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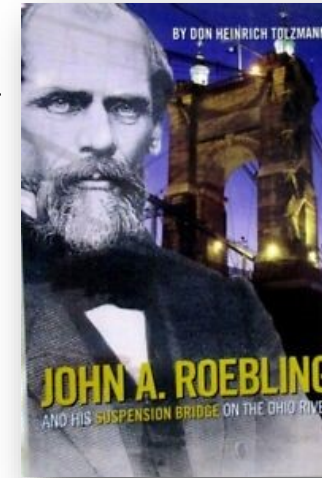
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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE DELHI HISTORICAL SOCIETY

John Roebling and His Suspension Bridge

Dr. Don Heinrich Tolzmann, will present his extensive research on German American engineer John A Roebling and his time in Covington building the innovative Suspension Bridge, the model for New York's iconic Brooklyn Bridge. He will also link Roebling to the family behind Roebling Road in Delhi. The program is Nov. 14, 7 p.m. at the Delhi Park Lodge.



Dr Tolzmann is Cincinnati's German-American 'Lebensmensch', as Exec Director of the German Heritage Museum, President of the German American Citizens League, and author of countless titles and translations of works into English, he has contributed like none other to our understanding of Germanic immigrant ancestors in Cincinnati.

We are proud to welcome Dr. Tolzmann for the second time this year to Delhi Historical Society's monthly programs..

He will have some books for sale after the program.

Programs & Events

Nov 14, 7 p.m., at the Delhi Park Lodge: *John A. Roebling and His Suspension Bridge* with author Don Heinrich Tolzmann.

The Delhi Historical Society Farmhouse Museum and Research Center is open Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays from 12:30 to 3 p.m. We close Dec. 2 for the winter and will reopen Feb. 28, 2023.

Transitions: The Only Thing Constant Is Change

From the President Anita Klawitter



Seasons change, hair styles change, technology changes and so too, the board of the Delhi Historical Society is changing. As of November 2022, I am ending my term as president while current vice president, Veronica Buchanan assumes the leadership role.

I took over as president from Mary Finn in November 2019 and

have thoroughly enjoyed my three years as president. I have met a lot of wonderful people and feel I was the right person to lead the board through the transition to online Zoom meetings during the height of COVID. COVID and folks re-locating necessitated our acquiring new board members during my tenure who have made significant contributions to DHS. I found DHS to be a

well-oiled machine. This is thanks to our part-time consultant and several extraordinary volunteers who often work behind the scenes to keep us not only humming along but ahead of the curve. We are ALWAYS looking for additional volunteers to assist with everything from our gardens and farmhouse maintenance to entering our collections into our online database and stuffing envelopes. If you have a few hours to spare and are looking for necessary and fulfilling work give us a jingle!

But you're not rid of me yet! I will continue to serve on the board, will write for the newsletter and serve as Membership Chair. I thank you all for your wonderful support and for embracing me at our monthly presentations. Personally, I'm a fan of change - as change usually brings progress - and I know we will thrive under Veronica Buchanan's steady leadership.

Thanks all!
Anita

Give the gift of "Delhi" this year with items from the Delhi Historical Society's Gift Shop. You can shop in person at the Farmhouse, by mail using the enclosed form, or online at delhihistoricalsociety.org/store

Historical Society Announces New President

Anita Klawitter has completed her 3-year term as president of the Delhi Historical Society - quite an accomplishment in during the time of COVID. Current vice-president Veronica Buchanan replaces her as president of the board.

Veronica's history with DHS is truly remarkable. She initially joined DHS as a volunteer back in high school! Over the years Veronica actively participated on several committees within DHS, most notably serving as Chair of our Collections Committee. This committee is responsible for reviewing, discussing and determining whether to accept a donation into our collection subject to approval by the Board of Directors. Our Collections & Archives Committee also determines when to deaccession items, how to properly care for and maintain items and manages loans within our collection. Veronica will continue as Collections chair as she assumes the role as DHS president. With more than 10 years of experience Veronica is employed as an Archivist by The Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati, so our collection and DHS is in excellent hands!



Veronica Buchanan

The Mission of the Delhi Historical Society is to discover, preserve and share the history of Delhi Township and the surrounding areas.

