

The Billet

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Photos, from left: Volunteer Debbie Arnold serves wassail to guests during Hayes Home Holidays in December. South Creek Clydesdales will give sleigh rides through Spiegel Grove again during Presidents' Day weekend, Saturday, Feb. 16, through Monday, Feb. 18. A participant in the annual Model Train Clinic tries his train on the "Hayes Train Special" tracks during the annual Model Train Clinic on Saturday, Jan. 5.

Kids to make Valentine craft during Second Saturdays

Kids can make a Valentine's Day suncatcher on Saturday, Feb. 9, during Second Saturdays R 4 Kids in the Hayes Museum. The program is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and is for kids ages 4 through 12. The theme is "I love Lucy" for First Lady Lucy Hayes, who had a long and loving relationship with her husband, President Rutherford B. Hayes. The program will explore Victorian-era Valentines and the letters Lucy and Rutherford sent to each other.

Kids will use tissue paper and glue to create a heart-shaped suncatcher. Kids also can create their own poems with paper and glue, inspired by "word magnets." Cost is \$3 for kids. There is no charge for adults to bring kids to this event. Kids and grandkids of Hayes Presidential Library & Museums members are admitted for free.

RSVPs are required and can be made by contacting Education Coordinator Joan Eardly at 419-332-2081, ext. 246, or jeardly@rbhayes.org. The title sponsor for Second Saturdays R 4 Kids is Impact Credit Union.



Special Valentine's Day tour of Hayes Home offered

Experience President Rutherford and First Lady Lucy Hayes' decades-long love story during a special evening tour of the Hayes Home for Valentine's Day. During Valentine's Day Tour & Tunes on Thursday, Feb. 14, guests will tour the first floor of the historic Hayes Home and hear romantic stories about the courtship and 36-year marriage of the loving couple.

Costumed maids will serve guests champagne or sparkling grape juice and chocolates. At the end of each tour, guests will enjoy a live musical performance by professional singer Joan Eckermann, who is also the special events and volunteer coordinator at the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums, in the same parlor of the home where the Hayeses entertained their guests.

Tours are at 4:30 p.m., 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. The event lasts about one hour with a 40-minute tour and 20 minutes of music.

Tours are limited, and reserved tickets are required. Tickets are available at rbhayes.org/events. Tickets are \$22 for non-member individuals, \$40 for non-member couples, \$20 for HPLM member individuals and \$35 for HPLM member couples.

Horse-drawn sleigh/trolley rides offered Feb. 16-18

Celebrate Presidents' Day with a horse-drawn sleigh or trolley ride through Spiegel Grove, the beloved estate of 19th President Rutherford B. Hayes. South Creek Clydesdales will offer horse-drawn sleigh and trolley rides from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 16, through Monday, Feb. 18, which is Presidents' Day. Cost is \$4.50 per rider ages 3 and older and free for riders 2 and younger.

Tickets can be purchased the days of the event at the front desk in the museum and library building. Rides are given on a first-come, first-served basis. No reservations are taken. Up to 400 people can be accommodated per day. The trolley, which can hold 16-18 people, could be used in addition to or in place of the sleigh, which holds four people, depending on demand and South Creek Clydesdales' staff availability. Sleigh rides will be offered whether or not there is snow. However, if the wind chill is zero or below or there are thunderstorms, rides will be canceled. For updates, visit rbhayes.org and the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums' social media pages.

Legislators, hands-on activities for Presidents' Day

Meet some of your legislators, hold a piece of history, enjoy presidents' favorite snacks and more during the Presidents' Day Celebration on Monday, Feb. 18, at the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums. The museum and home will be open from noon to 5 p.m. (The research library will be closed.) Congressman Jim Jordan will ask kids a presidential history question and give a free sleigh ride ticket those who answer questions correctly. Other legislators have been invited. A full schedule of events will be posted at rbhayes.org.

Welcome, December new members!

Paul & Rebecca Barton of Wayne, OH; Brenda Daniel of Willard, OH; Paul & Jeanette Dornbusch of Oak Harbor, OH; Theresa Eishen of Fremont, OH; Joseph Ferguson of Fremont, OH; M/M Kenneth Frost of Fremont, OH; Mrs. Rachael Gibbs of Fremont, OH; Kathleen Gochenour of Toledo, OH; Joseph Grounds of Sandusky, OH; David Hancock of Napoleon, OH; Mitch & Penny Jacobs of New Riegel, OH; Bruce & Kathy Kaminski of Temperance, MI; Dorothy Kaulbe & Larry Murphy of Fremont, OH; Brant & Meghan Kolbe of Fremont, OH; Ray & Bev Krofft of Oak Harbor, OH; Paul Marchant of Oregon, OH; Tim & Karrie Meyer of Helena, OH; Robert & Randi Miller of Norwalk, OH; Frances Millhouser of Falls Church, VA; Mark & Sheryl Moll of Adrian, MI; Rick & Tracey Montgomery of Oregon, OH; George & Connie Moore of Fremont, OH; Marie Myers of Deshler, OH; Max & LeeAnn Pavlock of Bellevue, OH; Josh & Alison Perkins of Battle Creek, MI; Paul & Rebecca Perkins of Bluffton, OH; Willard & Connie Rife of Fremont, OH; Larry Rusinsky of Ann Arbor, MI; Steve & Becky Ruth of Helena, OH; Mark & Jenna Sandvick of Port Clinton, OH; Matt & Erin Sandvick of Marblehead, OH; Priscilla & Fred Schwier of Perrysburg, OH; Jason & Carrie Sidell of Helena, OH; Tom & Janet Stayancho of Fremont, OH; Chad & Tara Thompson of Perrysburg, OH; Michele Upton of Tiffin, OH; M/M Larry VanDyne of Fremont, OH; Kevin & Amy Winters of Lindsey, OH; M/M Gary Zimmerman of Fremont, OH

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

Thank you for volunteering in 2018!

Our volunteers contributed 1,502 hours in October, November and December. The grand total for 2018 is 5,347 hours from 132 rostered active volunteers. Thank you for donating your time, talents and skills!

Volunteer opportunities

Mailing Volunteers - We have two large bulk mailings to assemble on Wednesday, Feb. 6, and Wednesday, Feb. 13. Both mailing sessions will take place from 9:30 a.m. to noon in the auditorium. Most of the work is done while seated, but we'll also need "muscle" to move the filled mail trays. Snacks will be provided to keep you fortified! Please contact Joan if you can help.

History Day Judges and Room Monitors – We're still looking for judges and room monitors at this year's National History Day in Ohio for District 2 schools on Saturday, March 2. It's held at Terra State Community College and organized by the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums. Please contact Joan Eardly at 419-332-2081, ext. 246, or jeardly@rbhayes.org if you would like to help with this educational event. To learn more about History Day in Ohio, visit www.ohiohistory.org/historyday.

February birthdays

Warmest wishes for a happy birthday go to Michael Arnold, Leslie Brewer, John Hoffman, Sharon Mader, Barbara Stout and Dr. Regina Vincent-Williams.