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From the President: Remember to Vote!

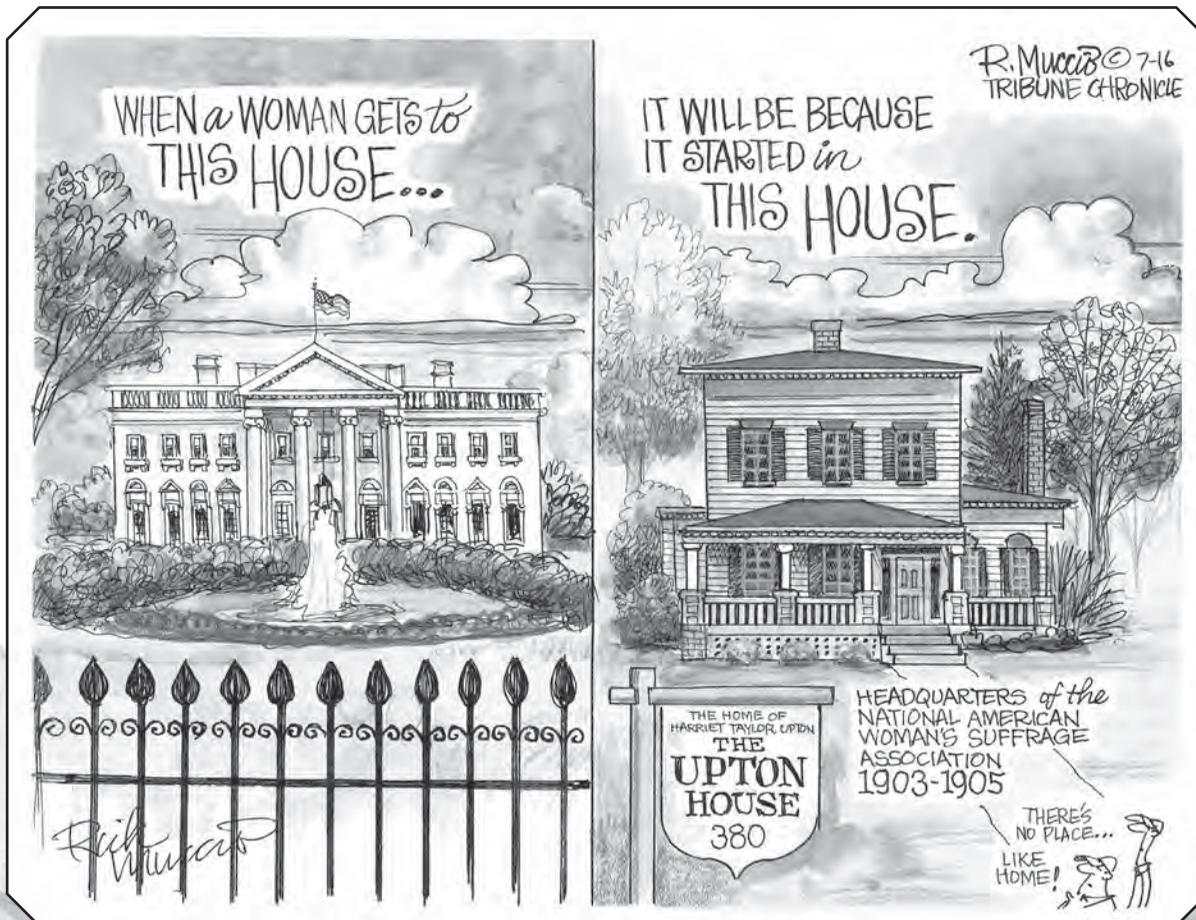
By Marti Flint

Our beautiful house has received a new coat of paint and looks stunning inside and out. We continue to host weddings, showers, graduations and family gatherings as more and more people enjoy the house. This is a lovely place to hold these events and we receive many compliments from our guests. Our volunteers work tirelessly to maintain and improve the house and grounds.

