

The Billet

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Photos, from left: Luke Nichter, an expert on President Richard Nixon's secret Oval Office recordings, chats with a guest at Lecture on the Presidency on Oct. 8; Acoustic guitarist Chris Buzzelli plays during Music in the Parlor on Oct. 15 in the Hayes Home; Civil War reenactor Mike Fahle teaches kids what life in Civil War camp was like during Second Saturdays R 4 Kids on Oct. 14.

Special exhibit 'Ice for Everybody' open Nov. 3 - Feb. 25

The special exhibit "'Ice for Everybody: Lake Erie and America's Ice Harvesting Industry'" will be open Nov. 3- Feb. 25 in the lower level of the museum. Through historic photos, artifacts and documents, this exhibit examines how Lake Erie and the Sandusky Bay were at the center of the mammoth ice-harvesting industry that changed the way Americans lived their lives.

"Ice for Everybody" is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday - Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday with the exception of holiday hours and closings. Members are admitted for free. Admission for non-members is included with the price of a regular museum ticket.

Get ready for holidays with 'Hayes Train Special'

A train whistle signals the start of the Christmas season as the "Hayes Train Special" model train display opens Nov. 24. A holiday tradition at the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums since 1994, the display winds through a holiday winter wonderland that recalls the days of President Hayes.

Each year, model train enthusiasts help staff design a layout with different features for this 12-foot-by-24-foot display. Visitors can blow the train whistle, run the Ferris wheel, lower the crossing gates and more with interactive buttons.

Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday with the exception of holiday hours and closings. Members are admitted for free. Admission for non-members is included in the price of a regular museum ticket. The "Hayes Train Special" is open through Jan. 7.

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Author talks, documentary screenings in November

Two author talks, the screening of a historical video and the premier of a documentary are scheduled throughout November at the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums. *Admission to these events is FREE.*

- **Nov. 5 - Author talk and book signing by World War II veteran Harold Brown** - 2 p.m. Brown is a Tuskegee Airman whose plane was shot down during World War II over Nazi Germany, where he was held as a prisoner of war. He will discuss his book "Keep Your Airspeed Up: The Life of a Tuskegee Airman" and will sign copies afterward.
- **Nov. 8 - Premier of documentary "World War II: In Their Own Words" and Q & A** 2-4 p.m. Free. Fremont News-Messenger photographer Molly Corfman and reporter Daniel Carson will show the documentary that Corfman created and discuss their work on series of stories they produced about these local veterans. Veterans from Sandusky and Ottawa counties who were featured in the documentary will be invited to speak. Julie Mayle, HPLM associate curator of manuscripts, also will discuss her work on the Northwest Ohio Veterans Oral History project. Light refreshments will be served.
- **Nov. 12 - Viewing of the video "The Maiden Voyage of 'Onward'" followed by Q & A with Bob Reynolds of Port Clinton** - 2 p.m. The film uses family photos and archives to chronicle a 9,000 mile trip made of "The Great Loop" made in 1906 by Scott J. Matthews, founder of the Matthews Boat Company. Scott Matthews was Bob Reynolds' grandfather.
- **Nov 19 - Author talk and book signing by Meghan Wonderly, annual giving and membership coordinator at the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums** - 2 p.m. Wonderly will discuss her book "A Son's Dream," which shares fascinating details of the founding of HPLM and the numerous challenges Col. Webb C. Hayes, son of President Rutherford and First Lady Lucy Hayes, faced when starting HPLM. After the talk, Wonderly will sign copies of her book.

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.



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Welcome, September new members!

Nathan Boyle of Bowling Green, OH; Barbara J. Brauer of Gibsonburg, OH; Susan Cayton of Gibsonburg, OH; Bruce & Nan Card of Elmore, OH; Bradford & Cheryl Child of Fort Myers, FL; Annette Hatfield of Oak Harbor, OH; Jim Hiser of Fremont, OH; Christine Jachimiak of Swanton, OH; Jeffrey Marshall of Louisville, OH; Ronald E. McKinnon of Carey, OH; Tom Ott of Berlin Heights, OH; Jane Pollak of Fremont, OH; Phyllis Reynolds of Toledo, OH; Brian & Lisa Sears of Bellevue, OH; Jean Wegert of Elmore, OH; M/M Greg Wiese & Family of Avon Lake, OH

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

Volunteer opportunities

Event set-up – We still need a few more volunteers to help set up in the Hayes Home for the Christmas Dinners on Dec. 7, 8 and 9 from about noon to 3 p.m. each day. Duties include putting linens and place settings on the dining table as well as other miscellaneous 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 do this.

Thanks For Your Time!

Our volunteers contributed 1,427 hours of service in July, August and September. We appreciate all you do for us!

Volunteer Birthdays in November

Warmest birthday wishes go to Wanda Eberly, Richard Geyman, Kathleen Haubert, Cate Knipp and Kay Miranda.