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MEETINGS AND EVENTS:

MARCH 9
TRUSTEE
MEETING

MARCH 17
HAPPY ST.
PATRICK'S DAY!

MARCH 23
TRUSTEE
MEETING

MARCH 27
TREK AND MILITIA
MEETING

APRIL 4
HAPPY EASTER!
DON'T FORGET
TO SET YOUR
CLOCKS AHEAD.

APRIL 13
TRUSTEE
MEETING

APRIL 17
GREEN UP DAY

APRIL 27
TRUSTEE
MEETING

MAY 1-2
THE FORCES OF
MONTCALM AND
WOLF, SCHOOL
OF THE SOLDIER

MAY 6-7
SCHOOL DAYS

MAY 11
TRUSTEE
MEETING

The Dragul Group

Editor's Note: Following is the first of many articles that will be forthcoming from Marc Dragul, who Pioneer Village has contracted to officiate our fund raising efforts.

On behalf of Dragul Group, I'd like to express our appreciation for the opportunity to work with Pioneer Village, it's Administrator and the many volunteers who all make it happen.

I'd like to start this column by giving you some background about the concepts of fund raising. Fund Raising rests on three pedestals: the Case for Support, Leadership and Sources of Support. These components are the basic building blocks and the key essentials to fund-raising success.

The Case is what sets Pioneer Village apart from every other organization: its uniqueness and reason for existence, its mission and importance, through well managed and cost-effective programs (past, present and future) of activities, is what the Case for Support is really all about. Leadership are all of the volunteers and staff who give and get others to give of their time, money and effort. In fund raising, we often say that people give to people. Sources of Support are all of the prospective donors for Pioneer Village. These include: individuals, corporations, foundations and trusts. They can be trustees, board members, volunteers and friends, suppliers and vendors. The first sources of support start

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TO ARMS TO ARMS!

Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of the village. Caesar's Creek Pioneer Village is starting a militia.

Historically, a village the size of ours would have had it's own militia. All members of the village from the ages 16-65 years of age, and who plan on carrying a gun within the confines of the village will automatically be a part of this militia.

We will have a meeting on Saturday, March 27, at 10:00 a.m. at the village. In this meeting we will discuss the function of the militia during the public events, as well as safety rules and regulations.

After the meeting, for those who would like, we will then go on a trek - to explore our wonderful park - weather permitting.

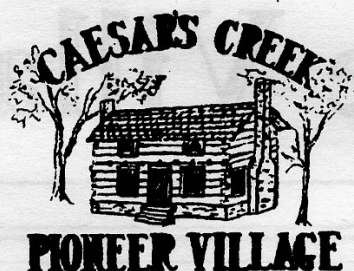


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The mission and purpose of the Caesar's Creek Pioneer Village Association, a non-profit organization, are as follows:

1. To preserve, restore, and maintain the historic structures of Caesar's Creek Pioneer Village. (Preservation Function)
2. To foster, educate and promote a deeper understanding of Caesar's Creek Pioneer Village and its significance to the history of the Southwestern Ohio Frontier during its settlement from 1793-1812. This shall be done by means of research, exhibits, interpretive programs, primitive farming and any other appropriate educational techniques. Also included in this function is a provision for special events that will educate the public. However, these events will not change the permanent historic site. (Education Function)
3. To establish and maintain collections of objects, furnishings, books, documents and illustrations relating to the history of the settling of the Southwestern Ohio Frontier from 1793-1812. (Collection Function)

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1999 Event Schedule

February 28	Maple Syrup Brunch
April 17	Green Up Day
May 1- 2	The Forces of Montcalm and Wolf, School of the Soldier
May 6, 7, 13, 14	School Days
May 15, 16	The Fair at Caesar's Creek
June 26, 27	Old Tyme Music Festival
July 10, 11	Statehood Days
August 14, 15	International Dulcimer Gathering
September 18, 19	Celtic Festival
October 15, 16, 22, 23	Halloween Walk and Hayride
**December 4	Christmas Candlelight Tour

**(please note that the Time Line Event in April has been cancelled and the Christmas Candlelight Tour has been scheduled for 1999)

*For scheduled times and/or volunteer information, call
Kevin at (513) 897 - 1120*

The Dragul Group

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with those who know Pioneer Village the best and have the greatest commitment to ensure that the needs of Pioneer Village are met.