As in any organization, our volunteers are our strength. Our educational tours are growing as we host the Warren City Schools children and other historical groups to tell of Harriet's part in the passage of the 19th

Amendment 96 years ago. Our thanks go out to all who are keeping our mission in the forefront of our community.

It seems like forever, but has it only been 18 months since we began to hear all the election talk? From all the speeches, rallies and debates, the two candidates from the major parties have been chosen in this history-making election. We are thankful for the work of those who believed we should all have the right to vote. Now, everyone has the opportunity to vote on November 8 for the candidate of their choice.



CARTOON MAKES POWERFUL STATEMENT

On Sunday, July 31, 2016, this cartoon drawn by Rick Muccio, was on the Opinion page of the Tribune. The Upton Association was able to purchase the original drawing and have it signed by the artist. It will be framed and displayed in the Upton House. We thank Rick for honoring Harriet and her home.

CURATOR REPORT

By *Sandy Sarsany*

Pictured is an Upton House display I recently did for Founder's Day at the Tyler Mahoning Valley History Center in Youngstown. The program was entitled "A Salute to Local History." There were participants from the local history groups in Mahoning and Trumbull County.

The following items were donated this year:

- Darlene Bennett: Victorian corner shelf.
- Bob and Sheila Connor: Victorian wash stand.
- Kitty and Chuck Thompson: Wall phone, Toby mugs, wash stand, bedspread, pillow cases, high chair, bed and dresser.

Thanks to all for helping to complete the upstairs furnishings.



We also want to thank Kitty Thompson for visiting our park and taking the pictures shown in the Park article and the picture of the Lady in the Fountain in the Garden Report.

RENTAL REPORT



By *Kathy Lepro*

As you might expect, 380 Mahoning Avenue in downtown Warren was a busy place this past summer with many bridal and baby showers, as well as graduation parties, weddings, a book-signing and a Girl Scout tea. I have discovered that the majority of renters have been at the Upton House in the past, either as a guest or a previous renter.

A young woman, who admired the beauty of Harriet's home while on a school tour many years ago, hosted a birthday party; and another woman, who held an event a year ago, returned to celebrate her mother's 80th birthday. A youth group from a local church had its annual afternoon tea

party, and the same church's Woman's Ministry Leadership group again held an all-day meeting and luncheon.

A future bride from Texas, whose family is local, was the guest of honor at a Pampered Chef shower. Guests simply ordered gifts from the representative's catalogue which were then mailed directly to the bride.

On a personal note, the three Lepro children were or will be married in 2016, one in May, one in July and one in November. It's true! Subsequently, I have not only been scheduling the Upton House rental events, but have also been scheduling and attending family bridal showers. What fun! My friends have said, "Next you'll be having baby showers at the Upton," and they're right. My son and his wife who were married in the spring are expecting a Valentine's Day baby. Let the fun continue!

A very symbolic event also took place at Harriet Taylor Upton's beautiful home this summer. The Fund for Women and Girls, a component fund of the Community Foundation of the Mahoning Valley, awarded a grant of \$14,321 to the Youngstown Business Incubator's Women in Entrepreneurship (WE) program at a special reception at the Upton House in July. The WE program creates economic opportunities for women through entrepreneurial education and training, mentoring and networking. The Fund for Women and Girls serves to expand women's philanthropy by creating an endowment that will benefit organizations, programs and projects that empower, educate and assist women and girls in Mahoning and Trumbull counties. The partnership between the Community Foundation and the YBI raised both funds and awareness to enable women and girls to be successful. Wouldn't Harriet be proud!

~ EDUCATION REPORT ~

By Liz Clark

The Education Committee and its docents have extended their area of expertise and outreach to many organizations. From its beginning of tours for school children, its outward reach now includes historical societies, libraries, colleges and universities, and the Chamber of Commerce. As a result, more docents continue to be recruited and trained.

April brought the Akron University Alumni to the Upton and City Hall. We have a real connection to Akron as the Brown House is a later copy of the Kinsman House. It is constructed of stone, the Kinsman House is brick. I also spoke to the leadership at the state conference of the Girl Scouts. The topic was "Lou Hoover" since she was the president of the Girl Scouts for many years.

