

UPTON ASSOCIATION *Update*

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From the President ~

Your Support Makes Our Success Possible!

By Ken Conklin

I am so very proud to be president of the Upton Association. My involvement has been since day one and I truly appreciate the dedication of the Board Members and the awesome support from our Membership ~ YOU!

We have had many accomplishments over the years. Saving the House; Barbara Bush Event; and bringing Harriet's remains back to her garden. This is just a small listing of what we have done. Having many, many, many schoolchildren coming through Harriet's home and hearing about the history of her and of Warren is AWESOME! Thanks to all of the volunteers who help with these projects.

Next year, the HARRIET TAYLOR UPTON ASSOCIATION will be celebrating its 30th year! Much dedication, hard labor, and devotion has gone into this organization and I am proud of ALL of those people who have given time and money to this project. WE HAVE BECOME A TRUE ASSET TO THE CITY OF WARREN!

There are several events planned for 2019 to celebrate our 30 years. I TRULY hope you will plan to attend ALL of the events in support of this organization.

I am very proud that we are a TOTALLY volunteer organization. Again, THANK YOU for your continued support.

FAMOUS PHRENOLOGIST PLANS STOP AT UPTON HOUSE

By Judith Sheridan

Nelson Sizer, a major proponent of the pseudo-science of phrenology in the mid 1840s, will visit Warren on November 10 for an autumn dinner and presentation at the Upton House.

Sizer will be portrayed by Tom Kelleher, a 30-year employee at Old Sturbridge Village in Massachusetts. Kelleher is known for his humor and encyclopedic knowledge of United States history and is currently the Curator of Mechanical Arts and Historian at OSV.

Kelleher is touring the Western Reserve as Sizer and lecturing on this discipline, which uses the shape and size of the cranium as a supposed identifier of character and mental abilities. During his presentation, Sizer will examine several heads of audience members. While this might seem strange today it was considered cutting edge science during its heyday. During his career, Sizer examined more than 300,000 heads.

Details of the dinner will be available at uptonhouse.org and mailed to members. Guests are also invited but space is limited. Bring your head and see what your bumps reveal about your personality!

HONORING KEN CONKLIN



Sandy Mahaffey made a Special Presentation for 2018 to Ken Conklin, President of the Upton Association, for his 30 years of devotion to keep the legacy of Harriet Taylor Upton in the forefront of our community. Thank you Ken!

RENTAL REPORT: *Gatherings Honor Women*

By Kathy Lepro

Bridal showers and baby showers continue to be the most popular events at the Upton House. In fact, of the 44 events held so far this year, 31 of them have been for either brides-to-be or mommies-to-be. Wouldn't Harriet be proud to know that her home is the setting for many lovely gatherings honoring all those women prior to their special day!

In August, there was a lovely Tea Party recognizing the beloved mother and grandmother of the two women who hosted the gathering. The senior woman in her younger days had numerous tea parties in her home, and her daughter and granddaughter discovered 380 Mahoning Avenue to be the perfect location to rekindle that tradition. A butler greeted the guests, all of whom wore colorful summer dresses and hats. Everyone gathered on the patio for refreshments before entering the dining room adorned with beautiful china tea pots, cups and dishes. The menu consisted of little tea sandwiches, fruit, and decadent pastries. In addition to that, the women enjoyed some games, a presentation on tea party etiquette, and a prize for the best-looking hat. The hostesses plan to make this an annual summer event at Harriet's home.

On a beautiful Saturday in September, there was a family reunion of my husband's relatives at the Upton House. This picnic-style event was quite different from the one described above, but nonetheless it was a great opportunity to be with cousins from Washington, California, Texas, and of course, Ohio. It was the first time the cousin from Seattle visited the Upton House and she raved about its beauty. It was also the first time our three grandchildren were at Harriet's home, as seen in this picture on the patio with



Grandma and Grandpa. Evelyn, James and Leona will certainly return for future reunions and, in the blink of an eye, for Story Time with Mrs. Claus!

Speaking of my grandchildren, it is because of them that I recently submitted my resignation from the Upton board of directors. My babysitting responsibilities in Cleveland prevent me from attending the monthly meetings. I regret that I am no longer on the board of such a wonderful organization, but am loving every minute spent with those beautiful babies. I will continue to manage the Upton rentals as long as I can or until someone else wants this job. Interested?

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

By E. Carol Maxwell

A special thank you to all the ladies and gentlemen who are 2018 members of The Upton Association. We appreciate your support and interest to help us preserve Harriet's memory and maintain her beautiful home, garden and the women's park. Your contributions help us to continue the work of providing educational services to the community and recognizing women who have made an impact on Ohio History. The 2019 Upton Association Membership Appeal letters will be mailed in early January 2019. We look forward to your continued support. THANK YOU!

