

We're looking for:

- Photos and stories of:
 - Snow storms/ice shoves
 - 1918 flu pandemic
 - Polio crisis 1940s/50s
 - Old photos (not just PC)
 - Agriculture/Farm
 - Rural Townships
 - Ottawa County veterans
 - Purple Heart recipients
 - EPG Echo and similar

Donations:

Kathy Lewis—slides and stereopticon; Four aerial photos of US Gypsum by Tom Root; book—The History of the Gypsum Industry in Ft. Dodge and Webster County with history of Gypsum and Celetox Companies.

Bette Hostrup—genealogy book of Peter Jensen Hostrup family

Jeff Brown—Lay Bros. Fishing Net Float

Erica Maple—Herb Lorenz print of Lakeside & Marblehead RR

OUR BOARD MEMBERS:

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NEWSLETTER

Summer 2023

Dear friends,

Apology first: I have been way behind the power curve in getting this newsletter out for our annual membership drive. Not sure why, but health issues have contributed some, plus one of our volunteers was out suddenly due to family illness and we are now trying to catch up—this attests to how important our volunteers are. The membership list has some hand corrections that I made, but if I left you out, please call me at 419-967-5533 and I will enjoy talking with you personally! (And apologizing again.)



One thing that is not behind is the Purple Heart Trail, thanks to Dave Barth, who has carried it through singlehandedly. Ottawa County Service Commission led by Sara Toris held a ceremony to designate Ottawa a Purple Heart Trail County. Several Purple Heart recipients, the county commissioners, the Commander of the Ohio Purple Heart Trail, the Ohio color guard, and family members and citizens were present on a perfect day to honor those who had been wounded in combat. For me, it has been an honor to meet Purple Heart recipients whom I did not know and some I did know. The next event will be in August, for the Annual Purple Heart Day. Dave Barth will continue to accept registrations.

Peggy

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New Lifetime Members—THANK YOU!!!

Thomas W. Barto

Bette Hostrup

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VOLUNTEERS: We provide many opportunities for you to get involved by volunteering—brief projects or weekly commitments: We need help with:

Clerical work

Work with artifacts and records

Greet visitors at the museum

Minor building maintenance

Photo scanning/newsletter production

Finding new members

Entering inventory information in software

If you can give us some of your time, please call Peggy at 419-967-5533. Our volunteers are a wonderful resource of help and fun!

**HOW TIMES HAVE
CHANGED!**

**PARADE IN DOWNTOWN
PORT CLINTON,
1917**