In May, the Vienna Historical Society learned more about Harriet and the Constitution. They are working very hard and are improving their collection.

In June, the Master Degree students of the Ursuline College for Women, Cleveland, love the lecture and many facts that involved Harriet. They were interested in the radical fight the British women had to gain suffrage as far back as the Revolutionary War.

Early in September, The Ridgeview Farms Tour brought 70 eager visitors to the Upton. The major talk was performed on the bus. It worked better than I thought. They then toured all of the rooms in our house

with many questions and learned a lot of additional information. The Mahoning County Historical Society chose September 11, 2016, to visit the Trumbull County Court House for their Enrichment Program. When they called, I realized we needed more docents. I recruited Marty and Larry Flint, Tom and Sue Trumbur, Barb Wright, Sandee Skovran, Fred Poesse, Phil Smith, Sue Pappas, Rosemary Sebring, Ginnie Baran, Sue Stoddart and Stephanie Sferra. Thank you!

We are happy to welcome the annual visit of the Chamber of Commerce "Leadership Mahoning Valley" participants, October 14. We want them to be aware of all of the wonderful places in Trumbull County. They tour The City Hall, Upton House, Edwards House, and the Packard Car Museum. Employees of the Trumbull County Library will tour the Upton and learn of the wonderful life of Harriet and her many accomplishments. They will love the second floor and all of the extras that Ken Conklin has added. This is a yearly event to add to their already wealth of knowledge. Marybeth Roman will lead this tour.

We have new docents-in-training for City Hall. We are pleased that they are so eager and ready to go. These volunteers are Rosemary Sebring (the 2nd President of Upton), Jan Schweitzer, Bonnie Williams, Chris Majcher, and Vonnie Peterson. The tours will begin the October 1 and finish the week before Thanksgiving. The new docents will be "shadows" for the first few tours and then gradually take over. The teachers tell us that this is a great help in the 4th grade study of Ohio History.

We don't have time to stop and count our hours, we just keep going.

WOMEN'S PARK:

Most Photographed Place in Trumbull County



By The Park Committee

The Women's Park continues to host numerous weddings and photo ops for all occasions throughout the summer and fall months. Any day of the week, people can see someone snapping pictures for engagements, graduations, anniversaries, children's birthdays and of course wedding parties. Now the Pokémon Go app has brought new visitors to the Park.

The Park Committee works 25 hours each Wednesday to plant, weed and prune to keep the Park looking it's best.. The willing workers on the committee are Carolyn Anderson, Darlene Bennett, Marti Flint, Darlyn Gardiner, Karen Jennings, Sally Mazer, Diana Plecker, Pat Proctor, Karen Sprague, Donna Vlasov and Marty Wolanzky.

The goldfish are flourishing and can be seen gliding through the water adding interest to the pond. Many enjoy watching them from the newly replaced bench.

As the leaves begin to fall, the Park will be put to rest on Make a Difference Day, October 22. The volunteers will rake leaves, remove dried flowers and prepare the pond for winter. December will see the Park decorated for the holiday season for the enjoyment of all.

Stroll through the Park at any season to enjoy its beauty and tranquility.

Bill Cody: *An Advocate for Women Suffrage*

By Kay Fisher



Western states were five decades ahead of the East in granting women the right to vote. Wyoming was the first in 1872. Thus, many Westerners were free to become involved in the Eastern struggle for women's suffrage.

(Source: Buffalo Bill Historic Center, Cody, WY.)

Buffalo Bill Cody publicly proclaimed his support for women's equality in the 1890s. In a newspaper interview in 1898, he said: "Set [it] down in big black type that Buffalo Bill favors woman's suffrage...Mind you, I believe in marriage and children and home,

but I'm not one of the kind that think that God made women to do nothing but sit at home in the ashes and tend to babies. He made her to be as good as a man, and he made her better too...If a woman can do the same work that a man can do and do it just as well she should have the same pay."

