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## SPRING VALLEY ACTS

Wow! What a mild winter we have had. Now that it is close to spring, you may notice lots of plants and trees sprouting and budding with the warm weather we have been having.

The village of Spring Valley is sprouting and budding, too. The beginning of 2012 has seen the launch of a new Spring Valley website ([www.springvalleyoh.com](http://www.springvalleyoh.com)), with a new webmaster, Greg Zehring; myself as new president of ACTS; a new mayor, Eric Snell; a new chair for the Potato Festival, Jon Keck; as well as a new home for the Senior Center coming in the next few months.

We have seen many new residents move into the area. We welcome you, and hope you come to love our village as we do.

Coming up we have the **Easter Egg Hunt** on **April 7, 2012** at Walton Park. It will begin promptly at 1:00pm. This event does not last long, so be prepared to be there early. Look for a special appearance from the Easter Bunny.

Founders Park will again have a blooming quilt block with help from the Clover Valley 4-H Club. The flowers last year drew lots of compliments from not just the village, but visitors of the bike path also.

The George Barrett Concrete House is looking fresh from the new renovations and new paint. A special Thank You to those who have worked diligently to improve the looks of this building.

Plans are already underway for the 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Potato Festival (October 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>). If you have any suggestions or would like to help with the festival, contact Jon Keck, myself, or leave a message at the ACTS office. ACTS meetings are scheduled for March 13<sup>th</sup> & May 8<sup>th</sup>, 7pm at the Concrete House. The Festival Committee meets May 30<sup>th</sup>.

We look forward to a great 2012 together.

Until next time. *Carla Smith, ACTS President*

## SPRING VALLEY LIONS CLUB—Dave Jordan

The Lions club would like to thank all those who braved the nasty weather to come to our pancake breakfast. The profits were split with the senior center for use of their facility and any other needs they have. The club is planning on a couple more money-making projects, and hope you will also support those.

The club initiated two new members at the last meeting. They are Nancy Mangan and Dennis Michaels. Welcome to them both!! Two club members will be attending the district convention that will be held in Chillicothe on April 20th and 21st.

Some of the money raised during the past year was distributed this month: \$100 to the Spring Valley Fire Department, \$100 to the Spring Valley Library, and \$700 to the Spring Valley Senior Center. Other monies were distributed to state and international Lions charities. Again - thanks for your support so we can continue to make these donations.

If you would like to become a part of this organization, please contact any Lion member.

## **SPRING VALLEY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

### **Ruth Lyons' 50-50 Club**

Last summer several of the Spring Valley Alumni opened the Barrett House Museum to the public one Sunday afternoon of each month. It was a great opportunity not only to see Museum exhibits related to Spring Valley history, but also to visit with the alumni. Darlene Stiles and Sandy Feix shared their memories of growing up in Spring Valley in the late 1950s and early 1960s. One outstanding experience they each had was joining the studio audience at WLWT in Cincinnati for a broadcast of Ruth Lyons' 50-50 Club. They remember to this day the small gifts they were given as members of the audience - a baking dish and a pop bottle converted to an ironing sprinkler - but far more memorable was the thrill of seeing Ruth Lyons, a radio and TV talk show host famous throughout the Midwest for her intelligent, lively, unscripted commentary and interviews with many famous people. According to Sandy and Darlene, Ruth's show was so popular that business ground to a halt at airtime because people arranged their days around show time. No visits to a doctor or dentist were scheduled when the 50-50 Club was on the air. So who was this woman who exercised such power over the daily lives of small town residents?

Born in 1905 in Cincinnati, Ruth Lyons was a talented organist, pianist and songwriter. She met a number of professional musicians while working in a music store in downtown Cincinnati and got her start in broadcasting accompanying singers on live radio performances. She soon landed a job as music director on WKRC, and was asked to substitute as host for the show, "A Woman's Hour." Audiences and management were so impressed that she was immediately invited to take over the show. Over the years Ruth developed and hosted a number of radio talk shows, and her managerial talents led her to become program director for WSAI and WLW. Her most famous show, then called "The 50 Club", was moved to WLWT TV in 1949, and was broadcast nationally in 1951/52 by NBC. Ruth, however, did not like the highly scripted, precisely timed format demanded by NBC, and famously "fired" NBC to move back to the Midwestern market where she had the clout and creative control to run the show in the freewheeling style that suited her talents.

