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Our objectives as an organization are to preserve structures of historical significance, develop and present community educational programs, and to create a learning center for historic education.

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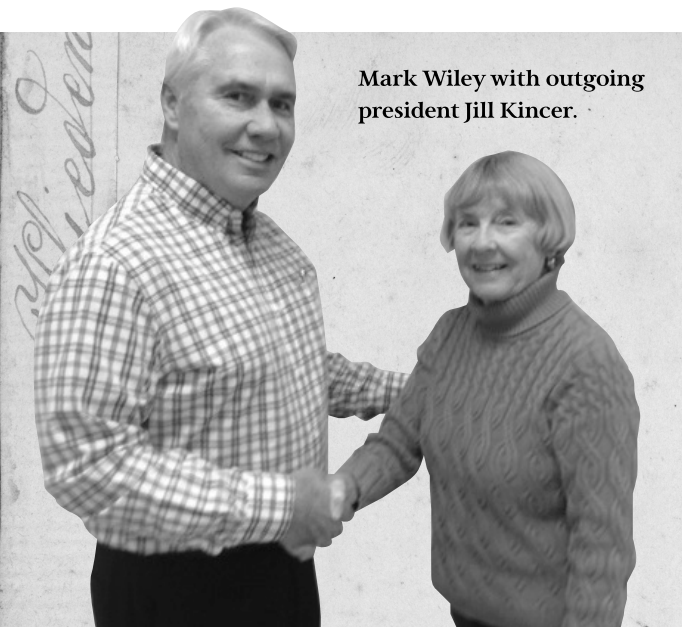


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Welcome, Society President Mark Wiley!

Submitted by Jeanne Wensits



Mark Wiley with outgoing
president Jill Kincer.

Mark Wiley, the new president of your Beaver Creek Historical Society, was named and welcomed by the Board of Directors on November 8th, 2018.

The outgoing president **Jill Kincer** had previously announced her “retirement” after several years in office, but promised to remain active on Society programs and projects. She actually *found* Mark as a candidate to replace her, avoiding a mini-crisis. With respect to Mark succeeding her, she enthused, “Good feelings abound! I feel very confident that he is certainly well qualified to take on this role.”

Mark brings with him sterling credentials—he’s a Beaver Creek native and small business owner with degrees in business and finance. As CEO of his company, Solar Integrated Resources LLC, his flexible work schedule will accommodate the Society’s varied programs. He grew up on a farm on Grange Hall Road just south of the US 35 overpass, where there are now several modern office buildings.

Mark is married to Ruth Wiley, also a Beaver Creek native. Ruth is currently the Elementary Curriculum Supervisor for Beaver Creek City Schools. Mark credits her with encouraging him to consider taking on this new role, as she is a strong advocate of the Society’s Living History Program, and also the co-author of the Beaver Creek History electronic interactive program that all Beaver Creek third graders study. Lots of connections to Beaver Creek history!

Mark has agreed to serve through July for the remainder of the current 2018-2019 program year, and fully intends to run for the office in July for the following year.

According to Mark, “I’ve always had an avid interest in history. Ruth and I are both proud of this community and its past, and are optimistic about its future.” He mentioned that his grandchildren are here too, so the family definitely has its heart in Beaver Creek.

Interesting side note: He was baptized in a small building on Fairfield Road being used for church functions while St. Luke’s was under construction. That old building was saved, and now sits in Warfanger Park!

We look forward to your leadership, Mark!

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Saluting Our Volunteers: Sonya Veta

This continues a series of articles that focus personally on the many volunteers that together make the Beavercreek Historical Society a vital part of our Beavercreek community. We thank and salute ALL who in any way contribute to the Society's mission of preserving the past for the future.

We welcome **Sonya Veta** as a new member to the Beavercreek Historical Society and as a member of the Board of Trustees, having volunteered to take the position as Chair of the Membership Committee. Native to Beavercreek and a graduate of Beavercreek High School, she's a lover of learning, exemplified by her educational background. She earned an undergraduate in Psychology from Brandeis University in Boston, her Masters of Education from Temple University, her Gifted Licensure through the University of Cincinnati and her Education Specialist in Curriculum and Instruction at Wright State. With this background, it's no surprise that she's currently employed as a Gifted Intervention Specialist with Beavercreek City Schools!