Suffrage leaders welcomed Cody's views. In early 1913, they planned a huge parade that was to march through downtown New York City. "Cody is reputed to be a suffragist," wrote the New York Daily Tribune on February 6. "Well, he will have a chance to show how much of a one. Does he believe in it to the tune of several thousand dollars?"

Several parade organizers visited him to find out. They had a huge request. They asked him to cancel his Wild West's afternoon performance at Madison Square Garden that day of the parade so they could hold a rally there. Not only did Cody agree to their request, but he also volunteered to march in the parade himself, along with five Wild West cowgirls and "five original Americans (Indians) who were converted to woman suffrage." Cody also threw in the big TE Ranch wagon that is a feature of the Wild West." It was decorated with suffrage banners and served as the grand finale of the parade.

VOLUNTEER REPORT

By Marti Flint

Our volunteers are a dedicated and energetic group that put in countless hours to support the Upton Association. Many thanks are given to all who help in the house, Harriet's Garden, The Women's Park, the garage sales and special events. A strong volunteer base is what makes the Upton successful. As the year comes to an end, it is not too late to join in for friendship and laughs as well as work. On Make a Difference Day (Saturday, October 22) the volunteers will be closing the Garden and the Park. This is always a fun day when volunteers make a difference in the community. The holiday garage sale will be held on November 18-19. You never know what treasures will be found while sorting items. We will finish the year with committees decorating the house for all the holiday events. Mrs. Claus and her elves will be having a wonderful time December 9-12 at story time. Hope you have time to join us during these events. Be sure to mark your calendars for the holiday open house on Friday, December 2 from 6-8 p.m. to view the lovely decorated rooms.



Bricks at the Women's Park

By Darlene Bennett

If you have not had the opportunity to visit the Women's Park on Mahoning Avenue in Warren, Ohio (located between City Hall and the Kinsman House), this is the time! The park features brick walkways, 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.

Maintained by a group of volunteers from the Harriett Taylor Upton Association, volunteers work on Wednesday mornings from 9 a.m. to noon throughout the spring, summer and fall. We welcome you to join us. Please call Darlene Bennett at 330-609-6108 or Marti Flint at 330-772-5623 for more information. This is a perfect way to make new friends and to help beautify downtown Warren.

Bricks may be purchased in memory or honor of a friend or loved one for \$50, \$100 or \$250. You may pick up a brick application from our Victorian mailbox located at the rear entrance of the park or go on line to www.uptonhouse.org. The orders are placed with Warren Marble Granite Company twice a year and installed in the spring or fall.

Fourteen new bricks were installed this spring. We have 11 new orders pending for the fall. We are happy that our community continues to enjoy the Park.

Garden Report: Fall is Blooming!

By Carol Olson

Harriet's Gardens were a haven of beauty again in 2016. The main focal point this year turned out to be the Lady in the Fountain with the 24" high impatiens surrounding her feet. We plant impatiens there every year, but this year the impatiens sprouted to extraordinary heights. Kay and I hope everyone enjoyed them as much as we have. We received wonderful comments about our vibrant gardens on Women's Equality Day!

Many of the Garden Committee joined years ago and continue to help. Kay, Ken & Elaine, Sandra and Paul, Marti and Kathy have been volunteering since I began overseeing Harriet's Gardens in 2006. Since then, we have added more committed gardeners with busy hands. They are Barbara Beach (2012), Ann Miller (2012), Pat Proctor (2010), Gussie Reed, Phyllis Savakis (2009), and Marilyn Thomas (2011). I cannot thank them enough!

The Kick-off Luncheon was held at the Upton House on Monday, April 26; 11 members attended including two new members, Kathy Ferris and Koreen Palm. Clean up days were held on May 7 and May 13.

Kay Fisher, Sandy and Paul Sarsany, Kathy Ferris and Carol Olson picked up plants from Raul Kemp at TCTC. Carol picked up the geraniums, sweet potato vines and lobelia from Michel Paquet at Warren Greenhouse. The Upton is so very fortunate to have these two wonderful benefactors who believe in what we do at the Upton House and assist us in keeping it beautiful. I had to buy the portulaca this year; 18 plants cost \$9. I would hate to calculate what it would cost us if we did not receive Raul and Mike's generous donations! Kay purchased three astilbe plants that were planted in the same bed as our other three astilbe plants, since it appears that the older plants like their garden spot.