Ruth was known for intelligent, witty conversations with her guests, putting them at ease and drawing them out, and never talking down to anyone. She opened the show with a song, "Let Me Entertain You", and featured many musical guests. Each week Ruth wrote a song for a performer on her show, and recorded many of her songs at Cincinnati's King Records. Famous people from all walks of life appeared on her show, names which today may have faded from memory but were instantly recognized by her audiences: Bob Hope, Bix Biederbeck, the Andrews Sisters, Benny Goodman, Joe Garagiola, Henry Cabot Lodge, Eddie Fisher. She was known for two visual signatures: her microphone was disguised by a bouquet of flowers carefully selected to complement her outfit, and she always wore white gloves, a habit imitated by most of the women in her studio audiences. She worked with a number of male sidekicks over her years in broadcasting, most notably Willie Thall, who had hosted Midwestern Hayride, a popular country music show, and Bob Braun, a recording star in his own right who went on to host his own talk show with a format similar to The 50-50 Club's. Tickets to the studio audience cost \$1.25 in the late 1950s, and the waiting list was long. Advertisers paid big bucks to be featured on her show. Ruth insisted that no product was advertised that she herself did not use, and worked in plugs for the products in a personal, natural and humorous way.

These details are drawn from a thorough and readable biography, "*Before Oprah: Ruth Lyons, the Woman Who Created Talk TV*," by Michael Banks, available from the Spring Valley (or Greene County) Library. It paints a remarkable picture of the life of a woman growing up in Cincinnati in the early 1900s, who through her intelligence and hard work became a musical and broadcasting pioneer whose life influenced millions.

*Submitted by Barb Fouke*

## **SPRING VALLEY AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE —Judy Madden**

The Spring Valley Area Chamber of Commerce quarterly business dinner meeting will be Wednesday **March 7<sup>th</sup>** at the Spring Valley Senior Center on Spring Valley-Paintersville Rd. Dinner will be at 6:00pm and the business meeting starts at 6:45pm. For reservations please call Pat Zehring at 862-6621 or Judy Madden at 862-4110.

Our program will be the unveiling of our new website. Greg Zehring has been working very hard to get this accomplished. The site will offer more options with local and county information available to us, as well as a calendar of coming events.

The next business meeting is scheduled for May 2, 2012 and we will announce our speaker at a later date.

**SPRING VALLEY COMMUNITY LIBRARY** — Sue Losekamp

1 E Walnut St Telephone &amp; Fax# 937- 862-4538

Hours: Mon &amp; Wed 3 – 7, Tues &amp; Thurs 2 – 6, Sat 10 – 2

*Note: We will be closed April 7 & 9 for Easter  
and May 26 & 28 for Memorial Day.*

## New ADULT FICTION:

**Red Mist** Patricia Cornwell**An Available Man** Hilma Wolitzer**A Devil is Waiting** Jack Higgins**How It All Began** Penelope Lively**Down the Darkest Road** Tami Hoag**V is for Vengeance** Sue Grafton**The Drop** Michael Connelly**11/22/63** Stephen King**The Rope** Nevada Barr**The Face Thief** Eli Gottlieb**The Hunter** John Lescroart**Taken** Robert Crais**Coffin Man** James D. Doss**Lone Wolf** Jodi Picoult

## New NON-FICTION:

**Quiet: the power of introverts in a world that can't stop talking** Susan Cain**I Didn't Ask to Be Born: but I'm glad I was** Bill Cosby

## New for YOUNG ADULTS:

**Chains** and **Forge** Laurie Halse Anderson**The Princess Curse** Merrie Haskell **No Ordinary Day** Deborah Ellis**Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Cabin Fever** Jeff Kinney

