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Electing Officers for 2024

B.W.A.H.S. By-Laws allow for election of officers each year but only half are replaced to allow for continuity of business. Treasurer, Secretary and half of the Trustees are to be elected this year. Bill Kavage has served as Treasurer and is willing to take on another two years. Damon Bower is willing to serve as Secretary. The Vice President's chair is open.

Trustee terms are usually elected for three years but 3 men had one year terms which expired this year. Brad Orndorf and Mike Wise have each agreed to serve 2 years. Dave Martin, Mel Meyers, and Porter Welch and will each serve a three year term. This leaves us needing a Trustee to serve one year and another one to serve 2 years.

None of the candidates are opposed.

Since there is not a December program meeting, we ask you to vote via mail, email or by dropping off your ballot at Christmas on the Square, December 2.

New officers will take office in January, 2024.

Ballot To Elect 2024 Officers

Mark Boxes to vote, drop off at Myers Inn by 12/2,
Mail to Box 362, Sunbury, OH 43074,
Email to Info@BigWalnutHistory.org

- Bill Kavage, Treasurer
- Damon Bower, Secretary
- Brad Orndorf, Trustee - 2 years
- Mike Wise, Trustee - 2 years
- Dave Martin, Trustee - 3 years
- Mel Meyers, Trustee - 3 years
- Porter Welch, Trustee - 3 years

Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon



President Rick Helwig, standing, has presented Marion Ackerman with Outstanding Volunteer of the Year Award for work he and his helpers, Alan Curtis on the left and Paul Pennock on the right, did to rebuild the columns on the Myers Inn. His name is on the plaque at the door.

Twenty five of the 30 volunteers who helped the B.W.A.H.S. in 2023 attended the Volunteer Luncheon on November 17. Mel Meyers of Bry-Air provided the food while officers set things up and cleaned up.

Marion Ackerman was chosen for the 2023 award. He reminded us he told Community Library this building was salvageable even though it was in bad shape in 1978. Then Harold McMillan gave it to the library.

Years later the old flooring had been reinstalled, but the office had none. Marion found flooring for the office but the nails had to be removed before it could be used. When a group of teenagers needed a community service project, he organized a work day and taught them how to remove the nails. Then he installed the flooring.

Recently, using his friends from the Woodworker's group to help, Marion rebuilt the column bottoms where they had rotted to save the original architecture of the building. Thanks, Marion!

From the President's Desk

Christmas Trivia

by Rick Helwig

As we enter into the Holiday Season, I thought this month I would present a little Christmas Trivia quiz. The answers are in the next column, so no peaking.

- 1) These three illustrators are credited with creating the American image of Santa Claus.
- 2) A corruption of this Dutch name for the personification of Christmas is generally considered the source of the name Santa Claus
- 3) This is the original title for the work we call "T'was the Night Before Christmas"
- 4) The first image of Santa created by Thomas Nast looked more like this US icon that was first created during WWI than the traditional Santa.
- 5) The idea of hanging stocking on the chimney to be filled is said to trace its origins to this Saint.

May you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

See you at the Inn. Rick

Answers to Christmas Trivia

- 1) Thomas Nast, Haden Sundblom (creator of the Coke Santa), and Norman Rockwell
- 2) Sinterklaas
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Big Walnut Area Historical Society
OFFICERS
 Rick Helwig, President
 Vice President to be selected
 Chip Welch, Secretary
 Bill Kavage, Treasurer
 Polly Horn, Curator,
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 Mel Meyers
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Christmas on the Square

Myers Inn will be open 10 to 3 and 4 to 8 on Saturday December 2nd but closed during the parade so volunteers can enjoy it. Civil War Santa Claus will be in the Museum for photo ops. We need volunteers to be in the building and servers for refreshments.

We can use eight 64 ounce bottles of cranapple juice and 8 to 10 people to each make a batch of Christmas cookies to give to our visitors. The juice may be brought in any Saturday 10-3. Cookies may be brought on December 2. If you can help, call 740-965-3582 and leave your name.

Answers to Christmas Trivia Continued:

- 3) "A Visit from St. Nicholas," first published in 1823 by Clement Moore.
- 4) Uncle Sam While the original depiction of Uncle Sam was created by Thomas Nast, the most famous picture of Uncle Sam was created by James Montgomery Flagg for a 1917 recruitment poster.
- 5) Saint Nicholas of Myra c.300 AD. Legend states that he would aid the poor by either dropping bags of gold down chimneys or throw the bags through the windows where they landed in stockings hung by the fireplace to dry.

Joining BWAHS is Easy

Circle One:

Individual \$20, Family \$35, Business 10 or fewer employees \$50, Business 11-99 employees \$75, Business 100 or more employees \$100, Patron \$100, Other ?

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