New plants in the garden included Swiss ivy, pea plants at the hitching post and lemon balm. Kathy Seemann added basil, parsley, cabbage plants and arugula to the herb garden. We did divide Shasta Daisies and Black-eyed Susan. Some were taken by members; others were donated to the plant sale at Trumbull County Agricultural Center in Cortland. We definitely need to divide hostas and ferns this fall or early spring before the leaves are beginning to unfurl. We did have to remove some Lamb's Ear that had spread at the front of the house. Anyone wanting some next year, please speak up.

Two young Redbud Trees that were transplanted last year appear to have taken root and should fill the space where we lost a tree last year and provide the needed shade for the ferns in that same area.

Ken, Dan and Carol spread the leaf mulch that Kay obtained for us. It was as impossible to make plans with NEOCAP this year as it was last year. Next year, I will send a request to NEOCAP in February to see if it helps.



On October 22 at 9 a.m., we will participate in the Warren Community "Make a Difference Day" and put Harriet's Garden to bed. Please consider volunteering! Refreshments will be served. The garden is really a labor of love.



Pictured are Marti Flint, Carol Olson, Phyllis Savakis, Gussie Reed

Ken continues to take care of our watering system, which is probably why the flowers bloomed so well this year. He also trims the hedges, sprays weeds in the driveway and walkways with Round-up and removed dead tree branches.

Working in the garden from April-August, volunteers accumulated a total of 229 hours, which does not include when some individuals worked in the garden on their own and did not record the time they spent. Kudos to the whole Garden Committee!

Our spring and summer flowers have come and gone, but we still can enjoy our fall bloomers. Nature continues to amaze me!

EQUALITY DAY: A DAY TO REMEMBER

By Judith Waid

The annual Woman's Equality Day event was held on August 26, 2016, at noon in the Woman's Park. On this warm, sunny day, a crowd of over one hundred persons attended to honor the Day when women from our past created a path to this day. As a result, we can recognize the achievements of local women who have non-traditional careers.

Chairwoman Sandy Mahaffey welcomed the guests and explained the colors of the women's movement. Charlotte Meloni, President, LWV of Trumbull County, introduced the program, which started with the Pledge of Allegiance and presentation of the colors by the Airforce Junior ROTC female members from TCTC. The following young women participated: Jacklynn Gordan, Emily Lawrence, Faleasha Oliver, Mackenzie Polakoff and Searra Thailing. Gloria Rogers, President of the Warren Civic League, then introduced the special musical entertainment provided by Tony Defoor.

Our military representative, retired Lt. Colonel Genevieve Germanik spoke about the changes and opportunities for today's females in all careers. The Rev. Gena Thornton introduced "Women in Service to our Communities." The following women were presented with certificates of recognition:

- LAURA BARRETT, ODOT WORKER
- GLORIA BECK, EMT/ FIREFIGHTER
- SONJA FERENAC, EMT/ FIREFIGHTER
- VALERIE HOSTUTLER, FIREFIGHTER
- KELLY MCGILGON, FIREFIGHTER / FIRE INSPECTOR

Edwina Wolcott, GFWC Warren Junior Women's League introduced Mayor Doug Franklin who presented a Proclamation to the Women's Equality Day Committee. A special commendation was presented to Terri Crabbs, a former chair of the Equality Day Event and a faithful volunteer. The Equality Day committee consists of Ellen Martin, Peggy Boyd, Eddie Wolcott, Gloria Rodgers, Margaret Petrosky, Danita Davis, Charlotte Meloni and Judy Waid. Organizations were represented by The League of Woman Voters, Upton Association, The Warren Civic League, GFWC Ohio, Warren Junior Women's League, GFWC, Warren City Federation of Women's Clubs.

Refreshments were served following the program courtesy of the co-sponsors at the Upton Association.

