From the President: In Recognition of Mrs. Kay Fisher

By Ken Conklin

This Spring Newsletter is dedicated to a very faithful and devoted Board Member, Kay Fisher.

Many years ago, Mrs. Fisher (yes, that was her name) was my Sunday School teacher. She taught our high school class in a small room on the 3rd floor of the United Church of Christ in downtown Warren. It was a special group of kids and we loved Mrs. Fisher’s class. We went on many field trips to places we never knew existed.

Through the years, I would see Mrs. Fisher at various functions within the community and then 30 years ago, we were reacquainted through what was going to be the Upton Association. We both were elected as Board Members. Now, instead of her name being Mrs. Fisher, her name became Kay.

Kay devoted countless hours to raise funds to save the Upton House.

She oversaw many, many projects. Just to name a few: Installing a new roof, realigning the front porch stairs, and cutting down the jungle in the back yard. She served as House Chairperson for many years continuing to hold the House together, overseeing rental of the apartments and cleaning up after rental events.

I recently had the honor and pleasure of presenting a letter to her signed by the present Board Members to name Kay W. Fisher an Emeritus Board Member of the Harriet Taylor Upton Association. This honor is very much deserved and on behalf of the Upton Board, Membership, and Warren Community, we say THANK YOU FOR A JOB WELL DONE!

For me, her name was Mrs. Fisher. Then, Kay. Now I am proud to call her FRIEND! GOD bless you, FRIEND.

30 YEARS... AND COUNTING!

By Ken Conklin

It is hard to believe the Upton Association is celebrating 30 years! To list all of our accomplishments would take pages and pages. Thirty years ago, we started out with a house filled with nothing. Over the years, we have been blessed with donations of beautiful antiques and treasures which are enjoyed by hundreds of guests to the House.

In celebrating our 30th Anniversary, we introduced “Morning at the Upton.” Our first “morning” was a visit from Martha Washington. Our third “morning” was a visit from Harriet and President McKinley. These sessions were so successful, we’ve decided to have “Morning at the Upton” again next year.

Please mark your calendar for September 13, 2019, to attend the 30th Anniversary Garden Party. We encourage all former and present members and Board Members to attend. Now we move on to the next 30 years.

Luncheon to Celebrate Women Who Raised Funds for Monument

By Judith Sheridan

Join us at the Upton House on May 11 at 11:30 a.m. for lunch and a program by Executive Director, Tim Daley, who will share the story of the women who raised the funds for the monument with a fair unlike any held before in the Western Reserve.

Hundreds of women participated in creating items that were sold to support the effort. This is an amazing story of women working together in ways that were new after the Civil War. Tim and his wife are active Civil War reenactors.

The reservation form can be found on the website at www.uptonhouse.org, and is also located on Page 7 of this newsletter. Cost is $12. Reservation deadline is May 4.
Rental Report: Events that honor

By Kathy Lepro
Fifty-two rental events took place at the beautiful Upton House in 2018. Of those, 21 honored mothers-to-be and 12 honored brides-to-be. Birthday parties were celebrated for a toddler, a middle-ager and a senior citizen. In December, there were three family Christmas gatherings, and one of those families has already selected and paid for a date in December of this year since everyone enjoyed themselves so much last year. The rest of the remaining 2018 events were for a variety of happy occasions. Even the June memorial luncheon provided an opportunity for family and friends to recall the good times they shared with their departed loved one.

So far this year, 19 events have already taken place, will take place in the coming months or are pending. As you might expect, most of those were or will be showers honoring young women. Now continue reading and discover information about two dedicated individuals who gathered with family and friends recently at 380 Mahoning Ave. in Warren before venturing out of the country. I was personally inspired by their humility, sincerity and their willingness to serve, and I am now delighted to highlight them in this newsletter.

