Thank you all who worked on and supported our 30th Anniversary of the Upton Association. Across the years, the community has volunteered millions of hours to keep the Upton House and the Women’s Park a wonderful asset to the community.

Countless weddings, receptions, all kinds of showers, reunions, and parties have used the beautiful building allowing Trumbull Countians to eat, talk, listen to lectures, and enjoy a historic place where five Ohio presidents came to dinner. Children have been educated to the history of the City of Warren, the Victorian era, the settling of the Western Reserve through Upton volunteers. More than that, a great deal of initial tough work on a serious need took place here, the work to get the vote for women. It was as the Smithsonian magazine titled its April 2019 issue, “America’s Second Revolution.”

Prior to the 19th amendment passage, half the population could not own property, couldn’t own money, even their own wages, and, as the law stated were not the first in line to keep their own children in divorce if the husband wanted to take them. Divorce did not allow for abusive husbands, either. Of course, women did not have the right to vote except for occasional school boards. And before modern communication methods, getting every state to agree to passage took endless hours of political education in all of the (then) 48 states.

This struggle included jailing some of those who participated in the enormous 1913 parade in Washington D.C., throwing stones and other objects at the marchers so a large number ended up in the hospital. For the pickets who dared to continue protesting in Washington, during the following year, 100 of them were tortured with tube-forced feeding when they went on a hunger strike at the prison in Occoquan, Virginia. Most of these persons were the "cream" of society, and believed enough to risk their lives!

The official centennial of the passage of the 19th amendment, which allowed women the right to vote in the United States of America, will be recognized in 2020.

Be inspired by history that changed our world! Attend Upton programs celebrating women’s suffrage in 2020!

What a wonderful evening we experienced on September 6 for the Upton’s 30th Anniversary Gala! There were 71 people in attendance. The weather could not have been better, just what we all prayed for! The tent and centerpieces were perfect – thank you Sandy Mahaffey and Saundra Sarsany. The colors were purple and pink and carried through with the purple napkins on the tables and the programs designed by Bonnie Hood. Janet Schweitzer’s selection of Brendan McEvoy, violinist, set the perfect mood. Saratoga out did themselves again with the wonderful food and service. Diane Williams served the wine and made the wonderful cake with purple flowers and trim, also served by Saratoga. They are so accommodating.

Janet Schweitzer gave the welcome and introduced the past presidents in attendance. Hank Angelo gave some history of the suffrage movement and the invocation. Ken Conklin, past president, gave an historical speech and refreshed people’s memories about the history of the Upton Association and why it is so important to preserve Harriet’s legacy and spread her history to all our community members. Thank you, Ken. One of the best parts of the evening was the camaraderie and visiting with members of the Upton Association and community members who had a wonderful time renewing acquaintances.

Mayor Franklin and his wife Kenya, and Shari Harrell Shape and her husband Chris, had other plans for the evening, but made it a point to stop at the anniversary event and give well wishes. Their thoughtfulness was appreciated.

Our next anniversary celebration will be on the 35th. We hope, we are all still here to enjoy it! Looking forward to seeing you at the next Harriet Taylor Upton event!
**Rental Report:** The fun continues

By Kathy Lepro

There were 25 rental events that took place at the Upton House between the 2019 Spring Newsletter publication and the end of September. Continue reading to discover some interesting information about a few of them.

Three young siblings were adopted at the Trumbull County Probate Court recently. An area woman who has been to the Upton House on several occasions was convinced that Harriet’s home would be the perfect place to host a small celebration following the official adoption of the three lucky children. It is obvious from the smiles on the faces of Luke, Hailey and Kennleigh that this was a happy day for them. *(Photo Top Right)*

For the past several years, a small group of 5th grade girls from a Warren church have gathered at the Upton House for a Tea Party where they receive lessons in etiquette, service, and kindness to others. The adult leaders work hard to make it a special afternoon with China dishes and tea pots, tea sandwiches, scones, fresh flowers, and favors. This year’s 5th grade girls and their leaders were excited as they posed for a picture on the steps in the foyer. *(Photo Bottom Right)*

Once again in June, the Ohio Chautauqua Lecture Series had a VIP Reception at the Upton House for the performers and invited guests. We are grateful to the Warren Tribune Chronicle and the Warren Trumbull County Public Library for selecting the Upton House for the evening party which takes place every other year prior to the first lecture under the tent on the Kinsman House lawn.