Collections Corner

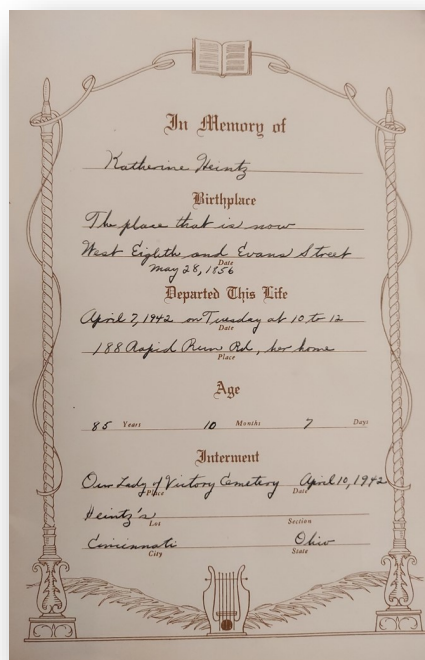
Katherine “Tante” Heintz’s Funeral

By Ray Grothaus

DHS researcher Ray Grothaus has been working to tell the history of Section 30 of Delhi Township—roughly west of Ebenezer, east of Fox Creek and south of Cleves Warsaw. This summer he met with Erica Broenner, descendant of Peter Heintz, who built the house along Rapid Run that sits in front of the Delhi Station 30 Firehouse just east of Rapid Run Middle School.

In November 1863, Peter Heintz purchased 60 acres in the western section of Delhi Township on Rapid Run Rd. After constructing a small house on the property, he moved his family there the following year. The household consisted of wife Magdalena and children Katherine, Magdalena, Anna Mary and Adam. Katherine, who was affectionately called Tante (German for aunt), never married and lived in the house her until her passing in 1942. The home at 6295 Rapid Run is still occupied by a Heintz descendant.

Erica Broenner, great-great-great-grandniece of Katherine, recently shared the visitation booklet from the eighty-five year old’s funeral service. At first, we had trouble figuring out the name of the funeral home who hosted the layout because no home is mentioned on the document. Studying the booklet as well as utiliz-



ing a newspaper article from the time provided the answer: Katherine Heintz was laid out in her own parlor! That might sound strange to us but it was not unusual for that era.

Reading the names of the “Friends Who Remembered” is a fantastic list of who’s-who of Delhi families.

Neighbors Mr. & Mrs. Schroer stopped by from their farm just a half mile away on Rapid Run. Mrs. Frank Dornacher visited from her greenhouses at the corner of Rapid Run and Ebenezer. F. Edward Seitz and his mother Mary along with sons Clint and Howard walked across the street to pay their respects. So did Mary Hall and the entire John Bagel family. Harvey & Elsie Story probably cut through their property to get to the house. Martinis, Englers, Paffs, Robbins, Feists, Runks, Lipps, Klawitters, Ludwigs and Murphys all came to offer their condolences to Katherine’s siblings Mary Backscheider and Adam Heintz.

Why such a turnout? Well, Tante Katherine, was well loved by her family and neighbors. In her eulogy at Our Lady of Victory, Father Sund told how she cared for her nieces and nephews; doing everything for their advancement. She never looked out for herself nor was she selfish. The parish priest suggested that Katherine was a model for us all. After a Requiem High Mass she was buried in the family plot of the OLV cemetery. One thing is for sure, not much farming got done on April 10, 1942, as the close-knit community bade farewell to one of their own.

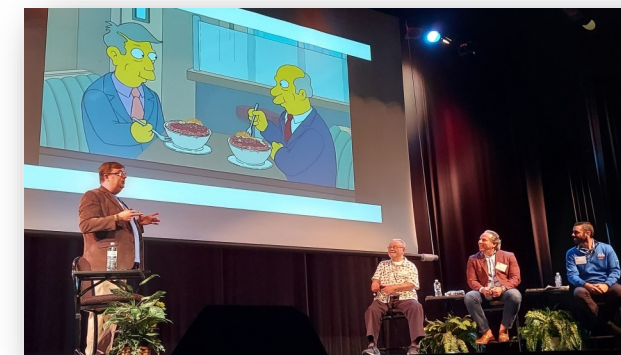


A Night with Cincinnati Chili Royalty

Nearly 400 people enjoyed a wonderful evening at Mount St, Joseph Oct. 11 learning the history of Cincinnati-style chili. If you couldn’t make the event, you can view the entire evening on YouTube (search: A Night with Cincinnati Chili Royalty) or go to the Delhi Historical Society Facebook Page — facebook.com/delhihistory and click on “Videos” at the top of the page.



Roger David, Johnny Kiradjieff, and Joe Lambrinides



Moderator Dann Woellert shows that Cincy-style chili made it on “The Simpsons” episode as Johnny Kiradjieff (Empress), Roger David (Gold Star) and Joe Lambrinides (Skyline) look on.

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Condolences:

- Member Bill Luebbe, husband and father of life members Cherie and Matt.
- Member Bill Bradley, husband of Marilyn
- Ron Eckert, husband of member Betsy Eckert

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