## New for CHILDREN:

**Cats vs. Dogs** **Trains** **Busytown Mysteries: In a Pickle****The Winter Pony** Iain Lawrence **Gooney Bird on the Map** Lois Lowry**Measuring Time** and **Earth Time** Brian Williams

## New DVDs:

**The Help** **Super 8** **Hugo** **Puss in Boots** **Valentine's Day**

We hope you will all attend the **Cabbage Roll Dinner** we have planned for Saturday **April 28<sup>th</sup>**. Come to the Senior Center, 4:30 to 6:30pm for a complete dinner with drink and dessert for just \$7.50. Dinners or just cabbage rolls will also be available for take-out. Children's meals half price.

**4-H**

**Clover Valley 4-H Club** is a year round club, normally meeting twice a month on Sunday evenings at the George Barrett House at 4 E. Main St., Spring Valley. We offer an array of educational and hands-on activities. If you are between the ages of 5 - 18, then 4-H might interest you. 4-H is a great way to start developing leadership, making decisions and using communication skills. The county enrollment deadline is March 15 in order to be able to participate at the Greene County Fair. If interested in joining 4-H, please contact the Extension Office at 372-9971.

**SPRING VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

Spring Valley Historical Society will meet on Thursday, March 15, 2012 at 7pm. The speaker will discuss "Herb Plants". Anyone is welcome to come, no cost. Contact person is Bettylou Sullivan, (937) 862-4573. Call and leave message if you need additional information.

**SPRING VALLEY JUNIOR FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Have you ever wanted to be a firefighter? If you are between the ages of 14-21, and want to explore being a firefighter, then come to our next meeting Sunday March 25th at 1:00pm at the Fire House.

## **SPARTUNES – Shery Snell**

Spartunes continue to meet at the church on Thursdays from 4-5:30pm.

**Spring Concert** will be held on Friday, **June 1st** at 7:00pm along with recital performances by the students of Snell Music Studio.

## **SPRING VALLEY PARK DISTRICT—Tracey Wright**

The Spring Valley Youth Softball league is ready to begin for this season. Sign-ups will be at Spartan Spirit Restaurant, 13 W. Main St., Spring Valley. The sign-up forms will be on the front table and then you may turn in completed form to an employee. However the employees do not have any info regarding this league. The restaurant hours are Tuesday through Saturday 11am - 9pm. Forms will be accepted March 1st through March 31st. Please do not be late turning these forms in. The number of forms collected by March 31<sup>st</sup> will determine the size of the league. A form is also included as a separate attachment here. Just complete and mail to Spring Valley Park District, PO Box 16, Spring Valley, OH 45370. More information regarding the league, age brackets, teams and any other info will be announced at a later date.

The Spring Valley Park District has received a grant for playground equipment and new bleachers. The money from this grant will be received some time this spring with the equipment being installed as soon as possible. We hope the construction is completed by the time softball starts.

Any reservations for the pavilion are to be made through Tracey Wright 376-2598. These are first come first serve and all park rules apply to parties.

## **SPRING VALLEY SENIOR CENTER NEWS**

1489 Spring Valley-Paintersville Rd., Spring Valley, Ohio 45370

Center Hours: 9am to 4pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday, and 6pm to 9pm Friday

(937) 862-4475 Telephone # (937) 862-9975 Fax # [svcenters@yahoo.com](mailto:svcenters@yahoo.com)

As we have begun our 25<sup>th</sup> year as Spring Valley Senior Center and Schoolhouse Cafeteria, we want to honor the past while planning for the next segment of our existence. We continue to serve good reasonably-priced lunches to the public. We are open 9-4 and serve lunch 11:30-1 on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. We continue to have morning crafts and afternoon card-playing. I have moved the “office” into the corner of the main dining room to save money toward the move to the Masonic Lodge at the end of 2012. I believe there is still room to play pool if anyone has the desire to do so... One thing we found in the move was an old photo album of the “50 Plus Club” and it is available if anyone wants to look through it!