These three pedestals support three major types of fund-raising programs: Annual Giving, Planned Giving and Capital Campaigns.

We are now planning the implementation of an Annual Giving Program, of which I will discuss in the next article. I don't want to bore you to tears, so I'll talk about these three types of fund-raising programs later.

In closing, there are many wonderful people who have given much needed support to Pioneer Village. So as to meet the present challenges for funding and resource development, everyone will be asked to give and to get others to give all that they can. And in the process, we will broaden the base of support of Pioneer Village, while keeping the fun in fund raising.

Marc Dragul
Fund-Raising Consultant
Dragul Group

HOUSE PARENTS

Bullskin Inn -
Don and Suzie
Dunkelberger and
Larry and Mary
Ellen Burns

Collett House -
Mike Smith, Stan
Wallace, and
Shelley Pickrell

Elam House -
Ed and Rosanne
Dorff

Friends Meeting
House -
Jerry Zorns and
Debbie Irons

Furnas House -
John Showalter

Githens House -
Roy and Jean Mc-
Donald and Greg
and Pat Knapik

Harrias House
Country Store -
open

Hatfield House -
Glen and Helen
Rhoads

Hawkins House -
Right Side: Jan
Campbell and Roy
and Carolyn Clark
Left Side: Mic
Richards

Heighway Cabin -
Dan and Debbie
Wilson and Gary
Burch

Lukens House -
Rick Rhoades and
Colleen Wegley



The Ohio River Minstrels



The Ohio River Minstrels are the featured CCPV Music Festival performers this month. This husband-and-wife duo of John and Gwenn Noftsgier utilize their talents as musicians, singers, historians, composers, and actors to celebrate our American heritage in music. For the past nine years, they have presented musical Americana programs at numerous festivals, fairs, historical societies, churches, and community events in the mid-Ohio Valley. Themes of their programs have included America's railroad heritage, river/steamboat history, Ohio pioneers, and Kentucky history.

Gwenn, who plays the acoustic bucket bass in the duo, comes from a very musical family. Her grandfa-

ther, Elza Stone, taught all eleven of his children to play music so family gatherings were filled with the sound of fiddles, banjos, guitars, and pianos. Mr. Stone and his three oldest sons traveled from central Kentucky to Cincinnati many times to perform on radio station WLW as "The Happy Holler Entertainers". Gwenn, in addition to her musical performances, for a number of years has portrayed showboat captain and performer, Callie French, in the role she developed for "Steamboats Remembered in Story and Song" at the Hoosier Theatre in Vevay, Indiana.

A veteran of several area Bluegrass and gospel music groups, John accompanies himself on the guitar, banjo,

mandolin and/or harmonica as he sings a wide variety of traditional and original songs. He recorded three of his original songs on the album "Mountains, Mines, and Memories" when he was with the band known as "The Bluegrass Special". Recently, John was featured as Burl in the Miami Valley Dinner Theatre production of the gospel musical comedy "Smoke on the Mountain".

The Ohio River Minstrels enjoy combining history and music and try to make their performances both informative and entertaining.

*The Music Festival
Committee*

Mills-Taylor Sad-
dlebag House -

Left Side: Billy

Howard

Right Side: Wayne

Milton and Tom

Riehle

Schoolhouse -

Charlotte Wilkie

Toll House -

Dan and Amy

Martin

Blacksmith Shop -

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and Jack E. Bender

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Mike

Lacy Springhouse -

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The Herb Garden

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Richards

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Open:

Anderson Corn

Crib, Bailey

Gazebo, Barbecue

Building, Harkrader

Barn, Henpeck

Coop, Lukens

Barn, Maggie's

Coop, Meeting

House Shed, Out-

door Oven, Out-

door Stage, Sacles

Building, Sorghum/

Maple Syrup Build-

ings, Storer Shed,

The Head Shed,

Wood Storage

Building, Zoar

Building.