In February, a young woman named Paige Jennings was the guest of honor at a farewell party before she joined the Peace Corps. After graduating in 2014 from Western Reserve High School in Berlin Center, Paige went to Malone University in Canton where she majored in social work. She traveled to Kenya, Africa with fellow students for a two-week service project, and spent her final college semester at Uganda Christian University in Uganda, Africa. She then spent one year with AmeriCorps in Buffalo, NY, working at a refugee center. Shortly after her party at the Upton House, Paige left for Senegal, West Africa, where she is dedicating two years of service with the Peace Corps. Her parents, who now live in Warren, and her twin brother from Cleveland are very proud of Paige, and rightfully so. They miss her but are comforted knowing she is happy and doing good work for others. God bless Paige!

In March, another special person, Army Staff Sergeant Calvin Littlejohn, was honored at the Upton House. Calvin played football for Cardinal Mooney, graduated in 2006, and went to Kent State University, earning a degree in sports management. He was inspired by his father’s military service in the Air Force and decided to join the Army right after college. Calvin returned home briefly from deployment in Seoul, South Korea, celebrated with loved ones at the Upton House, and, along with his wife and son, left for his duty station in Germany where he will serve for three years. God bless Calvin and all our men and women in the military for their service!

WOMEN’S PARK: Spring is in the Air!

By Marti Flint
As the weatherman predicts more sun and warm weather, the Women’s Park is waking up to welcome spring. The lovely spring flowers are starting to bloom and visitors to the park are enjoying seeing all the green in the grass and the shrubs. It will soon be time to remove the pond covering and check on our fish. We are all looking forward to seeing how their numbers increased over the winter. As the weather continues to improve, the Keepers of the Park will begin the weeding and trimming to get the Park ready for all the events scheduled this year. We hope you will spend some time walking in the park, taking photos, or visiting with the workers. Stop by any Wednesday to say hello to the ladies in pink. For information, call Marti Flint at (330) 773-5623.
By Elizabeth Cole Clark

In 1910, Consuelo and her mother Ava Vanderbilt were able to take the Suffrage Movement from Harriet in Warren, Ohio to New York City with the promise of a brick building in the city. Devastated by this, Harriet simply moved her efforts and influence to helping individual states pass the 19th Amendment. It took five years for it to pass in Ohio. Keep in mind to pass an amendment, it takes 2/3 of the Congress and 3/4 of the states to ‘ratify’ it. Harriet Taylor Upton never complained in her writings, but had a positive attitude throughout this tremendous struggle. This great movement for Women’s Suffrage was by the very wealthy women. They were able to work with Harriet, spending hours in her library, writing, mailing and working. They were able to do this because they were employing cooks, housekeepers, scrub ladies, laundresses, and other women workers to manage their homes.

Our grant request from the Raymond J. Wean program, was accepted and will be funded. Ginnie Baran and Janet and Fred Schweitzer spent hours and hours preparing the complicated application. This grant will provide busing for 4th grade students from the four Warren schools. When the training program in August begins, the purchase of flashlights and other equipment needed for the safety of children will be available.

Those who continue to be docents and those who have volunteered since last Fall are: Ginnie Baran, Linda Davis, Joyce Fliether, Pat Fuller, Bonnie Hood, Sandy Mahaffey, Kris Majcher, Gail Maurice, Vonnie Peterson, Marybeth Roman, Rosemary Sebring, Sue Smith, Sue Stoddard and Bonnie Williams.

Education lectures since last October include Ursline College Cleveland (18), Leadership Mahoning Valley (35 adults), Mrs. Claus Story Time (22 adults), Eunice Miller Kent Book Club (18), Howland Garden Club (35), Debbie Edwards (2), Eleanor Fairbanks (20), Diane Frazier – Hartford Church (15), Leadership Mahoning Valley (30 students), Christmas stories at the Trumbull County Club Literary Club, Richard Warries – Kent English professor and Orthodox priest (2), McDonald Literary Guild (16), and Trumbull Hospital Gift Shop Ladies Christmas Party. Everyone of these individuals and groups made a generous donation to the Upton Endowment Fund. Over 600 people have learned about Harriet and other local historical facts.
**Summer Garage Sale: July 19-20**

*By Susan Stoddart*

We will be setting up on Tuesday, July 16 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and arranging items on Wednesday, July 17 from 12-3 p.m. The sale will be on Friday and Saturday, July 19-20 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The work shifts on the weekend are 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 12-4 p.m. on Friday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 1-5 p.m. on Saturday. Remember, this and the Christmas sale are major fundraisers for the Upton! There are lots of things you can do to help during the sale. Every shift needs a cashier and someone to wrap customer’s purchases. We also need someone in every room, including the garage, to help customers, talk about the house, or just direct traffic. It is a great way to meet new members and maybe get some new members. See you there!