Sonya is the wife of Lou Veta and proud mom of two daughters who are both Beavercreek High School grads. She loves to read and says she likes a broad assortment of genres, but is especially partial to Stephen King and owns all of his books. She also loves history, and clearly remembers as a child going to the library in Xenia before Beavercreek's library was built, where her favorite spot to choose books was a huge shelf under the signage "Childhoods of Famous Americans." She notes Benjamin Franklin's autobiography as one of her favorite books, but enjoys reading new releases of biographies of historic figures as well. Her uncle was a historic re-enactor, giving him credit for inspiring her to learn more about the past.

Sonya is an active person with indoor hobbies including sewing apparel and home décor, making jewelry and beaded art. She rides with a local womens cycling group when her summer schedule



allows. Both she and husband Lou golf together and are often found on Friday nights playing in a couples' event at a local course. For 15 years she was on two competitive synchronized ice-skating teams based at the Kettering Rec Center, known as the Ice Force and the Kettering Ice Kadettes, where 8 to 22 skaters were on the ice at the same time.

A life-long Girl Scout, she led her daughters' troops up through their high school graduation. She was member of the Beavercreek North Service Unit, the local level Girl Scout leadership group.

As Membership Chair, she'll be encouraging others to join, tending the membership list to ensure members' information is recorded correctly in our data bank and will be welcoming members and guests at quarterly meetings. She brings fresh ideas to the Board, and we are very pleased to have her onboard.

As always, we thank all of our volunteers. We cannot continue to serve our community without you!

Thank you, Sonya!

Membership News for January

Submitted by Sonya Veta

Renewals due now! It's time to renew your membership and send in your dues for 2019. How do you know if you need to renew? Look on the address label of this newsletter and check the date. If it reads **Exp 12-31-2018**, you haven't yet renewed. Inside this newsletter you will find a colorful form. Please fill it out and return it with your check as soon as possible. If you have just recently mailed in your 2019 renewal but your label date still shows 2018, it may be that our record keeping for labels for this issue may have not caught up to your payment. If your label reads **Exp 12-31-2019**, you are currently paid for the coming year.

Sincere Condolences. We extend our sympathies to Carol Graff on the passing of her husband, Colonel Byron Lee Schatzley, USAF (Retired), who passed away at age 98 in October. Lee was a long-time member of the Beavercreek Historical Society as well as an active member of our community into his retirement. He was a member of the Committee of Eleven (the group that worked to incorporate Beavercreek), assisted in the transition from township to our current governmental status, and was an active volunteer in many other community groups and efforts.

We also send our sympathies to the family of Charlotte Hopkins, who was a long-time volunteer at Living History. Our condolences to her husband Earl and family.

Lifetime Memberships

We are grateful to these generous people who became Lifetime Members this past year:

**Mary and
Patrick Henry;
Barbara and
Stephen Marsh;
Roger Panton**

*Thank you so
very much!*

Get to Know the Presenters: Andy Hite

Andy Hite holds a degree in education from The Ohio State University and graduate credit from the University of Dayton. Before joining the Ohio History Connection, he taught American History, Ohio History, and Adult Education.

With the Ohio History Connection since 1993, Mr. Hite came to Piqua in 1997 when he was appointed Site Manager of the Johnston Farm & Indian Agency. He has worked with staff, volunteers, and area teachers to create programs that supplement the classroom work done to address current Ohio Department of Education requirements, and create experiences that enriches each visitor's time at the Johnston Farm. He has worked with the Johnston Farm Friends Council as this group has worked to assume the day-to-day management and operation of the Johnston Farm.

Andy and his wife reside in Piqua. Andy volunteers locally as a trustee of the Miami County Historical & Genealogical Society. He sits on the Patterson Memorial Center Board in Dayton, Ohio, and also is the coordinator of the District 7 National History Day in Ohio Contest. He currently serves on the Piqua City Schools and Upper Valley Career Center Boards of Education and on the Environmental Occupations Advisory Council of the Upper Valley Career Center.

Beside his local activities, Andy serves as a Trustee and Vice President of the Canal Society of Ohio having chaired canal tours of the northern Miami and Erie Canal as well as the Buckeye Lake area. He is also a member of the American Canal Society, serving on its Canal Boat Committee.