HOUSE REPORT

By Ken Conklin

The Upton House on Mahoning Avenue continues to be an asset to the Historic District and the City of Warren. In the next several weeks, you will be receiving a letter regarding the repair to the front porch of Harriet's House. The rain, sun, snow, and salt have not been kind to the porch floor. Over the years, it has been replaced with appropriate porch flooring, but weather conditions have not been favorable. Before the end of the year, we will be replacing the floor with Trex flooring that should last for many years. I hope you will support this project with your finances. The letter will outline the project and cost. The House continues to be used for many special occasions and the "renters" continue to be amazed of the beauty and condition of Harriet's House. The door, which is used by the "renters" has been re-adjusted and now is much easier to lock and unlock. After many years, the front door had seen much sun exposure and was sanded, stained, and sealed. It should be good for another 100 years. The House continues to be a labor of love and continues to shine on 380 Mahoning Avenue.

VOLUNTEER REPORT

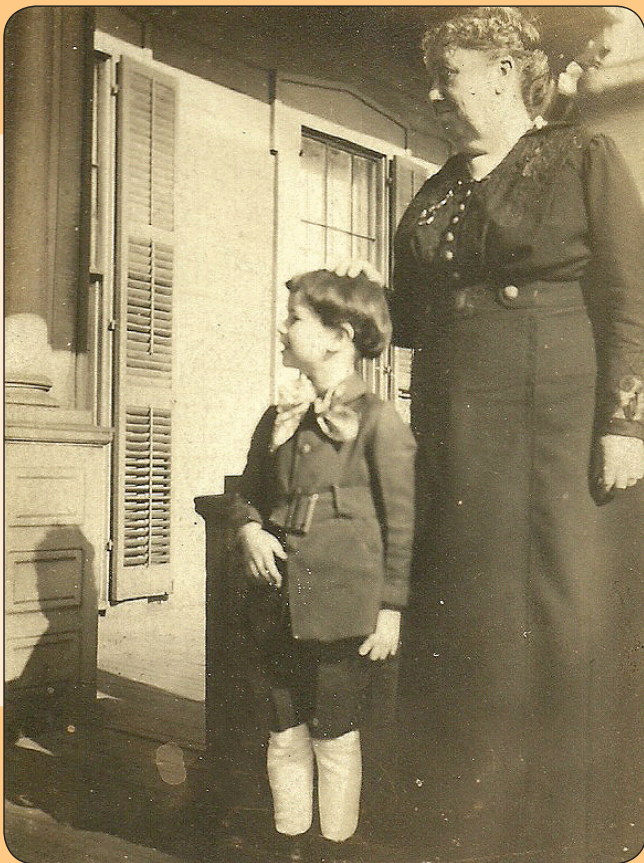
By Marti Flint

Our volunteers continue to be a dedicated group that is always ready to pitch in with any job that needs filled. A huge group helps with the summer garage sale. It is very rewarding work and fun to see all the neat stuff that is donated. The gardens and the park benefit from the knowledge that the gardening volunteers share as they weed, trim and plant the areas. Several open house events were held during the summer. These events were hosted by knowledgeable docents who showed off the house. As we are heading into fall and winter, the need for volunteer help continues. The Upton will be hosting school children tours, having the holiday sale, decorating for the Christmas season, and hosting Mrs. Claus and the elves. Join us in volunteering for some of these events and meeting some of Trumbull County's great people.

CURATOR REPORT

By Sandy Sarsany

Shown below is a picture of Harriet Taylor Upton with Carl Adrian McElhaney circa 1920-ish, on the front porch of the Upton House. Carl was born in 1912 in Hartford, OH. His father died in 1914. His mother, Pearl Loper McElhaney, as a young widow, worked for Harriet in some capacity of housework; maybe cooking. She worked there long enough that Carl, who was two years old when his father died, and 14 when his mother died, was at Harriet's home part of that time. His mother passed away in 1927 in Warren and Carl Adrian died in 1958 in Warren. *The picture was donated by Marilyn McElhaney Emery.*



EDUCATION REPORT

By Liz Clark

The 4th grade tours are well underway. The children are excited to learn that the people working at City Hall are working for them. The building is magnificent, the architecture and use of the "Arch" throughout is a good Physics lesson. It has been fun for us when the bus drivers come along with the children and enjoy the lectures.

Lectures given this past summer were for The Kent Book Club, the Howland Garden Club, four women professors from Pittsburgh and 30 members of St. Elizabeth Seton Church. The topic of one lecture was "Dolly Madison." On October 18, we will be hosting Leadership Mahoning Valley. They will be touring and hearing about City Hall, the Perkins family and Harriet Taylor Upton.

