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BWAHS Honors Bill Comisford



Pyles Tells of Comisford's Accomplishments

Although rain postponed this activity on Heritage Day, President Mindy thanked Bill for his service to the organization at the November Board meeting.

Mindy expressed our appreciation to Bill for his outstanding service in promoting local history as the former President of the Historical Society, for donation and erection of the barn, for being a fund raiser and design assistant of the General William S. Rosecran's Statue, for writing grants for the kitchen up-grade and a future addition, and for starting and heading the annual year-end member solicitation. Bill is currently serving as a Trustee for the organization.

From our President . . .

I hope that everyone is having a wonderful start to November. It is hard to believe the holiday season is right around the corner.

As the holiday season approaches, the Myers Inn will be open for a couple of events and we are reaching out to our members to see if anyone is able to volunteer their

time. Below is a description of our events and the volunteers needed. Please send me an email at mindypyle@gmail.com if you are able to help OR [click here](#) to sign up for a specific event.

Christmas on the Square:

Saturday, December 4th from 4:00 - 8:00

Weather permitting, we will try to complete most of our activities outside to limit crowd sizes in the Inn.

Christmas on the Square begins at 4:00. The parade is at 5:30 and the tree lighting is at 7:00. Most of the activity at the Inn will be from 4:00 - 5:30. If you can only volunteer for a part of the event, just indicate what time you are planning to leave.

Myers Inn Activities

● **Civil War Santa and Antique Sleigh Picture**

Thank you to Rick Helwig for being Santa and the Comisford family for lending the sleigh.

Decorate Frames. We are purchasing cards that the Santa pictures will fit in. We will provide markers and stickers for children to add festive decorations.

● **Tours of Myers Inn.** We will do this by request.

Volunteer Needs:

● **Santa Helpers:** The plan is for families to pose with Santa and we will take their picture as a memento. We will need a couple of people to help organize any lines and help with the flow of traffic. Mindy Pyle will organize taking and printing the pictures out.

● **Greeters and Docents:** It would be ideal to have at least 2 docents on the bottom floor and 2 docents on the second floor to share the stories of the Inn and help with the flow of the crowds. If you volunteer to be a docent, you can pick the room you wish to be stationed in.

● **Craft Helpers:** It would be helpful to have a few more to work with the children. Materials are provided

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Winter Break Children's Workshop Wednesday, December 28th from 1:00-3:00

We are trying something different this year and hosting an event between Christmas and New Year's. This event will be advertised during Christmas on the Square and will be geared towards school age children (and their families). Mindy Pyle and Alice Chapan are organizing this event and we would love to have additional members join us.

We are planning to have "stations" in different rooms of the Myers Inn.

Our activities (as of now) include:

- A read-aloud
- Calendar Making Station
- Junior Docent Training
- Scavenger Hunt

Volunteers Needed:

● **Read-Aloud and Activity:** I have the book "Finding Winnie." This is the story of Winnie the Pooh. If you volunteer you can read this book or another of your choosing and have a fun activity going along with the story.

● **Calendar Making:** The materials will be provided. The plan is for the students to create a 2022 calendar for themselves. Depending on the age of the children, the volunteers may need to assist with understanding how to make a calendar and/or assist with decorating and making it their own.

● **Junior Docent Training:** This is a program that we are piloting for 2022. For the children interested, they will pick a room in the Myers Inn that interests them, and learn a story they can share during a tour. We need volunteers to share a story these kids can remember to share with others.

● **Scavenger Hunt:** The scavenger hunt is already created. We just want to make sure students do not get frustrated and learn the history while searching for different items. We will also have a prize to give at the end.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Calendar of Events

November 22 at 7:00: Marietta - Ohio's First Settlement presented by Van Young via Zoom
Zoom link on web at www.BigWalnutHistory.org

December 4: 3:30 **Election of BWAHS Officers**
In Myers Inn

December 4: **Christmas on the Square**
4-8 Events at Myers Inn

Photos with Civil War Santa & Sleigh
Craft to make a frame for photo
Tours of Myers Inn Requested
Author John Cleland to sign books
Gift Shop Open

5:30 Parade of Lights Around Square

7:00 Lighting of the Tree on Square

December 28 1-3:00 **Winter Break Children's Workshop - see article on the left**

**MYERS INN MUSEUM AND GIFT SHOP
ARE OPEN 12-3 ON SATURDAYS
To Book a Tour on a Different Day
Call 740-965-3582 - Leave a message**

Election of Officers December 4

The annual election of Big Walnut Area Historical Society Trustees and Officers will be held from 3:30 to 4:00 in the Myers Inn Museum before Christmas on the Square.

Alice Lacher, Ashley Hornbacker and Roger Roberts each agreed to extend their positions as Trustees for another three years. Bill Kavage agreed to serve another term as Treasurer of the organization.

A Trustee's position and the Vice President are still open. If you are interested in these positions, email info@BigWalnutHistory.org or call Mindy at 614-657-5579. Trustees meet the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:00 in the Myers Inn or via zoom.

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