



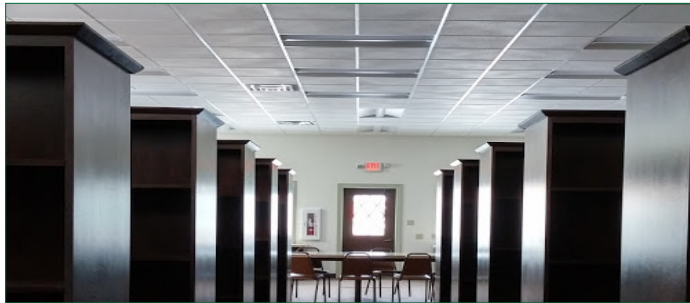
Heritage Center Genealogy Library

The approximately 2,000 square foot genealogy library will soon see a large collection of cataloged genealogy books shelved and ready for public use.

The library was built onto the west side of the Heritage Center

and will be accessed by doors inside the museum. The library will house research computers, a wall-mounted screen as well as desks and a conference table.

Donations continue to be accepted for this valuable addition to the Kidron



Community Historical Society's Heritage Center. Contact Heritage Center Director Dick Wolf or KCHS Board Chair Wayne Liechty for more information on how you can be involved in preserving Kidron-Sonnenberg genealogical documents.

Sonnenberg Village

Work In the Winter Slows Down

The main project for the fall in Sonnenberg Village was to complete the siding of the Bixler House. That task was 90% completed, only held up by the installation of another second floor window on the north side. The east and west sides are finished and the south face is sided up to the gable.

We found some time during the nice weather in early December to take down the Zuercher-Shetler Garden House given to the village by the Richard Shetler family. The building was completely dismantled and parts are stored in the village and at volunteer/builder Abe Troyer's shop. We plan to pour a cement pad in May and, with help from Abe Troyer and his workers, put the building up near the Tschantz Cabin in June or July. We expect to have another frolic at that time.

Speaking of the Tschantz Cabin,



work is proceeding on a heating and cooling system for the cabin that will allow us to control the building's humidity for its preservation. When completed, the cabin may be rented by small groups for events in any season.

We would like to thank the David Tschantz family for taking charge of this project.

February 27, 7:00 at SV KCHS Annual Business Meeting and General Lee



Photo by Joe Pelletier

The annual business meeting of the Kidron Community Historical Society has been set for February 27 at 7:00 pm in the Welcome Center of Sonnenberg Village. Reports will be given and election of board members will take place. The speaker for the evening, General Robert E. Lee, will be portrayed by Edward Beers of Orrville. Mr. Beers has been studying General Lee for many years.

General Lee was a devoted Christian and family man. He graduated from West Point and served the United States Army by arresting John Brown at Harper's Ferry. With the start of the Civil War, he stood by his State of Virginia, on the side of the South. At the end of the war, his estate was confiscated by the United States Government and became Arlington National Cemetery.



The Kidron Volunteer Fire Department conducted an ice rescue exercise at Sonnenberg Village on Jan. 23.

Members Banquet April 24

Invitations to the annual members banquet will be in the spring *Bit o' Vit*. We will ask for RSVPs by phone or email from those planning to attend. The invitation in the spring *Bit o' Vit* will be the ONLY invitation members will receive—printed invitations will not be mailed.

Membership expiration year is on mailing labels. Lifetime and Heritage members and paid 2018 members will be eligible to attend.

Members, mark your calendar for April 24 and look for more information in the spring *Bit o' Vit*.

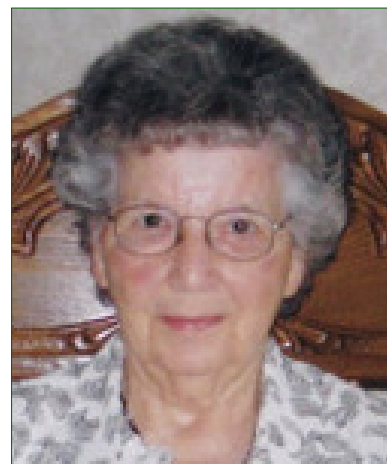
New Members

Sharon Goudy, Hot Springs Village AR
Ray Miller, Kidron OH
Mark & Marilyn Moffett, North Kingstown RI
Mahlon & Sharon Neuenschwander, Manheim PA
Abe E. & Mary Troyer, Orrville OH
Jonas Troyer, Apple Creek OH

Volunteers Remembered



CLARENCE "BUD" STEINER, 87, of Massillon, died August 11, 2017. Bud had accumulated 391 volunteer hours at the Heritage Center by the end of 2016. He enjoyed genealogy and worked with the genealogy computer upstairs. Bud also enjoyed talking with museum visitors while his wife, Jean, greeted visitors downstairs. Their granddaughter, Rachel, began working them in 2014.



BESSIE NUSSBAUM passed away on November 29, 2017 at the age of 88. Bessie had volunteered 250 hours at the Heritage Center by the end of 2016. Through 2012 she enjoyed working with her friend, Bernice Nussbaum, who joined her at the quilts. From 2013 on, Bessie volunteered one Saturday a month with her friend, Cindy Strubbe.

2017 Volunteers

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Heinz & Rosa Peter
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Cindy Strubbe
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Homecoming

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Eldon Kornhaus
Eileen Lehman
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Wayne Liechty
Curt & Gloria Nussbaum
Fritz and Ellen Sprunger
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Cindy Strubbe
Joe Wolf
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Community Service Day

(Bixler House)
Clair Bixler
David Bixler
Ethan Choi
Cameron Edmiston
Karl Kuhns
Kolby Kuhns
Cliff Lehman
Ray Leisy
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Jonas Troyer
Marvin Troyer
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UPCOMING EVENTS

February 17 Saturday | 7:00 pm
Upriver: Sonnenberg Village Performance Series *

February 27 Tuesday | 7:00 pm
KCHS Annual Business Meeting: Sonnenberg Village Welcome Center

March 10 Saturday | 7:00 pm
Honey Dewdrops: Sonnenberg Village Performance Series *

April 21 Saturday | 7:00 pm
Ameranouche: Sonnenberg Village Performance Series *

April 24 Tuesday | 6:00 pm
KCHS Annual Members Banquet: Kidron Mennonite Church Fellowship Hall

May 19 Saturday | 7:00 pm
Jericho Road: Sonnenberg Village Performance Series (no charge – freewill offering)

*** PERFORMANCE SERIES TICKETS: UPRIVER, HONEY DEWDROPS, AMERANOUCHE**
\$10 adults; \$5 youth 17 and under
Mail to KCHS, PO Box 234, Kidron OH 44636, or call 330-857-9111

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To receive email reminders of KCHS events, email your request to kidronheritagecenter@hotmail.com and you will added to the Quick Reminder list.

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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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