | Glenn Gerber | Cindy & Terry Strubbe |
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| Sandra Richards | Kyle Groves | Marcus Yoder |
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Remembering

VERNON SHOUP passed away suddenly on September 22, 2016. He put in 94 hours as a volunteer alongside his wife, Carolyn, between 2009 and 2016, having most recently volunteered in June. Vernon could be labeled as one of our jolliest volunteers with his wonderful, hearty laughter ringing throughout the building. He wasn't shy and was eager to start a conversation with any visitor that walked through the door. Vernon will be missed.



BRIAN HOFSTETTER passed away unexpectedly on December 5, 2016 at the young age of 53. Brian owned BE Hofstetter Excavating and was involved with Sonnenberg Village from its beginning in 2008. He dug the driveway from the road, dug basements, built up ground and leveled ground, dug both ponds, moved large stones to make walls and more. His last work at the village was digging holes to put up light poles last November, and he and Ray Leisy, Sonnenberg Village Manager, had already made arrangements for some projects that would begin in the spring. After pricing a large job, Brian would many times donate his time when Ray tacked on a small job here and there.



Ray made the observation, "Brian's work and expertise were remarkable. He could feather out dirt with his track hoe like no one I've ever seen. I considered him a friend and an asset to Sonnenberg Village." We will miss Brian.

2017 Performance Series TICKETS

Ticket prices are \$10 for adults; \$5 for youth 17 and under. All proceeds benefit the work of Sonnenberg Village.

Thank you and see you at the shows!

Sonnenberg Village
13497 Hackett Road
Apple Creek, Ohio

Patrick Henry	Mon., Feb. 27, 2017, 1:30	Adult tickets # _____ \$10 ea Youth tickets # _____ \$ 5 ea	\$ _____ \$ _____
Lone Raven	Sat., March 25, 2017, 2:00	Adult tickets # _____ \$10 ea Youth tickets # _____ \$ 5 ea	\$ _____ \$ _____
Scott Ainslie	Sat., April 22, 2017, 2:00	Adult tickets # _____ \$10 ea Youth tickets # _____ \$ 5 ea	\$ _____ \$ _____
Mercy River Quartet	Sat., May 13, 2017, 7:00		freewill offering
This form may be returned with payment made out to KCHS, the Kidron Community Historical Society, PO Box 234, Kidron, Ohio 44636.		Total enclosed	\$ _____

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The Heritage Center is closed December through March but welcomes appointments for tours and to visit the museum or Sonnenberg Village.
 Call and leave a message at 330-857-9111 for information or to schedule an appointment.

The Kidron Community Historical Society of Kidron, Ohio, founded in 1977, operates under the nonprofit charter granted by the State of Ohio.
 Your tax deductible gifts will help secure the future of the Historical Society and give you a part in preserving the heritage of this unique community.

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