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**House Report**

*By Ken Conklin*

The big gray house on Mahoning Avenue has survived another Ohio winter. The snow was kind to us as we only had to have it removed a couple of times. Also, all four furnaces cooperated very well and kept the House warm for events and meetings.

We have contracted with Crescent Construction to replace the front porch floor. This will happen when warmer weather gets here. A well needed project has been completed. The attic has been cleaned out and much “junk” has been removed. The stairs to the attic are not user friendly so trips to the attic will now be minimal. Thanks to Chuck and Roslyn Hahn and to Elaine Conklin for their help. The House and Association continue to be an asset to the community and visitors are amazed at the beauty of Upton House. The House could not continue to be maintained without your financial help. THANK YOU!

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**Membership Report**

*By E. Carol Maxwell*

The 2019 Harriet Taylor Upton Association membership drive is off to a great start. At press time, 106 members have renewed their annual membership. A friendly reminder letter has been sent to our members who have not yet renewed their membership. To date, dues have generated $4,500 and contributions to the Endowment fund are $5,630.

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**2018 Financial Report**

*By Judith Sheridan*

Strong membership income and house rentals made the year 2018 financially successful. The Association was also the recipient of a bequest through the will of a longtime member. Funds were collected for the replacement of the front porch floor and that project will begin soon. A grant from The Raymond John Wean Foundation covered the cost of busses and supplies for the Warren City Schools tours. Both the Spring Luncheon and the November fundraising dinner were successful and enjoyed by all the participants.

The Endowment Fund continues to grow and at year end totaled $132,183.84. We are heartened by the increase in interest rates that will help insure the continuance of the Association into the future.
Garden Report: Ready or Not Spring is Here!

By Carol Olson

It does not seem possible that we just had our last garden session of 2018 in November and here we are talking and thinking about a plan for Harriet’s Gardens for the spring of 2019. Looking outside, that plan seems far off. With all the snow that came down overnight, it is hard to imagine any flowers blooming at this time; no ground is even remotely visible. But, this too will pass and the harbingers of spring, both flowers and birds, will arrive and let us know it is time to clean our gardening tools, don our work clothes and work gloves!

Last fall our wonderful garden volunteers were Hank Angelo, Barbara Beach, Ken Conklin, Marti Flint, Phyllis Savakis, and Marilyn Thomas who helped put the gardens to bed. Ken raked all the leaves on the lawn; our nemesis last year continues to be both Bishop’s Weed and onion plants. We left the dusty Miller in Harriet’s area but tried our darnedest to eliminate the onion plants that she so dearly loved…because they spread like a weed! The gardening rule of thumb is that if you plant something and it grows outside the space you planned for it to occupy, you have to treat it like a weed and remove it before it acts like a “thug” and takes over all the other plants’ spaces. Sorry, Harriet.

Our 2018 total volunteer gardening hours were 243.5. THANK YOU to: Hank Angelo, Barbara Beach, Darlene Bennett, Elaine and Ken Conklin, Kay Fisher, Larry and Marti Flint, Chuck Hahn, Bonnie Hood, Carol Olson, Rebecca Patterson, Sandy and Paul Sarsany, Phyllis Savakis, Kathy Seemann, Marilyn Thomas and Liz Wildman.

The 2019 season’s plans include dividing Hostas that are becoming huge. So, if anyone wants some, just speak up. Gardening is Americans’ favorite past time, so do you think we could encourage a few more individuals to help out in Harriet’s Gardens this year? Let’s try. Food for thought, gardening is good exercise and can reduce your risk of heart disease, stroke and Alzheimer’s disease. So, you have more to gain than lose.

