



Special THANK YOU Edition!

We are all volunteers, and as a non-profit, I can't afford to pay everyone for all the wonderful things they do for RTHS. But what I CAN do is thank them properly.

We have a lot of wonderful people who work hard at the museum as well as behind the scenes.

I was sitting at my desk last week making *Certificates of Recognition* to thank all the volunteers, when I received a visit from a pair of pixies; Penelope Pixie and Peter Piper Pixie. They asked me what I was up to, and I told them. They got all excited and their squeaky voices went up another octave. (I was getting a headache by now) Peter Piper said, "We can give you T-Shirts for everyone for only one dollar each! I thought that sounded like something I could afford, and it would be great to hand out custom shirts at the Christmas Dinner, so I agreed.

While Penelope and Peter Piper Pixie were hopping all over my desk (building a tower with the paper clips), I grabbed my camera and snapped their pictures (Penelope's snapshot is above). They promised to produce the T-Shirts promptly by Saturday morning, and then those two pick-pocket pixies proceeded to pilfer a couple of pads of posted notes before they left. That's OK, because I have plenty.

Saturday morning arrived. Penelope and Peter Piper Pixie showed up (I STILL don't know how they got in my house) to produce the T-Shirts, but I must have

been mistaken about what they said, because the shirts won't fit any of us! They are Pixie P-Shirts! The shirts only fit Pixies!!!

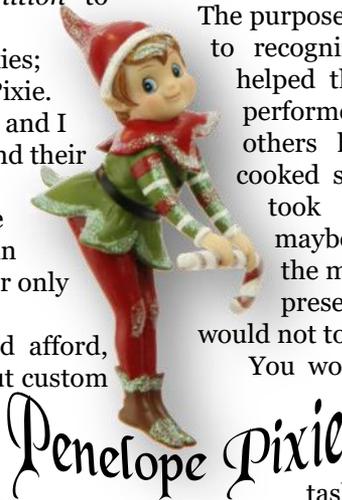
I already paid for the P-Shirts, so I decided that everybody should still get one. The one-dollar P-shirt from our perky Penelope and Peter Piper Pixie is precariously pasted to each *Certificate of Recognition* (sample pictured on page 2).

The purpose of this special edition is to recognize all the people who helped this year. Some of them performed physical labor, while others helped from their desk, cooked something in their oven, took children on tours, or maybe they simply came to the museum and provided a presence, so little fingers would not touch things during tours.

You would be amazed at all the tasks there are in our museum where members can help. These tasks don't all involve physical labor. Don't let a disability hold you back if you want to help. I am disabled. In fact, my scooter is parked at the museum right now, and will be coming back home until we start the Spring tours. There will be about four hundred children coming to visit us this Spring. Maybe more!

On the following pages, I have listed Thank-you(s) to everyone in alphabetical order. When you see them next, feel free to shake their hand and congratulate them for a job well done!

~Mary Turner Stoots, 2018-2019 President



Penelope Pixie

The last paragraph of each certificate is the same: *“Duly Awarded on December 8th, 2018 by the Reynoldsburg-Truro Historical Society, presented officially by the undersigned, and sealed by the P-Pickin’ Pixies who donated a perfectly pressed \$1 P-shirt to publicly promote the prodigious accomplishments provided hereto within.”*

Thank You to:

DICK BARTH: For responding quickly to our building emergencies and finding a professional who will immediately make repairs (the museum roof repair and new garage roof!!), chairing the nominating committee, all the hard work he and Dotti did for the past Pig Roasts, patiently answering questions, providing feedback, and for being blatantly honest with the president whether he wanted to or not.

DOTTI BARTH: For coming to every RTHS event possible with a smile on her face and snacks for our guests. We have grown to accept her as a staple at every open house and general meeting. Her talented artwork is always appreciated and welcome at our Artisan Exhibits

IVALEE BASINGER: For bringing snacks, along with a beautiful smile, to every Open House. She lights up the room when she enters, and always carries a positive attitude into the Museum to share with everyone.

LINDA BRONSTEIN: For helping during the third-grade tours when we needed her the most. Linda has also provided valuable insights and know-

ledge of Reynoldsburg history to our archivists. Her donations to the museum and sharing of documentation is greatly appreciated.

BARTH COTNER: For the outstanding job he does introducing the children to the history of Reynoldsburg. Barth has turned a mere museum tour into an exciting adventure for every third-grader in Reynoldsburg. His sponsorship for the transportation has brought hundreds of students to our facility who never would have had the opportunity.

JIM DIUGUID: For his dedication to every facet of the Museum. Jim is always one step ahead of us. For switching out every picture in Anniversary Hall at the first of the year. For all of the trips downtown while he supervised the scheduling with the Columbus Metropolitan Library to scan every composite and yearbook in our museum. For obtaining the donation of 19 yearbooks from the high

school we were missing in our archives, and providing ongoing care for all of our collections, artifacts, and documents.

JUDY DIUGUID: For her ongoing dedication to our Museum (inside and out), the beautiful displays she creates, the wonderful baked goods she provides for our Open House events, and periodically acting as Uber for the president.

