Hayes Presidential reopens to members, public

The Hayes Presidential Library & Museums has reopened its facilities for three days a week, starting with members on June 16. Remaining members-only (and their guests) days also are Thursday, June 18, and Saturday, June 20. Hayes Presidential will reopen to the general public on Tuesday, June 23. The Hayes Home, museum and research library will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Hours for high-risk visitors are from 9 a.m. to noon on Thursdays.

As a benefit for members, on members-only days, they can participate in hands-on artifact activities, receive an additional 5-percent discount on top of their regular membership discount in the Museum Store and receive a free Hayes Presidential post card that can be mailed from the museum and a Hayes Presidential sticker (while supplies last).

Members interested in taking a Hayes Home tour during the member days are asked to reserve a tour time by contacting Kristina Smith at 419-332-2081, ext. 217, or ksmith@rbhayes.org. After June 20, members will be asked to make a reservation online. Online reservations will be available at rbhayes.org starting the week of June 23.

For all reopening information, including cleaning procedures and face covering requirements, visit rbhayes.org.

GroveFest is June 27, tickets free but required

Hayes Presidential will offer its annual GroveFest event on Saturday, June 27, on the grounds of Spiegel Grove with increased safety protocols. GroveFest showcases Spiegel Grove, which is a state park, and includes nature organizations offering hands-on activities throughout the day. Hot dogs and ice cream will be available for a donation. A list of participating organizations will be posted at rbhayes.org.

The event is from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. with groups beginning to visit booths every 10 minutes starting at 10 a.m. The last group starts its visit at 1 p.m. Although admission is free, tickets are required and can be obtained at rbhayes.org/events/.

Tickets are available for household groups of no more than 10 people. A household group can be as small as one person. There will be one ticket per group. It is up to visitors to determine what constitutes their household group. Entry will be timed to keep at least 6 feet physical distance between groups. For additional safety and registration information, visit rbhayes.org.

The major sponsors for GroveFest are the Randolph J. & Estelle M. Dorn Foundation; Keybank NA Trustee for the Walter E. Terhune Memorial Fund; ProMedica Memorial Hospital. Activity sponsors are Unique Fabrications, Inc.; U.S. Bank Foundation.

Independence Day Concert to be broadcast-only

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and on-going crowd restrictions, the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums’ annual Independence Day Concert featuring the Toledo Symphony Concert Band will not have a public, in-person audience this year. Instead, the band will be recorded before Independence Day, and the recording will be broadcast at 2 p.m. Saturday, July 4, by WGTE Public Media on its TV station, which is channel 30 in Fremont, and its radio station, FM 91.3.

The band will play a patriotic repertoire, including these traditional favorites played each year: Tchaikovsky’s “1812 Overture” and John Philip Sousa’s “Stars and Stripes Forever.”

The Independence Day Concert is sponsored by Hal & Diane Hawk and Crown Battery with additional funding by Mosser Construction.
Welcome, April new members!
Janet Day of Perrysburg, OH; Diane Feinstein of Vacaville, CA; Tammi Garrett of Fostoria, OH; Beta Gorman of Fremont, OH; Duane & Cynthia Jess of Oak Harbor, OH; Thomas L. & Dorothy L. Kern of Fremont, OH; Wayne & Dee Michael of Fremont, OH; Barbara Miller of Genoa, OH; Elizabeth Pietrykowski of Fremont, OH; Deborah Selden of Akron, OH; Jeff Sondergeld of Gibsonburg, OH; Carol F. Terry of Fremont, OH; Mary Thomas of East Lansing, MI

Welcome, May new members!
Mike & Debbie Arnold of Clyde, OH; Patricia Ann Baum of Sandusky, OH; John & Brenda Havens of Burgoon, OH; Joanne Hockin of Oak Harbor, OH; Dawn Nord of Fremont, OH

Hayes Presidential to have shortened hours June 27, July 4
Hayes Presidential will have shortened hours on Saturday, June 27, and Saturday, July 4. On Saturday, June 27, facilities will close at 3 p.m. The last tour of the home is at 2 p.m. The Spiegel Grove grounds will close to the public at 3:30 p.m. for a private event. On Saturday, July 4, the museum will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Hayes Home tours will be offered at 11 a.m., noon and 1 p.m. The research library will be closed for the holiday.

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

Volunteer birthdays in July
Best wishes go to our volunteers celebrating July birthdays: Richard Bollinger, Rita Bruergemeier, Ruth Ann May, Chris Mayle, Robert Moyer, Irene Rimelspach, Debra Sandvick, Grace Sidell and Ronald Stout.