This summer there was a reunion of a local family, many of whom traveled from afar. I communicated frequently with the young woman from the state of Washington who organized the gathering. Other family members came from Nevada, Tennessee, South Carolina, Virginia, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, and, of course, Ohio.

Recently, there was an 80th birthday celebration on a beautiful September day. Guests from California, Pennsylvania, Oregon, Texas, Virginia, and Florida, as well as Ohio, gathered inside Harriet’s home and on the outdoor patio to offer good wishes to the honoree.

Whether those at the Upton House are young or old, local or from elsewhere, VIP’s or ordinary folks, they all enjoy the time they spend with family and friends at this beautiful home on Mahoning Avenue in downtown Warren.

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**WOMEN’S PARK:** Ready for the winter rest

By Marti Flint

The Women’s Park has been looking beautiful during the summer and early fall. The flowers were very colorful and set off all the trees and shrubs in the Park. This provided a great background for the weddings and photo shoots this summer. Many events were held at the Park and it continues to be listed as one of the most beautiful spots in downtown Warren. A core group consisting of Karen Sprague, Karen Jennings, Deb Rudloff, Joyce Fleischer, and Marti Flint maintain the grounds each Wednesday morning. The workers enjoy talking to the visitors who come to relax, look for family member’s bricks, or enjoy watching the fish in our lily pond. Stop by to see the fall colors as the Park gets ready for its winter’s rest.
By Marti Flint

This has been a very successful year for the Upton Association as we celebrate our 30th anniversary. As we look at the Upton today, we are amazed at how much has been accomplished to make the house and gardens the show place they have become. Much of the success can be attributed to the interest of the volunteers that have given so much of their time since the Upton was formed. We have a long list of members who volunteer in Harriet’s garden, at the summer and holiday sales, for special events and programs, showing the house for rentals and maintaining the Women’s Park.

We want to thank each member who helps in any way. Our organization could not be the success it is without your help.

By Judi Sheridan

On the afternoon of Sunday, December 1, Reverend John Ferris from N. Canton will present a retelling of the timeless Dicken’s holiday classic. He has been sharing his presentation for more than 50 years and portrays both the narrator and all of the characters. His lively interpretation will prepare us for the Christmas season with its story of hope and redemption. Invitations will be sent in early November. The drama will be followed by a sumptuous theme dinner.

It is the 4th of October and Gail Maurice and I just finished leading 3 tours of the Upton House and 3 tours of City Hall for the members of the Chamber of Commerce’s Executive Leadership Mahoning Valley.

This was fun since there was no disciplining needed and after 15 years, they still love to hear the stories of Harriet. Many of these members are with the Air Force, St. Elizabeth’s Hospital or other professions.

Since the Spring newsletter, many people have enjoyed tours of the Upton: An Educational Society from Hudson, Ohio, enjoyed and was thrilled with everything they learned about Harriet and the Suffrage Movement. They especially liked the Museum and read carefully all the material. Their plan is to come back to Warren to tour the Courthouse.

On October 1st, we began the 4th Grade Tours and these tours will continue to the end of October (almost every week day). Millie, the bus driver, is back and has learned everything about the Perkins Home, the Upton House and the Edwards House. She is way ahead of all of us!

Twenty ladies from a literary group in Burghill, a group from Mineral Ridge and another Garden Club were here to learn about Harriet and her struggle for Suffrage. A family from Dallas, Texas enjoyed a tour of the Courthouse in September.

We had our docent instructional “get-to-gether” in early September. Our board members are increasing their knowledge of the history by leading tours or observing others lead. Docents are Ginnie Baran, Linda Davis, Joyce Fleischer, Bonnie Hood, Sandy Mahaffey, Kris Majcher, Vonnie Peterson, Marybeth Roman, Sue Smith, Janet Schweitzer, Sandee Skovran, Sue Stoddart and Bonnie Williams.