From the Administrator....

The number of times the office phone rings is beginning to increase daily. These calls include questions about how to license a new boat and even when does the beach open. Of course these calls are referred to the State Park. Fortunately, along with these wrong numbers, the number of requests for brochures and calendars of events is also increasing. I have also begun to book tour groups throughout the summer. The conclusion drawn from this flurry of activity is that spring is just around the corner. As spring grows ever nearer, so does our season of festivals and events; our busy season is at hand. As a result, there is much news.

I should begin by giving you the news of what happened at our Pancake Brunch held on February 28. The weather was cold and continued to get colder as the day progressed. It even managed to rain. The Bullskin Inn was full to capacity for per-

haps only half an hour. The rest of the time the inn was one half to three quarters full. We estimate that we can seat a total of 50 people of one time. We did not get an exact count of the number of people who attend, but the financial outcome should speak for itself. We used approximately two and one half gallons of maple syrup, 21 pounds of sausage, and 30 pounds of pancake mix. When all was said and done, we had generated a net revenue of approximately \$216.00. I wish to thank all those who came out Sunday and pitched in. I would also like to thank those who came out Saturday to help prepare for the Sunday morning's onslaught. Here is a big thanks from Pioneer Village to each of you. Thank you.

One of the most important aspects of Village administration as of late has been fund raising. I hope

that you have already read the cover article on page one written by Marc Dragul. We feel that is important to educate all members and volunteers of the Village in what fund raising truly is. There has been much talk in the past of getting big grants to help run the Village. It is true that obtaining grants in the near future is a priority but that as only a means to jump start the Village and help make up for lost time. It is true that the Village has not been able to produce the necessary revenues to properly maintain and preserve the beautiful buildings that we care for. These grants we hope will give the Village a one to three year cushion which will give us the time we need to develop a comprehensive fund raising program. In time Pioneer Village can become a solid and well-funded center for preserving the history of the Old Northwest Terri-

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Waiting List for House Parents

September 20, 1997 - Mike Thompson

**** For corrections or to be added to the list, please contact Kevin at 513-897-4141.**



From the Administrator....

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tory as well as the fledgling State of Ohio. We have other plans in the works that will help the Village began its fund raising efforts. The next installment in this plan is a one-day seminar designed to help our board of trustees better understand the role of the trustee in fund raising as well as the governing the Village.

Other news from the fund raising arena is that Miriam Lukens, Marc Dragul and I had a meeting with the newly formed Warren County Foundation. This organization was established to assist other organizations in Warren County with fund raising and potentially endowment development. This is an exciting new ally for the Village. The news of a more somber note is that Herb Wells cannot complete an audit for the village until the end of May. We simply cannot wait until that time. Marc and I plan on submitting several requests by the end of March. An audit report is necessary before we can receive funding from any of these sources. We are currently seeking another qualified CPA who performs audits for non-profit corporations. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please call me.

Some of coming events planned for March is a weekend trek on March 27th and 28th, as well as a clothing seminar on the 28th. All members who are interested in this sort of trekking art invited to join us. If the weather

is nice to plan to spend time out on the trail and perhaps even camp out in the woods. If the weather isn't so nice we will spend more time around the Village and spin tales of days gone by. The clothing seminar is designed to assist anyone who is interested again developing a wardrobe appropriate for the Village period of 1793 to 1812. No previous sewing experience is needed. We plan on covering the basics of what type of clothing was worn on the Ohio frontier as well as materials and construction. Anyone who is interested should call me to discuss what you might be able to bring with you to facilitate the seminar. I plan to begin around 11 a.m. and stay until exhaustion sets in. We will also look into providing a lunch if enough people are interested. Some of the other topics will be discussing include where to find patterns as well as how to make your own custom patterns from tailor's plates. This should be quite fun. We plan on holding another seminar sometime in April if we have enough interest.