I want to thank all of those who supported our Chicken Noodle Dinner -you just can't beat home-made chicken and noodles! A big thanks to Doris Clark and Joy Muterspaw, who, along with myself, made the noodles and cooked them up! We served about 150 meals in the two hours and grossed \$1122. This will go toward our building fund. It may be worth repeating with another dinner late spring. Even though we are told we cannot get a food permit to serve our home-cooked meals at the new building because of the drywells for waste control, we haven't given up on the possibility of upgrades that might allow us to do so in the future. We still plan to serve meals at the new building and have been looking into CAP program and vendor-made meals. Either way, we will need to do some kitchen improvements to be able to have our carry-ins. The Spring Valley Township trustees have an architect's plan to start the upgrades for handicapped accessibility: a ramp outside to get into the vestibule, an elevator-style lift to go up or downstairs, and handicapped restrooms, along with a furnace/ air conditioner. They have plans to take out the risers in the upstairs and replace the carpet, but we probably still need to raise more funds for getting everything organized the way we want. The Masons are still meeting there through June.

We have had a smaller group line-dancing and even though Louise has not been able to teach it every time, Judy has filled in and we've still had a lot of fun! I've heard several inquiries about it – if you have any interest, you don't have to already know how – just come and we'll teach you! Our quilt classes have been going great guns (they've done quick trip, log cabin, appliqué, and have plans for Ohio stars sometime in April). Swedish weaving keeps bringing in a few new people, and euchre and canasta are popular. The carry-ins and the Euchre Party are the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays at 6 pm. We've got some good crafts planned in the next couple of months, such as smocking, candle-wicking, and bookmarks made from pop tabs! If there are crafts you would like to

learn or would like to teach, please call us! The art classes and oil painting have produced some excellent work and we're going to have another oil class April 10 with Floyd Hook teaching a mountain scene. If you're computer-savvy, keep up with current events on our new website [www.springvalleyseniorcenter.com](http://www.springvalleyseniorcenter.com) and I'll try to keep it updated and put menus on for a couple of weeks at a time. Hope to see you at the center!!

Election Day March 6 –CLOSED for voting

April is Volunteer Month and we plan to recognize all of the volunteers with an **afternoon tea April 19** at 1 pm. Make sure you are signing the volunteer book when you are working at the center!

We have a membership meeting in May. (Have you paid your dues?)

June is the month chosen to have a picnic and ice cream social to celebrate our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Watch for details as the planning progresses!

*Janet Miller*

## **SPRING VALLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

Office phone: 862-7691 Office hours: M – F, 9am-12noon

Pastors: Gary and Sandi Maynard, home ph: 429-9539

Pastors' e-mail: Sandigary@prodigy.net

Web site: [www.commoncupchurches.org/svumcpartyline](http://www.commoncupchurches.org/svumcpartyline)

Church e-mail: [SpringValleyUMC@gmail.com](mailto:SpringValleyUMC@gmail.com)

Sunday School: 9:15, Worship: 10:30

### TEENS TO INDIANA FOR YOUTH CONFERENCE

On March 9 -10, Pastor Sandi and small group leader, Cindy Steffen, will be taking three 'Chat Room' girls to 'Acquire the Fire' in Muncie, IN. This national youth conference takes place every year, in 32 major cities throughout the US and Canada, and includes 27 hours of spiritually charged drama, worship, and life changing messages from dynamic speakers and inspired bands including some of today's top Christian artists: Toby Mac, Thousand Foot Krutch, Lecrae, Hawk Nelson and Flame.

### SPRING FORWARD AND BE BLESSED

On Sunday morning **March 11**, "HIS PREEMINENCE" will return to Spring Valley to lead our worship service! You won't want to miss the return of this talented choral group of Xenia Christian High School students as they come to share their faith in testimony and song.

All Are Invited to Come Join Us

Come Worship with us on EASTER Sunday too, **April 8**

SUNRISE SERVICE with Drama @ 8:30am,

BREAKFAST served between services

WORSHIP Service @ 10:30am

The deadline for applications for this year's **ACTS Scholarship** is March 31<sup>st</sup>.  
The forms and information are available online at the Spring Valley website.  
(Look under ACTS and then under Community Service.)

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