Continuing from the April newsletter: If you are watching the return of Downton Abby, the part played by Shirley McLain is the Duchess of Marlboro, or Consuela Vanderbilt. She was the very person who hated Harriet and was instrumental in taking the leadership that Harriet had in the movement. Consuela had the headquarters moved from Warren to New York by promising them a brick building. Just thought you would like to know it was a great blow to Harriet.

Our committee has many meetings for instruction and planning for the new docents. We are happy to welcome Bonnie Hood, Joyce Fleischer, Pat Fuller and Sandy Mahaffey. The seasoned docents are Ginnie Baran, Kris Majcher, Gail Maurice, Vonnie Peterson, Marybeth Roman, Sue Smith, Jan Schweitzer, Linda Davis, Rosemary Sebring and Sue Stoddart. They continue to educate the children and adults about local history, Harriet and the struggles to give women the right to vote.

WOMEN'S PARK

Always Full of Activity!

By Marti Flint

The Women's Park continues to be one of the most photographed places in Trumbull County. Each weekend, there are many weddings held here as well as wedding parties that just stop for photos. As area school homecomings are scheduled, the Park is filled with young people dressed in their fancy clothes arriving in limos for those special pictures.

The workers are at the Park every Wednesday throughout the spring, summer, and fall to trim, plant, and weed to keep everything looking its best. It is always a joy for the volunteers to visit with those who stop to enjoy the Park whether they are having lunch or just walking through and admiring the flowers.

The butterflies have been especially active this summer. We saw many Monarchs, Tiger Swallowtails, and Black Swallowtails flying around the butterfly bushes. We have been planting flowers and shrubs to increase the butterfly population. Take some time to stop and enjoy relaxing on a bench and taking in the beauty of the Park before winter arrives.

Happenings at the Pond

By Keepers of The Park

The summer has been an eventful time at the Pond. We opened the pond, which had about 70 fish of various sizes and we were thrilled. That number diminished as the summer progressed.

As the committee began looking into the problem, we were amazed at what we found. Many people were using the pond as their personal "fishing hole." Examples were two young people with poles and buckets were catching fish. Luckily, Michael from the library was walking through the park and saved the fish. Another time, four children were in the pond scooping up the fish and putting them in buckets to take home. Lou encouraged them to leave the fish in the pond. One day, John and Suzanne looked across the street and found a family at the pond with an adult in the water chasing the fish. This time, the fish were saved by John and Suzanne. Adding to all of that is a large black and white cat who visits the Park daily. We wonder what goes on when someone isn't around to guard the fish and we thank all our "neighbors" who keep watch for us. More to come on our continuing fish saga.

Women's Equality Day: Always Observed



By Sandy Mahaffey

On August 26th, Women's Equality Day was observed at Women's Park in Warren, Ohio. This event is held and celebrated every year to observe the Right to Vote. There was the threat of rain, very humid, and cloudy but approximately 100 men and women came to our event.

The Women's Equality Day Committee consisting of Peggy Boyd, Danita Davis, Marti Flint, Esther Gartland, Sandy Mahaffey, Margaret Petrosky, and Gloria Rodgers. This group meets several times a year to work on the event. This year's speaker was Judge Beth A. Smith, Domestic Relations Court Judge in Mahoning County. She spoke of challenges that she faced as a young female judge in a world of a male dominated field.

Girl Scout Troop 80093 presented the colors while we honored the flag. Our music was presented by Mr. Joe Yaksich. Mayor Franklin spoke of the importance of women in our world today, especially the volunteers who give of their time daily.

After the event concluded, we went across the street to Harriet's House for refreshments. These were provided by the Five Organizations that support this important 19th Amendment. These Organizations are: League of Women Voters of Trumbull County, Warren Civic League, GFWC, Warren Junior Women's League and The Upton Association.

Garden Report: We had a Great Season!

By Carol Olson

First and foremost, I want to thank the faithful garden members: THANK YOU: Hank Angelo, Barbara Beach, Darlene Bennett, Elaine and Ken Conklin, Kay Fisher, Larry and Marti Flint, Bonnie Hood, Pat Proctor, Rebecca Patterson, Sandy and Paul Sarsany, Phyllis Savakis, Kathy Seemann, Marilyn Thomas and Liz Wildman. There is a tremendous amount of time and effort that goes into the 212.5 volunteer hours and keeping the garden beautiful and in bloom.

