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Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

As we begin another New Year, we ask for your continued (or new) support for the Waterville Historical **Society annual membership renewal**. We can make a difference maintaining and promoting our historic community by your generous contributions in the form of membership levels and donations again this year.

Also, our immediate needs include a person(s) to lead our **Buildings & Grounds Committee** as well as a creative writer to author a quarterly newsletter to keep all of us "in the loop." **To renew:**

- 1) Go to https://www.watervillehistory.org/ Join & Give and follow the trail to renew or donate. OR Use the QR code above, top right corner
- 2) From the same link, print out a copy of the membership form and mail it in. **OR**
- 3) If you do not have internet access, we can mail you a membership envelope to send your check.

OR

4) Envelopes can be picked up at the Waterville Library, Wakeman Hall on Wednesdays, 10-2pm, or the Chamber office.

Questions? contact rosekandik64@gmail.com

AND NOW, on with the news...

As 2024 begins and promises to be a very active year politically, environmentally, socially and any other "ly" you can think of, let's take a look at our last event of 2023.

The Annual Christmas Party

On the evening of December 13, members and guests gathered at Le Petit Gourmet restaurant in Maumee. We had the interior of the venue to ourselves and the evening was punctuated with

lively conversation,





great food, and...





yummy desserts.





Needless to say a good time was had by all!

And now the news for 2024...

Master Grant Writer Beth Does It Again

Once again Beth Hyder has delivered another grant to the tune of \$4,700 from the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation. This money has been earmarked for much needed renovations to the main floor meeting room in the Wakeman Building. Here are the details:

WHS Receives Grant from the Lewis & Clark Trail Heritage Foundation

...WHS partnered with the Fallen Timbers
Battlefield Preservation Commission and the Black
Swamp Intertribal Foundation to seek this grant to
help fund the *Battle of Fallen Timbers 230th Anniversary Exhibit and Encampment*. The Battle
of Fallen Timbers was an important part of William
Clark's military career and training. William Clark
was a lieutenant in the Legion of the United States,
served under General Anthony Wayne, and
distinguished himself at the Battle by leading a
column of riflemen on the army's left flank. It was
while serving under General Wayne that he met
Meriwether Lewis.

The exhibit is being planned to run this summer in Wakeman Hall and will feature Native American, British, and American artifacts, some in private collections and never available for public viewing. The encampment will occur August 25 and 26, 2024, at Waterville's Memorial Park and Parker Square thanks to a collaboration with the City of Waterville. This is ground upon which Clark would have walked from Roche de Boeuf and Fort Deposit on the way to the eventual battle site. The Battle of Fallen Timbers, though off the Lewis & Clark Trail, helps tell the Lewis & Clark story and connects us in northwest Ohio to that story.

Thank you, LCTHF!



Let's hear a round of applause for Beth!

Update: Sargent House Museum Siding Restoration Project

More than halfway there! The project to replace deteriorated siding on the Sargent House Museum is more than halfway complete. The before (September 2022) and after (November 2023) photographs show how badly this project was needed and the great progress made so far. Work still needs to occur on the 1839 section of the house, and then the entire house will receive a final coat of new paint this spring.





The \$8,109 grant funding for this project was made possible through the sponsorship of the Fort Industry Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution. Thank you, NSDAR, and all who donated to the WHS Capital Campaign! Thank you, John Gerhardinger, for your excellent work!