



Greater Washington Area Historical Society

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Washington High School 100th Anniversary

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Museum Information

The Museum is located at 58230 Van Dyke, between 26 Mile Rd. and West Rd. in Washington Township.

The Museum is open 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month from June through November.

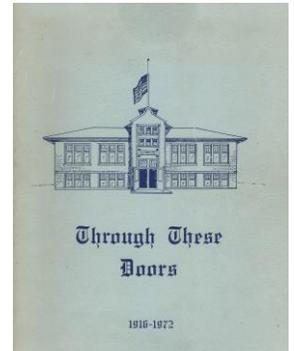
Monthly meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month at 10:00 a.m. at the museum.

Visit our website at
www.washhistsoc.org



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It doesn't seem possible but it has been 100 years since the citizens of the Village of Washington voted to build a new school. This new school building, with three classrooms on the upper level and auditorium on the lower level, would replace the old two-room brick schoolhouse and serve the community as a place of learning and community center for 56 years. Since 1975, the building has been the home of the Washington Historical Museum.



We have several projects we are working on to celebrate the 100th Anniversary including a 100th Anniversary Celebration and Reunion on Sunday, October 23. More information regarding this event is contained in the President's Message. One of our projects is to reprint "Through These Doors, 1916-1972", which is currently out of print. This book contains a history of our school, a history of the Washington area, and a great deal of information about local families.

Through generous donations from the following individuals, organizations, and local businesses, we will be able to complete this project and will have the book available for purchase at the 100th Anniversary Celebration and Reunion.

Cherie & Bob Allen
William Bentz

Pat Blonde & Jim Boldt

R. J. Brainard

Jane & Shirley Crawford

D&B Auto Sales

Jan & Pat Donovan

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Friends of the Ray Township

Library and Historical Society

Betty & Ron Gordon

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Jean & Jim Holcomb

IBR Civil War Roundtable

Jam's Frozen Custard

Christine Krawczyk

Loren Andrus Octagon House

Judy Lopus

Edmond R. Lynch

Edward Jones

Carol Nickerson

The Record Newspaper

Rocks 'N' Roots

Romeo Family Restaurant

Romeo Ford

Roth Muir Funeral Home

Anita & Tom Simpson

Thomas Stenvig

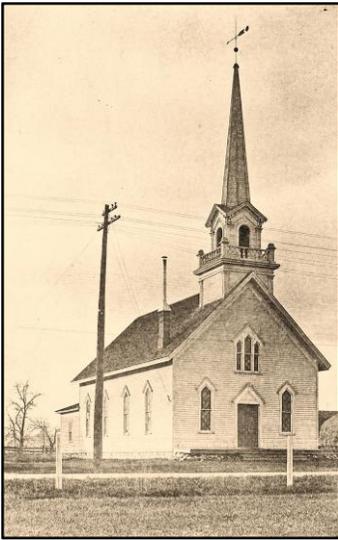
Stoney Creek Bike

Washington Barber Shop

Washington Elevator

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*It's easy to support the
Greater Washington
Area Historical Society
through
Kroger Community Rewards
and our
Ink Cartridge Recycling
Program.
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Washington Union Church

Welcome New Members

**Zoi & Pete Seremetis
(Romeo Family Restaurant)**

*We would like to thank
the following people for
their generous donations*

**Andy Jaracz
Robert O'Brien
Dante Paglia
Harold Weemhoff
Gayle Wharfield**

Message from the President

In our short stay in the Old Washington High School, which is 100 years old this year and currently houses our Museum, we have many pleasant memories of the people that have helped us along the way to preserve a small part of the history of this area. Invitations have been sent to alumni and members of the Society to attend our 100th Anniversary Celebration and Reunion at the Museum on Sunday, October 23, 2016, 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. We have had alumni gatherings in the past, and they have always been interesting as we learned about things that happened in this building throughout the years. There are so many more stories that have yet to be told. So, for a nominal charge of \$10, come and visit, enjoy refreshments sponsored by Meijer, learn of the history of the building, how it was to be a student here, share memories, photographs and artifacts of old school days.

A major fundraising event was initiated earlier this year to raise money to replace the roof and the furnace. We have some funds available at this time but not enough to get the projects underway. The effort may take a few years. You may have noticed that the roof on the south side of the building has been replaced as a tree fell on the edge of the roof earlier this year and it had to be repaired. The furnace has the higher priority, and we will soon be getting estimates for the work needed.

The renovation of the old boys' bathroom was undertaken as an Eagle Scout project by Dante Paglia. He even had funds left over which were donated to the Historical Society. Dante is now a freshman at Houghton. He and his team did an excellent job.