Some the upcoming events that we're planning for in April begin with a volunteer day with Wilmington College on the 10th. We will be one of ten participating sites in a college wide event that they call the "Quake." We are expecting 10 to 50 students and faculty to arrive at the Village around 10 am and will leave around 2 pm. We will be working on chink-

ing and/or cleanup of major problem areas of the Village. This is a fantastic connection that the Village needs to pursue. We need as many Village members present to help out and support the Village as well as support the students and faculty of Wilmington College. We plan to coordinate our volunteers before the W.C. folks arrive. Please be here by 9:30 am if you plan to participate.

The next Saturday after Wilmington College's Quake is Green Up Day. April 17th from 9 am to 2 pm. We will have several projects underway this year. We will have approximately 150 volunteers in the Village, and we need at least 10 project supervisors from among our membership. We have projects ranging from chinking with the Ameritech Pioneers to fence painting with Brownies... using paintbrushes, I should say. We may need to work spontaneously in case the Visitor's Center sends us extra volunteers. If you would like to lead a project, call me at the office. The Village members need to arrive at 8:30 am at the latest, because volunteers began to arrive at about that time as well. When we finish, we all go to the beach for food and prizes. Please come.

May brings several programs packed into the first three weeks. We begin with the School of the Soldier. This is a fun event that requires little involvement from the Village.

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From the Administrator....

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House parents are not required to attend, but are encouraged. The Forces of Montcalm and Wolfe is a group of fine living history enthusiasts that love to share their hobby. This would be a good time to show off your new clothes that we are going to make at our clothing seminars.

May 6, 7, 13, and 14 is School Days. The sessions are scheduled from 9 am to noon. This is a tough time to recruit volunteers for being weekdays. Anyone who is interested in helping out will be GREATLY APPRECIATED! We can handle up to 300 students per day giving a potential of generating up to \$2400 net revenue for the Village. This is also a great deal of fun.

Our first major event of the year is

The Fair on Caesar's Creek. This will be May 15th and 16th. This is a juried event, which requires all participants to be in historically correct clothing. Come in costume if you like, but we have plenty of jobs that don't require historical clothing. This event is shaping up to be an impressive affair. I have already received 20 pre-registrations of which six are merchants. This is impressive because they were supposed to be sent to Rick Duvelius, the Fair Master. I have no word on how many he has received as of yet. Let's hope many more than I have.

My last bit of news is of the now forming Village Militia. I hope you read the second article on the cover written by Tom Reihle. The Board of Trustees

voted to implement this program for many reasons, including safety, coordination, member involvement, as well as sheer showmanship. A band of rag-tag would be farmer/soldiers could be quite comical while attempting to simply march, not to mention conduct the manual of arms drills. As well, having the militia raise the flag in the morning and lower it at the end of the day is a real crowd pleaser. Let's thank Tom for undertaking the chairmanship of the committee, which will set the rules for the militia. If you have an interest in this type of activity, come to the meeting on March 27th and stay over for the clothing seminar. And remember, if you are interested in helping out at any of these events, give me a call.

Kevin Hurt

Second Annual Old Northwest Historical Society History Conference

Saturday, May 15, 1999 at Caesar's Creek Pioneer Village

Featured Speakers:

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Speakers and times subject to change. Seating is limited.

CLOTHING SEMINAR FOR MEN AND WOMEN

March 28, Sunday

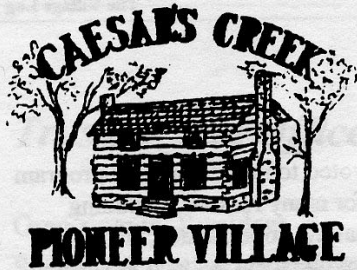
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At the Bullskin Inn

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Don't Forget!
A call to all men and women who wish to
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Meeting on March 27, 10:00 a.m.
at the Village.

Come join us for Green-Up Day
on April 17.

We need all types of volunteers!

Call 513-897-1120 to volunteer or for
more information.

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