



The Billet

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Photos, from left: Local historian and educator Mike Gilbert speaks to a packed auditorium during History Roundtable on Sept. 16; Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Library & Museums staff members receive the Leadership in History award from the American Association of State and Local History on Sept. 8; the Ohio Wheelmen show their antique bicycles on Sept. 16 at Spiegel Grove.

Kids experience life in Civil War camp at Second Saturdays

Kids can experience life in a Civil War camp during Second Saturdays R 4 Kids on Oct. 14, at Spiegel Grove, the grounds Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Library & Museums. The event begins at 11 a.m. Civil War reenactors will teach the kids how to make camp food and to complete military drills. Cost is \$1 for kids. There is no fee for adults who bring kids to this program. Hayes Presidential Library & Museums members at the family level and higher and their kids and grandkids are admitted for free. **Second Saturdays R 4 Kids is sponsored by Impact Credit Union.**



History Roundtable continues through October

Educator and local historian Mike Gilbert's popular series, History Roundtable, has begun its 2017 season at the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums. Cost is \$5 per session. Preregister with Nan Card 419-332-2081, ext. 239, or ncard@rbhayes.org. The schedule is:

- **Oct. 14 - 72nd Ohio Volunteer Infantry** - The beginning of the Civil War was a tumultuous time for the men and women of Sandusky County. Discover how the soldiers of the 72nd brought a sense of pride to their hometown as they fought their way through Shiloh and Vicksburg. Relive their agony at Brice's Crossroads and Andersonville Prison as they made the long march back home.
- **Oct. 21 - Native Americans** - Sandusky County has a rich tradition concerning Native Americans in the area. Learn about the history of the tribes and the shaping of the community. Hear the stories of Chief Tarhe, Peggy Fleming, James Whittaker and others.
- **Oct. 28 - Ghost Stories** - Gilbert brings back one of his most popular presentations. Just in time for Halloween, he will share local, state and national hauntings.

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Special exhibit 'Ice for Everybody' opens Nov. 3

The special exhibit "'Ice for Everybody: Lake Erie and America's Ice Harvesting Industry'" opens to the public Nov. 3. There will be a members-only exhibit opening reception Nov. 2. Members should watch their mailbox or email inbox for their invitations to the opening.

Through historic photos, artifacts and documents, this exhibit examines how Lake Erie and the Sandusky Bay were at the center of this mammoth industry that changed the way Americans lived their lives.

Ice used to refrigerate beverages and perishable foods was once an exclusive luxury of the affluent. Beginning in the early 19th century, however, the ice harvesting industry revolutionized the lives of common people by providing them with cheap, abundant ice. As the New York Times wrote in 1881, there was "plenty of ice for everybody."

The annual onset of winter turned every sizeable body of freshwater into a major commodity. Sandusky Bay and Lake Erie were a huge part of this century-long story that saw the rise and fall of this industry. The exhibit highlights the role that Northwest Ohio and the icemen who worked its ice fields played in satisfying the nation's demand for plentiful ice.

"Ice for Everybody" is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays - Saturdays and noon to 5 p.m. Sundays with the exception of holiday hours and closings. HPLM will be closed on Mondays in January, February and March.

Members are admitted for free. Admission for non-members is included with the price of a regular museum ticket.

Members and volunteers, we need your help!

Staff would like to keep you connected through online correspondence. Please send your preferred email to Annual Giving and Membership Coordinator Meghan Wonderly at mwonderly@rbhayes.org.

Welcome, August new members!

Adam Bartell Baggs of Fort Worth, TX; Myron Bender of Fremont, OH; Vince & Glenda Bennice of Sandusky, OH; Karen Dillon of Temperance, MI; Janet Elliott of Santa Clara, CA; Dr. /Mrs. Ernest R. Estep of Akron, OH; Doug Fangman of Erlanger, KY; Mark Grannis of Chevy Chase, MD; Drs. Mark & Tracey Hoelzle of Fremont, OH; Dr. Ralph H. Johnson of Toledo, OH; Karen Jordan of Delaware, OH; Matti Kalliokoski of Helsinki, Finland; James I. Kleinhans of Port Clinton, OH; Sherry Korbel of Dublin, OH; Trenton & Jami Lee of Lima, OH; Christine Michael of Fremont, OH; Susan Oswald of Sandusky, OH; Miss Kelly Pogue of North Olmsted, OH; Andy & Elizabeth Reardon of Fremont, OH; Mary Lou Rendon of Fremont, OH; Molly Sass of Port Clinton, OH; Stephen Shaffer of Henderson, NV; Alice Southworth of Pemberville, OH; Rosemary Titkemeier of Woodville, OH; Mark & Sarah VanDrunen of Hudson, OH; Andrew York of West Chester, OH

Volunteer Notes (Joan Eckermann, special events/volunteer coordinator, 419-332-2081, ext. 245; jeckermann@rbhayes.org)

Volunteer opportunities

Mailing Volunteers - We need 25 to 30 volunteers to help with our next mailing of The Statesman on Thursday, Oct. 19, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Most of the work is done while seated, but we'll also need help with moving the filled mail trays. Beverages and snacks will be provided! Please contact Joan if you can help.

Event set-up – We need several volunteers to help set up in the Hayes Home for the Christmas Dinners on Dec. 7, 8 and 9 from approximately noon to 3 p.m. each day. Duties include putting linens and place settings on the dining table, as well as numerous other preparation tasks. Requirements include attention to minute details, manual dexterity, good balance and being on one's feet for several hours at a time. Please contact Joan if you'd like to help with these activities!

Record your hours

Please remember to record your volunteer hours for July, August and September in the binders found in the museum, or email them to Joan. Oct. 2 is the deadline!

Volunteer Birthdays in October

We wish a very happy birthday to Kathy Brough, Martha Camden, Ruth Hill, Sara Kaltenbach, Jim Miranda, Pamela Smith and David Thompson.