Cherie Allen and Terry Goike were able to raise enough money to be able to reprint the book "Through These Doors, 1916-1972". The project had been discussed for several years, and now we will have copies available for purchase. The effort to get this project done is greatly appreciated.

Pat Hallman has assembled the information required for us to apply for a Michigan Historical Marker to commemorate the Old Washington High School site. We should be able to send the application in to the state by the end of the year.

Be sure to come visit your Museum. See what we have done and join us in helping to preserve the history of this area.

Ira "Jim" Holcomb
President

In Memory

We lost two very good friends of the society recently.

Jan Collins passed away on July 7, 2016. She and her husband, Al, have been longtime friends of the society. She enjoyed all things fabric and loved gardening. Jan had a way of making everyone she met feel special and like you had been friends for a long time. And we will all miss her special salad that she brought to our Christmas Potluck Dinners.

Stu Nickerson passed away on July 16, 2016. Over the years, Stu had loaned us toys from his vintage toy collection. One of his toys we currently have on display is a clown that Stu rescued from a junk yard many years ago. He was an active member of the Washington community, but we probably remember him best as the owner of the New Englander along with his wife, Carol. Seems like just yesterday we saw Stu drive down the road in his antique "New Englander" truck.

We will all miss both of these friends very much.

Annual Antique Appraisal Fair

We will be holding our Annual Antique Appraisal Fair on Sunday, October 9, from 12 noon to 4 p.m. at the museum. Whether you have a family heirloom or an item purchased at a sale, our expert appraiser, Fred Fleming of Aardvark Antiques in Lake Orion, will provide you with the opportunity to spend some time with an expert and learn not only the background of your item, but also its value. The cost is \$5.00 per item, and you may bring as many items as you wish. If it is determined an item is of little value, Mr. Fleming may waive the fee.

Now would be a perfect time to pull out that old "whatchama call it" that you inherited from Aunt Sally and find out what it really is.



**Fred Fleming
Aardvark Antiques**

Project Update

Now that the flat roof has been replaced, another project on our list was to remodel our storage room (the old boys' bathroom). Dante Paglia volunteered to do the remodel as his Eagle Scout project. It wasn't an easy project. There had been a leak in the roof which made it necessary to remove the old ceiling and replace all of the drywall. He also painted the ceiling and walls and replaced the light fixtures. His Eagle Scout project required him to raise the funds necessary, enlist help where required, and complete the project by a specified date. Dante was able to complete the project on time and under budget. We want to thank Dante for a great job and wish him continued success.



Mark Your Calendar

Oct. 9 – Antique Appraisal Fair – Washington Historical Museum – 12n-4pm. – Info washhistsoc.org.

Oct. 16 – Octagon House Chats – Halloween Version of Lost Towns of Eastern Michigan by Alan Naldrett – Loren Andrus Octagon House – 2pm – Open house 1p-4p – Info octagonhouse.org.

Oct. 23 – 100th Anniversary Celebration and Reunion – Washington Historical Museum – 12n-4pm. – Info washhistsoc.org.

Oct. 27 – 2017 Ray Township Calendar Event – Heritage Oaks – 6p-8p – Info www.rayhistory.org.

Oct. 27 – Chesterfield Historical Society Harvest Dinner – Info chesterfieldhistoricalsociety.org.

Oct. 29 – Halloween Tea – Loren Andrus Octagon House – 12n – Info octagonhouse.org.

Nov. 19 & 20 – Victorian Christmas Celebration – Loren Andrus Octagon House – Sat. 10a-5pm & Sun. 12n-5pm – Info octagonhouse.org.

Dec. 3, 4, & 10 – Victorian Christmas Tea – Loren Andrus Octagon House – 11:30a-2p – Info octagonhouse.org.

Dec. 11 – Santa Christmas Open House – Loren Andrus Octagon House – 12n-4p – Info octagonhouse.org.

Dec. 15 – Christmas Potluck Dinner – Washington Historical Museum – 6:30 pm – Info 248-652-2458.



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Also, you don't have to be a member of the Greater Washington Area Historical Society to support us through the Kroger Community Rewards Program.

If you have any questions or need assistance, contact Cherie Allen at 586-781-4375 or email rdallen1@att.net.

Cartridge Recycling Program

Do you throw away your used laser and inkjet cartridges? What do you do with your old cell phones, MP3s, PDAs and tablets/eReaders/notebooks?

We are working with several companies that will pay the historical society for recycling these items. And they pay for the supplies and postage, so it doesn't cost the society anything to participate.

If you would like to donate your used cartridges or electronic devices, drop them off at the museum when we are open or contact Bob and Cherie Allen at 586-781-4375 or email rdallen1@att.net and we will arrange to pick them up from you. Note: The recycling companies we deal with do not accept remanufactured cartridges.

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