Thank you to all who renewed their Upton memberships and ALL who joined the Upton Association for the first time. The 2019 Membership Drive reached this year’s goal of $6,475. The Association has a total of 151 members (1 Honorary, 1 Benefactor, 2 Corporate, 26 Friends, 13 Donors and 108 Single memberships). The Endowment fund was increased by $5,835 with the contributions members included with their dues. My gratitude goes to Sandy Mahaffey who has accepted the chairwomanship of the Membership Committee, as I am the now the newsletter chairwoman. We will be meeting soon to complete the transfer of duties. The 2020 Membership Campaign begins in January.
Upcoming Story Time with Mrs. Claus

By E. Carol Maxwell

On December 14 - 15, 2019, Mrs. Claus will welcome girls and boys (of all ages) to her special Story Time in Harriet Taylor Upton’s beautiful home. When they arrive, each child will have their individual picture taken with Mrs. Claus and then they will sit on the parlour floor to listen to winter and holiday stories and sing some favorite songs. Mrs. Claus takes roll call and the children hold hands to form a human train, then they all chug chug and toot toot to travel from the parlour to Harriet’s kitchen. In this room, the children are assisted by Mrs. Claus’s elves and elfettes to decorate a frame for their photograph, make another holiday ornament and decorate a bag for all their goodies. This year’s theme is The Nutcracker! After the children have completed their projects, they go to the dining room and look for a place card with their name on it – a special place for each child to sit and eat a light lunch.

While the children enjoy their activities with Mrs. Claus and her elves & elfettes, their grandparents, parents, aunts and uncles will be learning a little about women’s history and enjoying some refreshments in Harriet’s library (once the National Headquarters of the Suffrage Movement).

Once the children have donned their hats and coats to leave, Mrs. Claus hands each child a special decorated cookie (not to eat until grandma, grandpa, mom or dad says it’s OK) and an activity packet of pictures to color, some pages of word search games and connect-the-dot projects.

This year’s schedule is Saturday, December 14 from 1-2:30 p.m. or 4 to 5:30 p.m.; and on Sunday, December 15 from 1:30-3 p.m. or 4:30-6 p.m. Paid reservations ($15.00 per child) required. Go to www.uptonhouse.org/calendar link/Story Time Reservation request form or call 330-360-0901 for more information.

Curator Report

By Saundra Sarsany

The newest addition to our library is “The History of Ohio,” Volume Two. The entire five volumes were written by Charles B. Galbreath. He was the secretary of the Ohio State Archaeological and Historical Society and former Librarian and Secretary of Ohio and the Constitutional Convention. The volumes were published in 1925. We have purchased the second volume because Mr. Galbreath specifically asked Harriet to write a chapter on the suffrage movement, which she was most willing to do. It appears in Volume Two. I purchased the book on E-Bay which has an amazing amount of Upton material. The book will be on display in the Museum library. Harriet was also an Advisory Council member.

House Report

By Ken Conklin

I am happy to report the porch project has been completed. It looks wonderful! I thank those who supported this project with their generous financial donations.

A Special Visit

By Ken Conklin

In June, I had the pleasure of giving a tour of the Upton House to Lyn and John Hammond. They had contacted us through our website and would be traveling through our area on their way to Michigan. We emailed several times and set up a date that worked with their schedule. I believe Lyn and John would get the award for traveling the furthest to visit the Upton – they had traveled from their home in Cheshire, England! They were a delight and it was my pleasure to tell them about Harriet and the Upton House.
Garden Report: Fall Beauty is All Around Us!

By Carol Olson, Garden Committee Chairwoman

This summer passed quickly, and we are now planning to cleanup and “put the gardens to bed.” I hope everyone had a chance to appreciate the gardens with its glorious changing blooms and colors as each season changed.

Our very special and diligent volunteers were Hank Angelo, Ruth Ann Capito, Ken Conklin, Joyce Fleisher, Todd Pippenger, Deborah Rudloff, Phyllis Savakis, Saundra Sarsany, Kathy Seemann, Marilyn Thomas and Carol Olson. Also, Deborah Rudloff brought a friend with her to help. I want to thank each of them for all their time and dedication. They planted all the flowers, removed all the weeds and applied the mulch.

