

The Bond House Dispatch

Fall 2022

Trustees Recognize Sam Boak for Outstanding Philanthropy



The trustees of the society honored Sam and Donna Boak at the November trustees meeting. Sam received an award for his outstanding philanthropy to Canfield. Sam, a longtime resident of Canfield and Canfield alumni, has been extremely generous with his time, talents, and treasures to a variety of causes. His generosity to our society included serving two terms as trustee during which time multiple projects benefited from his involvement. In addition to donating the labor when the Bond House was resided years ago, he most recently donated the entire roof. Sam's stewardship certainly does not end with our organization. He was a substantial donor for the renovation of the exterior of the War Veterans Museum and is active in Rotary and their many projects. The entire town enjoyed his years of financial support for the Fourth of July fireworks. The Presbyterian Church has also been a benefactor

of his and his wife, Donna's, giving spirit. The Boak's most recent financial donation to CHS will be used to purchase much needed archival shelving to properly store our collection. The honor bestowed upon Sam by our group is a small measure of the gratitude we feel for his continued good work for his hometown. Thanks, Sam.

New Look for Exhibits at Bond House

For more than 30 years the first floor exhibits at the Bond House have undergone few changes. The front room, or parlor, has been a showcase for the many pieces of furniture and other artifacts donated by the Manchester family in 1990. Several dresses from the Chambers collection have also been on display there for many years. Because the large meeting room needed to be available for our lectures, the exhibits there have been limited to the showcases and a few pieces of furniture. However, since we are taking advantage of the Library for our lectures, that room is now available for showcasing more of our collection. Themes for displays will include church, school, business and homemaking. As the collection continues to grow, the



rooms upstairs are overflowing with material. Plans are in place to purchase more shelving for upstairs and to move pieces out of storage and put them on display. The project will take months to complete but the goal is to have it finished by our first open house in March. Here's a sneak peak at one of the exhibits in progress.

REMINDER

Full color newsletters are available on our website along with up-to-date and archived programming information. Visit canfieldhistory.org

Cemetery Walk to be Annual Event

The weather was chilly but the sun was shining for the Old North Cemetery Walk last month. This was the second cemetery walk for our society, the first of the large Village Cemetery was in October 2019. Next year we plan to host a tour of Dean Hill Cemetery on Palmyra Road and then return to the large cemetery in 2024. The tour of Old North included early German settlers from Pennsylvania who came to the area in 1804/05 and originally settled in Austintown, Ellsworth or on the north side of Canfield. The graveyard dates to 1810 but many of the early headstones are no longer legible. Families buried here included the Yagers, Lynns, Bortz, Klines, Ohls, Hardings and Naffs. Religion was an important part of their lives and they traveled to Canfield to attend German speaking church even if they settled elsewhere. Several area residents can trace their family history back to these early inhabitants. Most notably is Wayne Anderson who resides on the Kline family farm on Raccoon Rd. and Bruce and Jennifer Neff, cousins who descend from Conrad Naff, owner of Loghurst on Rt. 224. Look for excerpts from the Old North tour on our Facebook page in the coming months.



John and Elizabeth (Kline) Naff

ELECTION TIME AGAIN

Nominations for the upcoming 2023 Officers and Trustees are complete. We want to sincerely thank the trustees who are going off the board for their time and talents. Tom Walker, Jack LeBrun and Paul Sherba have each served two terms as Trustees and will be missed. Margot Baird, who was completing a partial term, has agreed to remain on the board for a new full term. As per our by-laws the nominated slate of officers is being announced in writing in a newsletter and will be announced at the November lecture. We do not have a scheduled lecture in December at which time members would normally vote; therefore anyone wishing to contest the slate or to nominate someone, please contact Suzie McCabe before December 1. If no one contests the slate, the trustees will accept the officers and trustees as nominated.

2023 Nominations for Officers

Suzie McCabe - *President*

Nancy Newton - *Vice-President*

Clare Neff - *Treasurer*

2023 Nominations for Trustee

Dave Goddard - *1 yr Term*

Margot Baird - *3 yr Term*

Jerry Dixey - *3 yr Term*

Susan Hendricks - *3 yr Term*

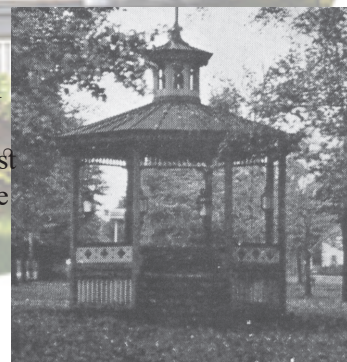
Community Supports Changes To The Village Green

The Green is experiencing a makeover with the building of the new gazebo and the installation of Veterans Plaza at the north end. The original bandstand was built in 1889 and torn down in the early 1950s. In the summer of 1888 a long drawn out solicitation, including a Band Stand Benefit Festival, was made for donations to build a bandstand in the park. Work ensued the following spring with much of the labor donated. For many years the bandstand was often the site of live concerts and band shows; however, by the 1950s it was seldom used and had begun to deteriorate. Much controversy surrounded the demolition of the 65 year old structure. In 1954, Canfield Mayor Earl M. Roudebush ordered it be demolished citing public safety as the reason. The order met with much debate; many arguing to preserve the structure. The story goes that the mayor and George Byers, who was head of the street department, ended the debate by tearing the bandstand down in the dark of night. The "new" bandstand, or gazebo as it is more commonly called today, was built in 1968 and was about 54 years old at the time of its demise this summer. This structure had also begun to rot and was not big enough to accommodate many

activities. Again, controversy arose involving the demolition. This time a delay was caused by permit issues over who actually owns the Green. By August the issue was resolved and the gazebo was torn down. Canfield Rotary is sponsoring the collection of funds for the new construction. History repeats itself with donations of labor from American Construction and Dismantling LLC, a local Canfield company, and donations of money from the community. Construction is expected to be done by year end.



Veterans Plaza at the north end of the park is a welcome use of the Green. The project was started by the Canfield American Legion Post 177, who has been collecting donations for years. Groundbreaking took place in August and it looks like it will be complete by Veterans Day. The 60-foot flag pole at the center of the plaza was erected and formally dedicated last November on Veterans Day. Flagpoles representing the six branches of the military and one for Prisoners of War are included in the plaza.



LIGHTING OF THE GREEN - Dec 2

This year's Lighting of the Green festivities, sponsored by Canfield Rotary, will take place on Friday, December 2. In addition to the appearance of a special guest from the North Pole, horse drawn carriage rides will be available. Piccadilly Parlor and The Mahoning Dispatch will be open. Primary School choirs will be at the Methodist Church and the High School choir will be singing at the Christian Church. Don't miss this chance to be a part of our town's Christmas celebration.

***DUES are due by
December 31, 2022.***