So when you see a garden member, please, thank her or him. The Cortland Girl Scouts Troop #80011 participated in five sessions to help them earn their gardening badge were successful. Marti Flint gave the tour of the Women's Park and Barb Beach, Marilyn Thomas and Carol conducted the sessions at the Upton Gardens.

The first work day in the gardens was May 12 and planting on May 26. We thank Kay Fisher for purchasing the flowers from TCTC and thank Raul Kemp for the work of his students. The large coleus pots were outstanding! Some different things we planted this year were dianthus plants by the hitching post and Creeping Jennie by the trellis. Mike Paquet, Warren Greenhouse, donated geraniums, sweet potato vines and lobelia. There were no surprises this year, we cleaned onions and Bishop's



Pictured from left are Barbara Beach, Marilyn Thomas, Sandy Sarsany, Carol Olson, local Girl Scout, Kathryn Powell and Kay Fisher.

Weed from almost every flower bed, not just once but over and over again!

Dusty Miller was planted at Harriet's Headstone; we are hoping she will grow to loving it more than her favorite onion plants. We also planted Dusty Miller behind Kay Fisher's bench and with the impatiens in the Lady's Fountain, it looked magnificent! Some Russian Sage was removed that was growing over the walkway. Kathy Seemann planted 3 Milkweed Plants in the herb garden to aid in conservation of monarch butterflies. Please, let us know if you are in the garden and have seen any monarch butterflies

when you were there. Mulch was applied by Ken Conklin, Chuck Hahn and Carol. The last clean-up was held before Women's Equality Day since the reception was held at the Upton House. The reception was well attended by community members.

Another special note is that many Upton Garden members participated in the ceremony to Honor Women on the Wall on August 18. Thank you to Kay Fisher who initiated the idea and wrote the speech; to Sandra Sarsany for her excellent delivery of the speech and to Marti Flint, Carol Olson, Phyllis Savakis and Kathy Seemann who lit the candles in honor of each of the eight women on the wall. Other Upton members who assisted with the lighting ceremony were Kathy Lepro, Pat McCaughan, Sandy Mahaffey and Barbara Wright.

Bricks at the Women's Park Continue to Pay Tribute

By Darlene Bennett

Again this year, the Women's Park on Mahoning Avenue (Located between the Kinsman House and City Hall) is exquisite with all the beautiful plants and flowers. The park, also, features brick walk ways, courtyards, and a stone bridge spanning a brook. The park is dedicated to women both past and present who have made a difference throughout our local communities. Bricks may be purchased in memory or honor of a friend or loved one for \$50, \$100, or \$250. This is a perfect way to remember that special woman in your life. You may pick up a brick application form in the Victorian mailbox, located at the rear entrance of the park or you can go on line to www.uptonhouse.org. So far this year, we have installed 24 bricks and we have 11 more orders pending.

The brick orders are now placed with Etchings Unlimited of Cortland, Ohio. The company is privately owned by Rick Ambrosia who has been in business for 11 years. His efficiency and quality of work is superb. The time frame of the etchings is now quicker. We look forward to doing business with him.

The Hathhorn family of Warren purchased bricks in memory of their grandmother and aunt and are planning a memorial service at the Women's Park. They plan to have this covered by the Warren Tribune. We are happy that our community continues to relish the park.

WOMEN ON THE WALL

By Kay Fisher

Early last spring, Jim Valesky announced he had secured the permission and required financing to bring the "Wall That Heals" (a smaller replica of Washington's Vietnam Memorial) to Warren. He was responsible for developing special tributes for the different segments of the Wall. He approached the Upton Association for a segment called The Women of the Wall. I had no idea that eight women had died in Vietnam and were recorded on the Wall with all the men. Carol Olson and I co-chaired the committee that developed the following program. Sandy Sarsany read the script and eight Upton women dressed in red, white and blue, lit the cylinder candles that they placed on the ground in front of each honored woman after her name and history was read. The women who served as candle lighters are listed under the picture. Portions of the actual program follows:

"The Upton Association is an organization dedicated to teaching the history of the suffrage movement and the national leadership of Harriet Taylor Upton, Warren's foremost suffragist. With the passage of the 19th Amendment, women not only earned the right to vote, but the right to explore new frontiers. Tonight, we honor women who entered the armed services and therein the honor to serve and die for their country."

CAROL ANN ELIZABETH DRAZBA

2nd Lieutenant Carol Ann Elizabeth Drazba, US Army, was born and raised in Pennsylvania. She was killed in a helicopter crash near Saigon on February 18, 1966.

ELIZABETH ANN JONES

2nd Lieutenant Elizabeth Ann Jones, US Army, was from South Carolina. She was assigned to the 3rd Field Hospital. She was flying with 2nd Lieutenant Drazba and was killed in the same helicopter crash near Saigon on February 18, 1966.