HOUSE REPORT

By Ken Conklin

After much discussion, the Upton Board approved the painting of the Upton House. R&S Painting was contracted to paint the exterior of the big gray house on Mahoning Avenue. Ladders were brought in. An aerial boom lift appeared on the property. Tons of brushes and paint were placed in the garage. The major project of getting Harriet's house painted had begun.

Many of you have asked the question: how much paint does it take to improve Harriet's home? Here is the answer:

- 10 gallons of primer
- 40 gallons of light gray paint for the body of the house
- 15 gallons of dark gray for the trim
- 5 gallons of gray floor paint for the porches
- 5 gallons of blue for the porch ceilings
- 5 gallons of green for the shutters

I again want to thank everyone who donated funds for this project. Total cost was \$16,500.

During Victorian times, it was fashionable to paint the porch ceilings blue for several reasons: to remind people of the sky; to keep away evil spirits; and to bring good fortune. Thus, all of the porch ceilings at Upton are blue. Please take the time to drive by. The House looks awesome!

COMING UP!

STORY TIME WITH MRS. CLAUS



By E. Carol Maxwell

Harriet asked me to let everyone know about the special event, Story Time With Mrs Claus, which is planned for December 9-12. Mrs. Claus and her helpers are looking forward to spending time with many children this year, beginning with a group from the Children's Rehabilitation Center on December 9. Each session includes the child's picture with Mrs. Claus, story time, decorating a frame and bag, making a holiday ornament and a special child-friendly lunch. Each child also

will receive an activity booklet and a decorated cookie! Parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles are served refreshments in the library of Harriet's historical home while they learn about a piece of Warren's history.

Make your reservations now for Saturday, December 10 at 1:15 p.m. and 4 p.m., and for Sunday, December 11 at 2:30 p.m. The December 12 afternoon session will accommodate a group of up to 18 children. Please email ecarol@twc.com or call (330) 360 0901 for a reservation form or download the form at [www.uptonhouse.org/calendar/Story Time with Mrs. Claus](http://www.uptonhouse.org/calendar/Story%20Time%20with%20Mrs.%20Claus).

News & Notes

Check out the website www.uptonhouse.org calendar for the latest information on events.



OPEN HOUSES END WITH TABLE SETTINGS

By Judi Sheridan

Ten varied and attractive tables based on the theme “Going for the Gold” were enjoyed by visitors to the Upton House on Sunday, August 7. Tables were in several rooms and exhibited the creativity of our members and friends. There are pictures on the website at uptonhouse.org. The July open house theme was “Christmas in July” and took place during the Packard Museum show. It was very well attended. The June open house showed off the newest additions to the period rooms that include two bedrooms on the second floor. The association now has control of the entire house after more than 25 years of fundraising and continuous improvements. Congratulations to us!



SUMMER GARAGE SALE

By Susan Stoddart

We had lots of volunteers this time so the week went smoothly. Not too many “big ticket” items (meaning over \$20) but we made close to \$2,000. As a result, we are on target to bring in the \$3500 we are in the budget to raise each year.

CHRISTMAS/HOLIDAY SALE: The dates are Monday, November 14 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. to bring things in from the garage and up from the basement; Tuesday, November 15 from 12-3 p.m. to arrange the items; Wednesday, November 16 is Town Hall so we will be off; Thursday, November 17, my special pricing team comes in; Friday, November 18 first shift is from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. and second shift is 12-4 p.m., then on Saturday, November 19, the first shift is from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and the second shift is from 1-5 p.m.

Here’s a hint, on Monday not everyone has to do the steps. Those who are unable to do the steps, put tablecloths on the tables, unpack boxes, or pack up the Upton items from the pantry to be hidden away. During the sale itself, we need cashiers and packers but also members just to sit in each room and rearrange items and talk to the customers.

We have a lot of stuff donated already (see photo above) and the good news is that it is in the garage and will be easier to move. If you see something you like feel free to buy it early or someone else might beat you to it. One of the guys painting the house bought a tennis racquet the other day.



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