We planted flowers in the gardens in May and thank Deborah Rudloff for assisting to pick up the plants from Raul Kemp’s students this year. Carol had bought some plants the day before for half-price to ensure the Upton received some of the plants it needed. The large coleus in pots were outstanding again this year! Some different things we planted this year were pachysandra, donated by Bonnie Hood, where a holly bush was removed and in the front of the house by the rose bush. Mike Paquet, Warren Greenhouse, donated the pink geraniums, sweet potato vines and lobelia and they lasted throughout the season.

New this year, we removed stones buried in the soil from the driveway bed: smaller ones by the women and large ones that probably weighed 50 pounds by Hank Angelo, Todd Pippenger and a dolly. The guys also finished the stone border of the driveway. The women leveled off the driveway bed to grade it toward the street and applied mulch. What a difference all this made! The area will be ready for 2020. For 2019, we did plant mums donated by Ruth Ann Capito for the 30th Anniversary Gala. Another new task was to remove web worms from one of our trees. It was done because a renter was having an outdoor event. We aim to please!

Two antique stones were donated by Kay Fisher and placed in two areas of the garden. They match some that were already in Harriet’s Gardens. We also added a hollow “stone” purchased at Creekside Gardens. It hides the hoses by Monroe fence that are necessary for the watering system. Kathy Seemann installed it. The money for the purchase came from the donation made by Lost-In-Spanx, a group of women who participated in the Tribune Chronicle’s weight loss challenge.

We do perform some of the same tasks every year, like removing onions and Bishop’s Weed, more than once. Thirteen bags of mulch were applied throughout the beds. Ken Conklin hooked up the watering system and cut the privet hedge. We divided some hostas and removed some Siberian Iris that had spread.

The Dusty Miller as a border and around Harriet’s Headstone and Kay’s bench were huge and outstanding against the bright pink impatiens in the Lady in the Fountain. Members paid particular attention to cleaning the gardens prior to the Women’s Equality Day with the reception at the Upton House and the Upton’s 30th Anniversary Gala.

Now we have to reverse everything and clean out the annuals to prepare for the winter season. Harriet’s Gardens was “put to bed” on October 12. Hope to see you in Harriet’s beloved garden in 2020!
Upton 30th Anniversary Celebration & Gala

Happy 30th Anniversary, Upton!

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Thank you for celebrating with us and thanks to everyone who helped to make this 30th anniversary celebration of the Upton Association a success!

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WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY: ALWAYS CELEBRATED

By Sandy Mahaffey

On August 26, Women’s Equality Day, we celebrated our 99th year of voting. It was a beautiful day, the sun was shining with a wonderful breeze and the Women's Park in Warren was at her best. It fascinates me that I meet women who live in Warren tell me it is their first time in this absolutely beautiful setting. We should be proud of this gem in our city and thankful we have a park committee from the Upton Association that takes the time weekly to keep the park looking so beautiful.

Our theme this year was “Visionary Women – Champions of peace and nonviolence”. We honored that theme by presenting a portrayal of Ida B. Wells, a journalist who became famous writing about the lynchings in the south, was forced to move north and became involved in the suffrage movement. She was portrayed by Jackie Shannon, a local actress with the Trumbull New Theatre.

Boy Scouts from Troop 28, Howland Community Church presented the Flag for the Pledge of Allegiance. Our music presentation was presented by Sally Williams, Choir Director of Girard First Baptist Church. A special recognition was given to Reverend Gena Thornton. Rev. Gena spoke of the many women today who feel disenfranchised and put down. 2020 might be a perfect time for women to shift the events of history and change the landscape of America and the world.

After the event, we moved across the street to Harriet’s House, where the committees provided refreshments for the attendees. The committee, consisting of the League of Women Voters of Trumbull County, Warren Junior Women’s League, Warren City Federation of Women’s Clubs, Warren Civic League and the Harriet Taylor Upton Association look forward to 2020, when we will celebrate the 100th anniversary of our Right to Vote.