ELEANOR GRACE ALEXANDER

Captain Eleanor Grace Alexander, US Army, was from New Jersey. She was assigned to the 85th Evacuation Hospital. She had been working in the hospital in Pleiku (PLAYKOO) to help out during mass



Pictured from left are Marti Flint, Barbara Wright, Carol Olson, Phyllis Savakis, Sandy Mahaffey, Kathy Lepro, Pat McCaughan, Kathy Seemann and Sandy Sarsany.

casualties from Dak To (DOC TOE) when her plane crashed on the return trip to Qui Nhon (QUIN YAWN) on November 30, 1967.

HEDWIG DIANE ORLOWSKI

1st Lieutenant Hedwig Diane Orłowski, US Army, was from Michigan. She was assigned to the 67th Evacuation Hospital. She was on board with Captain Alexander when their plane crashed on its

return trip to Qui Nhon on November 30, 1967.

MARY THERESE KLINKER

Captain Mary Therese Klinker, US Air Force, was a native of Indiana. She was part of an on-board medical team during Operation Babylift. Her flight was carrying 243 infants and children when the plane developed pressure problems and crashed while attempting to return to the airport. Captain Klinker was killed on April 4, 1975, just 3 weeks before the Fall of Saigon.

SHARON ANN LANE

1st Lieutenant Sharon Ann Lane, US Army, is special to the Upton Association; she was from Ohio. She was assigned to the 312th Evacuation Hospital and was working in the Vietnamese ward of the hospital when a rocket exploded, killing her and her patients on June 8, 1969, less than 10 weeks after she arrived in Vietnam.

ANNIE RUTH GRAHAM

Lieutenant Colonel Annie Ruth Graham, US Army, was from North Carolina. She was the chief nurse with the 91st Evacuation Hospital in Tuy Hoa (TOY BAH). She suffered a stroke on August 14, 1968.

PAMELA DOROTHY DONOVAN

2nd Lieutenant Pamela Dorothy Donovan, US Army, was born in Ireland. She was assigned to the 85th Evacuation Hospital in Qui Nhon. On July 8, 1968 she died of a rare Southeast Asian virus.

THE MEMBERS OF THE UPTON
ASSOCIATION SALUTE
THE WOMEN ON THE WALL.



STORY TIME WITH MRS. CLAUS IS DEC. 8-9

By E. Carol Maxwell

Mrs. Claus and her Elfettes are busy planning the VERY SPECIAL STORY TIME held in Harriet's beautiful home. SNOWFLAKES is this year's theme. The reservation form can be found at www.uptonhouse.org under Calendar. Cost is \$15 per child.

SATURDAY, DEC. 8 1:00-2:30 P.M.
 3:30-5:00 P.M.

SUNDAY, DEC. 9 2:30-4:00 P.M.

Questions? Please call (330) 360-0901 or e-mail ecarol@twc.com.

SUMMER GARAGE SALE

By Susan Stoddart

Thanks to Marti Flint and her tall grandson, Michael, most of the volunteers did not have to carry stuff up from the basement. They came over on Monday to move things even though no one taller than 4' 11" should be down in the Upton basement. We had great helpers on Tuesday setting up tables, putting on the cloths, and packing away the Upton's own treasures to make room for the sale items. It is hard to get that first group to leave so the Wednesday group will have something to do. It is always nice to have some people, "new to the garage sale", volunteering and some of them even return the next year! We really didn't have much in the way of furniture in July so our income was less than 50% of our budget commitment of \$3500. However, we are getting in a lot of nice Christmas things for our sale on November 16-17. With Town Hall on the 14th, we will be setting up Monday morning from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and Tuesday from 12-3 p.m. that week so mark your calendars.



LIBRARY DISPLAY

By Marti Flint

Upton members worked with the ladies of the Women's Equality Day committee to decorate the display case at the Warren Public Library Main branch for the month of August. The purpose was to promote the event on August 26 and to educate the public about the struggle that took place leading up to the passage of the nineteenth amendment. Red, white and blue was the color choice with posters, books, and news articles providing information on the subject. The display was eye catching and a large group of library patrons were able to be aware of the program to commemorate this special day. Watch the display case each August as we approach the 100th anniversary August 26, 2020.

RECENT VISITORS TO UPTON

By Ken Conklin

We had the pleasure of giving these visitors a tour of the Upton House this summer. Pictured from left are Andrew Wilson from Michigan, Russell Wilson from Ohio, Eliza Kirkpatrick from California, and Clare Richart from Ohio. All are direct descendants of the Perkins Family.

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