Fall Living History Chairman

Submitted by Amy Rohrback

This past Fall Season marked another wonderful Living History Program at Wartinger Park. The weather was plenty warm except for three days that a fire was needed in the cabins to take away the morning chill. Fourteen 3rd Grade classrooms from Main, St. Luke, Trebein and Valley Elementary attended the program in September/October of 2018.

A great big "Thank You" goes out to the many volunteers that made the program possible. Thirty-two wonderful volunteers covered 112 time slots to provide the students with learning from the six daily chores of gardening, rag dolls, quilting, spinning, butter making and finger knitting. Yes, the students were surprised that they would be doing work! It turned out that they thought the work was a lot of fun. Thanks goes to Bob Bader, Elizabeth Bechstein, Linda Bullock, Amber Carlos, Bobbie Carpenter, Jill Cobb, Amy Dommett, Sarah Gregga, Bill Hunt, Becky & Denny Jarvi, Sharon Jernigan, Edie Keast, Butch & Jill Kincer, Kathy Knall, Don Kocarek, Holly Linquist, Shannon Naik, Rebecca Phiffer, Diane Phillips, John Rhodehamel, Amy Rohrback, Vicki Schafer, Traudl Schrick, Mike Self, Lisa Shearer, Gerry Smalley, Cindy Smith, Janet Taylor, Nancy Wilda & Sarah Wrona!

After completing their chores, the students had a picnic style lunch at the park tables and had time to try out some pioneer style recess activities. These activities included bean bag toss, walking blocks,

wood stilts and hoop/stick rolling. Weather permitting, students teamed up to try their hand at tug of war. Next, the students looked at the herb garden and discussed its importance. Finally, the students got a look at what a one-room classroom would have been like in the early 1800's. A big thanks goes out to everyone who made the program a success, including the teaching staff and parent volunteers who helped with students.

"My class LOVED the field trip. All the volunteers did a great job! I'm always amazed at how much I learn every time I attend this field trip."

Mrs. Lisa Thompson
3rd Grade Teacher
Main Elementary

Another thank you to Beaver Creek Walmart for supplying the medicine vials for making butter. I heard about a student who saved her butter and used it on her bread at dinner time. She added a potato that was dug from the garden to the families mashed potatoes at mealtime. It warms my heart to think of all the valuable lessons she learned from her "chores" at the park.

If you would like to volunteer, please email livinghistorybhs@gmail.com.



Fairbrook, Shaw & Parkwood 3rd Graders may attend the program during the last week of April or May, 2019.

Two Generations Ago: Winter 1969

A shortened form of a regular column by member David Shumway, published in the Beavercreek News-Current.

The tumultuous year 1968 ended with a quiet Holiday season followed by a relatively mild 1969 Beavercreek winter. The Christmas Season was marked by a Community Christmas Tree across from *Resthaven Restaurant*, and a *Santa's Mini-Shop* hosted by the Beavercreek Jaycettes. Bringing it forward to today, we've lost that iconic restaurant, the Jaycettes and, apparently, any community tree.

Hard to believe, but 18 debutants came out at a formal Ball at the Officers' Club on December 27th. I didn't know they still had those things.

Dunnigan Hardware (remember that?) offered tricycles for \$8.99 and wagons for \$3.49. No mention of sleds.

On the national front, January 1969 saw the inauguration of the ill-fated Richard Nixon as president, just as the presidential salary was increased from \$50K to \$100K. And finally, after way too many years of war, there are peace talks between the U.S. and North Vietnam. News flash: John Madden has been named head coach of the Oakland Raiders! In February, the same month the last edition of *The Saturday Evening Post* was published. Some eras end, some begin.

For your traditional New Year's Day dinner: Spareribs are 49¢ per pound

and the accompanying sauerkraut is 15¢.

Beavercreek High School wrestlers won their fifth League title and sixth straight Beavercreek Invitational (maybe others will start declining the invitations.)

Also in sports, the New York Jets defeated the Baltimore Colts in Super Bowl III, while the Dayton Gems Hockey Team played at Hara Arena. Bring the Gems forward, they fell on hard times and totally disbanded in 1980.