RHONDA EBERST: For the outstanding job she did as our very first Tombstone Tour Guide this year. The tombstone tours have proved to be one of the highlights for the *(continued)*



children during their elementary tours. The thank-you notes we received have many comments by the students about how much they enjoyed visiting the cemetery. Rhonda's idea became a welcome venue that will be continued for years to come.

KIM FISHER: There isn't enough space on this certificate to list all the wonderful things that Kim has done for the museum this year. Without Kim, there would be no Holiday Gift Shop, no seasonal decorations, no tables to work on, and our yard would be barely maintained. She is truly remarkable.

CHERYL FOLEY: For making and donating candy bags to distribute at the Fire Station open house; working at the Fire Station Open House; making candy bags and working all evening at Halloween-at-the-Museum; converting all the leftover Halloween candy bags to Christmas bags; helping to set up the entire Holiday Gift Shop; working at Christmas on the Town; and providing transportation and lunch for the president.

VICKIE HALL: For recruiting a record number (we lost count) of new members, acting as an advisor to the president, and always attending Board Meetings as the Best-Dressed (when she's not wearing her pajama pants). Vickie has proven to be an asset to the Board, joining us this year, and we have now become a cohesive working team

GARY KNAPP: For accurately counting ballots during elections and professionally hollering the results. Gary makes sure the facts are straight and truthful during general meeting presentations and whether he realizes it or not, he is also our source of information related to questions regarding the Reynoldsburg-Truro Fire Department.

SHERYL KNAPP: For patiently coaching, editing, and often composing during the effort of our current president's attempt at novice grant writing. Sheryl kept her composure at all times and was

an excellent teacher. Her professionalism was, and is, above and beyond.

TOM McCRAY: For accepting any task without hesitation. Tom is always willing to help. All you have to do is tell him where he is needed; and he will be there. His support of the current administration is very much appreciated, and his advice to the president is always welcome.

SUZY MILLER: For the outstanding job completed this year as our Corresponding Secretary, performing her elected duties largely at her own expense, for patiently guiding the current president through this past year offering experienced insights and advice, and for the excellent articles she writes and constructive criticism she shares which makes the Courier improve with every single issue.



The One-Dollar Pixie P-Shirt

HANNAH MOORE: For helping so much during the card party to acquire donated pizza and periodically helping to clean the museum whenever possible. Hannah always carries a cheerful attitude and beautiful smile into every room.

MARK MYERS: For the outstanding job he did as our Tour Director this year and in the past; the countless hours spent indexing and organizing the Western Electric Collection, and the work he did on our filing system. Also, for the welcome mentoring provided to the current president upon request.

CONNIE PARKINSON: For the wonderful and popular Courier articles. As a founding member and *(continued)*

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Past president; giving advice and encouragement, professionally editing the entire newsletter to the most minute detail and writing historical articles that have given our newsletter, and especially our Facebook page, widespread notoriety with the current residents of Reynoldsburg, as well as former residents and alumni across the country.

NEAL PIEK: For managing our website for over a decade, participating for years on the Board of Directors, helping with the elementary school tours, and attending as many events as possible.

WENDY RAFTERY: For the excellent job she has done as the Sunshine Committee chairperson, her willingness to take any task and run with it, the organizing she did for the Multi-Vendor Shopping Spree, and for being a presidential taxi. Wendy has proved to be an asset to the Board, joining us this year, and we have now become a cohesive working team.

LAUREN SHIMAN: For accepting the role of 'Administrative Assistant' without hesitation and jumping in with both feet. All of our elementary tours would not be possible

without her assistance and valuable background knowledge of the Reynoldsburg School System. Lauren has quickly become an indispensable asset to RTHS. Her current *Branches* project could result in a permanent relationship between RTHS and the educational system.

MARVIN SHRIMPLIN: For his unwavering support of the current administration; his advice when offered that is always welcome; his response to any financial question is always at hand; his patience with those who are new to the task; and his passion that our museum remains for generations to come.

COLIN SUTPHIN: For the talented

artwork he shares with all of our members along with a story accompanying each picture that takes us back to the 1960s; for participating in the Herbert Mills student interviews; and for tirelessly running up and down the museum stairs with our visiting third-graders.

JEANNINE TURNER: For making and donating the beautiful quilt we raffled off at the Holiday Dinner.

JOHN VINGLE: Always available to lend a helping hand. The barn displays turned out to be some of the most popular displays in our facility. Thank you for helping us when we need the support. Members like you are golden.

SHIRLEY VINGLE: For providing historical articles to share with our membership that proved extremely popular on our Facebook page (1,820 people reached to date). And for offering advice and constructive criticism when required. We appreciate her thoughtful and valuable input.

JACK WINTERS: For always providing the answers to our questions along with his unbiased opinion, whether we ask for it or not. He has a gift of gab that makes our visitors feel welcome, and he does an excellent job of persuading people to sign our guest book.

JEANNINE WINTERS: For providing delicious snacks at every Open House and helping visitors when they have an inquiry. Her laugh is contagious, and her company is always welcome. She has volunteered thousands of hours through the years, and RTHS appreciates every single minute.

ALSO....Very Honorable Mentions:

Karen Weber has helped us out at several events

Carol Deuber took me over to Summit Elementary to organize a school tour.

Judith Duncan: For sharing her artwork in our Gift Shop.

If I missed someone, I am sorry, but as you can see, I am out of space.



Peter Piper Pixie