A LITTLE BIT OF ‘HERSTORY’

By Ken Conklin

The very tall mirror in Harriet’s Parlor had been purchased by Helen Hart Demming at Harriet’s auction. The mirror ended up in storage at the Kinsman House. Once the Upton Association was established and the Upton House had been saved, Zell Draz donated the mirror back to the Upton House. My very good friend, Terry Myers and I, went to the Kinsman House on a Friday afternoon around 3:00 to get the mirror (which we found out was all one piece). We carried the mirror out of the Kinsman House and carried it up Mahoning Avenue to the Upton House. Yes, it is VERY heavy and so was the traffic. We received many strange looks from people driving by. Getting across Mahoning Avenue was a real challenge. Traffic did stop and we were able to safely place the mirror in the Upton House. This is one of two pieces of furniture that we have that belonged to Harriet. I thought you might enjoy the story about the mirror.
**WOMEN’S PARK BRICKS**  
By Linda Davis

Good news! We have found a new brick provider. Van Ness Stone, Inc. located in Newbury, Ohio. A special “THANK YOU” to Judi Sheridan for her research and securing this new vendor. Our plan is to gradually replace (at no charge to the donor) all the illegible bricks in the Women’s Park. We will begin the replacement order processing after the first of the year. There are several new bricks ready to be installed and an installation is planned for this Fall. Donors and recipients will be notified when the bricks have been placed. Please contact me with any questions: Linda Davis, kewpish1@yahoo.com.

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**SUMMER GARAGE SALE**  
By Susan Stoddart

Summer Sale: The sale brought in $1,510, which is 50% of our goal for the two sales! Very good! We only had a couple big ticket items (over $20), so it took selling a lot of little stuff. We had lots of volunteers, even some new people. Thanks to everyone who donated items and/or helped.

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**CHRISTMAS/HOLIDAY SALE**  
By Susan Stoddart

Christmas/Holiday Sale: The sale was originally set for November 22-23. Since I will be in Chicago that weekend and no one volunteered to take over the sale, it is now scheduled for November 15-16. Mark your calendars for Tuesday, November 12 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon; Wednesday, November 13 from 12-3 p.m.; Friday, November 15 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon or 12-4 p.m.; or Saturday, November 16 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. or 1-5 p.m.

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**EXTRA, EXTRA, EXTRA!**  
By Elizabeth Cole Clark

I'm always searching for “stuff” for this newsletter. I found a cookbook with Harriet's Recipes. Here are a couple. Be brave and try them!

**HARRIET’S RECIPES**

**Corn Oysters ~**
Twelve ears of corn grated  
1 teaspoon melted butter  
1 teaspoon salt  
1 teaspoon pepper  
1 egg beaten.  
Fry on a griddle in butter  
(August, 1876)

**Chocolate Creams ~**
Let two cups of sugar dissolve in half a cup of water; boil several minutes, flavor while hot and stir constantly until cool.  
Work into balls shape of creams on buttered plates.  
Place bitter chocolate in saucer over steam; when melted roll white creams in it, and place on buttered plates to cool.

**Cookbook Preface Excerpts --** We rise to explain to our numerous friends that this book does not pretend to be a complete manual of cookery, but simply a collection of valuable recipes carefully collected from our most experience housekeepers, thoroughly tested, conscientiously prepared and presented to the public for approval and patronage. Hoping your culinary trials may be light, your achievements well relished, and your patronage equal to our desserts, we bid you a hearty Fare Well.

**REPORTER’S NOTE:** My grandmother, Mrs. Sarah Summerlin, was a friend of Harriet’s and her recipes are in this same cookbook. ~ Liz

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**REMARKS BY THE NEWSLETTER CHAIRWOMAN**

By E. Carol Maxwell

Becoming the Upton Newsletter Chairwoman is exciting, a bit scary and sometimes challenging! After working on the 2019 Spring and Fall issues, I see why Kay Fisher, long-time Upton Newsletter chairwoman, was adamant about the importance of the articles being accurate, informative and interesting! And, I now understand the importance of the articles being submitted by the committee chair – man or woman – on time!

Thank you, Kay for sharing your wisdom and for your recommendation that I contact Carolyn Andrews, your long-time friend and newsletter assistant. Carolyn, your guidance and assistance have been superb! Thank you for your willingness to help me.

I would also like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation and gratitude for the excellent work of the Upton Newsletter graphic designer, Dawn Marzano. Bravo! Bravo! Dawn, the Upton Association Board says – Thank You!
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