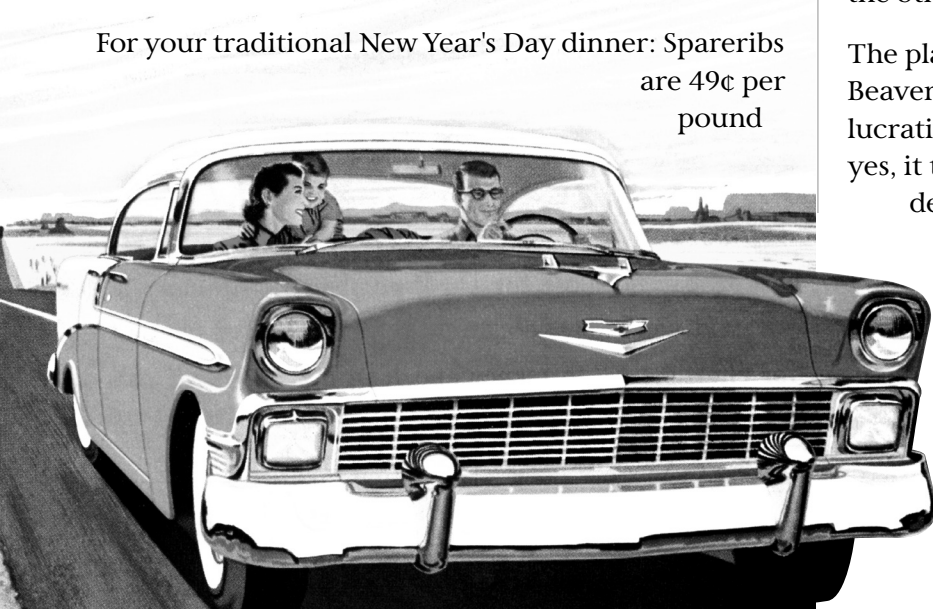
Beavercreek Township Police Chief Max LeVeck has just recommended a motorcycle patrol. (What happened?). BTW, Chief LeVeck is enjoying his pay hike, from \$4,800 to \$4,900 yearly.

For comparison, beginning Beavercreek teachers now receive \$5,600, moving up to \$9,700 with a masters and 13 years.

Ah, Banquet TV dinners! Beef, chicken, meatloaf, or "everyone's favorite" Salisbury steak, 29¢ at IGA. What the heck is Salisbury steak anyway? (Research: It's named for a Dr. Salisbury as a healthier alternative and must be at least 65% meat; you guess the other 35%.)

The planned Interstate 675 is being hotly protested in Beavercreek, primarily because it would encroach on lucrative development land. Bringing that forward, yes, it took some land, but brought in almost more development than we could handle.

Other telling tidbits: DP&L is advertising "color TV receivers," the Girl Scout cookie sale is on (50¢), and Langs Chevrolet has new cars from \$2,600 to \$3,100. And "automatic car washes" are coming—Beavercreek Car Wash will "hydro-spray" that new Chevy for 75¢.



Do you have an article, photo(s) or item(s) of interest you want featured in the Log by Log? Deadline for submissions into the next issue is March 15. Email submissions to b.joh88@gmail.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Quarterly Meeting, January 22

Peace Lutheran Church 7:00 p.m.

Andy Hite, Historic Site Manager

Johnston Farm & Indian Agency

located in Piqua, OH

Board Meeting March 14,

1981 Dayton-Xenia Rd. at 6:30 p.m.

Log by Log Submission Deadline, March 15

Send to Editor no later than 9:00 p.m.

Quarterly Meeting, April 23

Peace Lutheran Church 7:00 p.m.

Jim Charters presenting the Dayton Codebreakers



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Quarterly Meeting

When: January 22, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. | **Where:** Peace Lutheran Fellowship Hall



Historic Johnston Farm

The Beavercreek Historical Society will host **Andy Hite**, the Historic Site Manager of the Johnston Farm and Indian Agency, at its January Quarterly Meeting. Mr. Hite will present the story of John Johnston, the U.S. Indian Agent for Western Ohio from 1812-1829, and the Native Americans, including Shawnees, who visited the Agency. Learn about this fascinating man who was respected by Natives and his peers, performed George Washington's eulogy and much more. The Johnston Farm, located in Piqua, Ohio, celebrates Ohio's rich history from prehistoric Native Americans to Ohio's canal era.

The meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 22, 2019 at Peace Lutheran Church's Fellowship Hall, 3530 Dayton-Xenia Road in Beavercreek. Admission is free and open to the public, with light refreshments being served. Call 937-427-5514 with any questions or to request more information.