One thing we will really miss this year is seeing/talking to Kay Fisher, my co-chair. She always helped with the Kick-off Luncheon, and made arrangements for obtaining the flowers from TCTC Horticultural Program at KSU. Trumbull Branch, and purchasing and or planting impatiens in the Lady in the Fountain. She was a wonderful mentor for everyone who was fortunate enough to come in contact with her. I hope Montana appreciates her as much as Warrenites do! I will be sitting on her bench often and talking to her.

Join us for the kick-off luncheon on April 30 at 11:30 a.m. at Harriet’s home. We do have fun in the garden and exchange great ideas during our “Wine Down” sessions. Clean-up Day, the first work day in the garden, is scheduled for Saturday, May 18 at 9 a.m. Hopefully, we will have the flowers we need by May 25 and will begin planting that day at 9 a.m., weather permitting.
STAR CROSSED LOVERS ~

The Story of Ezra Booth Taylor and Eunice Bosworth Taylor

The Upton Update continues to tell the story of Harriet Taylor Upton based in part on her auto-biography, Random Recollections, from which the quotations were taken.

By Saundra Sarsany

“What little touches of romance brighten up the otherwise somber picture of an otherwise every-day, quiet existence. Years ago, in the town of Nelson, Ohio, resided a young ambitious lawyer and a charming girl. They had grown up together, had attended the same school, and as they matured the admiration for each other grew into love, and soon they were engaged. But the course of true love did not run smoothly and after an argument the engagement was broken. In the course of time both of them were happily married, but not to each other.

The young lady married Cyrus Bosworth, while her first love Ezra took himself another maiden named Harriet Frazier. Time passed on and Ezra’s wife died and not long after Eunice lost her husband. This fact came to Ezra’s ears and his heart naturally inclined toward his girl sweet-heart. At this time Ezra was 64 years of age and Eunice was 60 years.

They were married on Dec. 5th, 1887 in Lexington, Kentucky. The wedding was quiet and known to only a few people and the surprise of his friends and family was complete. They’re return to Warren would probably not be until after the close of the present session of congress. However, on December 29th in Washington, shortly after noon. Eunice left the residence of George and Harriet Upton where they had been staying and had not gotten more than 300 yards away when she was seized with an attack of apoplexy, fell to the sidewalk and became unconscious. She was not known by any person in the neighborhood and had no identification on her person. She was taken to the hospital where all that medical science could do was done, but she died at 3:00 p.m.

Unaware of the event, Ezra picked up the evening paper and read the paragraph describing the lady and the manner of her death. It was stated that a handkerchief found on the dead woman’s person was marked “Bosworth”. He went immediately to the hospital, and there cold and silent, were the mortal remains of his first and last love who had died alone and amid strangers.

Sympathy of the tenderest kind was freely expressed for the stricken congressman, who was so devoted to his unfortunate wife.”

Editor’s note: Eunice died 3 months after she married Ezra. Ezra Booth Taylor was Harriet’s father.

Footnote: Summit County Beacon, Ohio National Republican Newspaper, Washington D.C.

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Women took the lead in raising funds for the historic Cuyahoga County Soldier’s & Sailor’s Monument on Cleveland’s Public Square presented by Tim Daley, Executive Director

Women from all parts of the Western Reserve joined together in new ways to raise funds for this monument to Civil War soldiers from the area. Hear the story of how women began a new era in fundraising and volunteerism when they formed the Cleveland Sanitary Commission.

UPTON HOUSE SPRING LUNCHEON
380 Mahoning Avenue, Warren, OH 44483
Saturday, May 11, 2019 at 11:30 AM

Please make ______reservations at $12.00

Name(s)

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Phone __________________ E-mail ________________________

I am unable to attend, but would like to contribute $__________

Send check, made payable to: The Upton Association
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Reservations must be received by May 4, 2019
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