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SUNDAY - MARCH 20, 2011
ERIE COUNTY HISTORICAL
SOCIETY
MEETING AT 2:00 P.M.
MARITIME MUSEUM of
SANDUSKY
125 MEIGS STREET
SANDUSKY, OHIO

ECHS Gift Doubled

During the Gateway to the Future campaign request from Stephen A. and Scott B. Hayes, The Erie County Historical Society pledged \$2,000.00 to Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Center at Spiegel Grove, Fremont, Ohio. The Sandusky County Community Foundation matched our pledge. The total gift became \$4,000.00.

Bringing a Lighthouse to OVH

Sandusky Amvets sponsored a Minuteman Lighthouse for Ohio Veterans Home with a \$1,300.00 contribution. The Daughters of the American Revolution, Martha Pitkin Chapter, invited ECHS to partner as sponsors for this project with contributions of \$650.00 each. Local artist Marilyn Aylward will paint the lighthouse. We are happy to participate in this *Light in the Harbor* fund raiser of the Firelands Chapter, American Red Cross and the Sandusky Merry-Go-Round Museum.

Special Exhibit and Celebration

ECHS will meet at 2:00 P.M. on March 20th at the Sandusky Maritime Museum to enjoy a special display featuring Ice harvesting in Sandusky Bay. A major industry for many years, this source of income was extremely important to area families. After viewing the exhibit, please gather to celebrate twenty seven years of leadership by Janet A. Senne, President of The Erie County Historical Society. Janet has a total of forty years membership and says she's learned a lot during those years. We have all benefited from Janet's many talents and look forward to her ongoing association with ECHS. Refreshments will be served.

Ohio Local History Alliance

To do a better job of presenting history and to inspire all of us, the "Ohio Assoc. of Historical Societies & Museums" has changed its name to "*Ohio Local History Alliance*". Erie County is in **Region 2/North Central** along with Ashland, Crawford, Huron, Marion, Morrow, Ottawa, Richland, Sandusky, Seneca and Wyandot Counties. The Region 2 meeting, on Saturday, April 16, will be hosted by Firelands Historical Society at the Laning-Young Building, 4 Case Ave. Norwalk, OH. Register by Mon. April 11. (www.firelandsmuseum.org)

Sessions include:

- (9:45 A.M) Inspiring Younger Generations of History Lovers
- (1:30 P.M.) The Sloth in the Attic: A Case Study in Museum Detective Work
- (2:00 P.M.) How to use a collections policy: Real World Examples and Tips.
- (3:00 P.M.) **TOUR:** Firelands Historical Society Museum and Research Center

Civil War Bicentennial

If you want to get involved in activities being planned to celebrate the Bicentennial of the Civil War, please contact Randy Koch. He is our representative from the Ohio Historical Society, Civil War Committee. Randy is working with leaders from other organizations to plan events through 2013.

*Did you know Louisa May Alcott
was a Civil War army nurse?*

Looking Ahead to Summer 2011

In July 2010 the Erie County Historical Society accepted a request from the Sandusky Library to collaborate as a major partner in a grant opportunity program to enhance the impact of the PBS film and biography "*Louisa May Alcott: The Woman Behind Little Women*". Sandusky Library is one of thirty libraries to receive a programming grant offered through funding from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) by the American Library Association. This program will be active during the summer of 2011.

Annual Meeting

November 21, 2010

Erie County Historical Society Board

President, Janet A. Senne
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Above Photo:

Relda Niederhofer and Janet Senne at the dedication of "The Firelands" historic marker on the Firelands University campus in Huron, Ohio. The marker, presented by The Erie County Historical Society, is identical to the marker at the front entrance of Firelands Hospital on Hayes Avenue in Sandusky, Ohio.

Honoring History of Bowling Green State University

Firelands Historical Society is hosting a celebration called "100 Years History of BGSU" at 7:00 P.M. on April 20, 2011. Dr. Gary Hess will make a presentation at The Fisher Titus Learning Center which is part of Ernst-Lausen Performing Arts Center at Norwalk High School located on Shady Lane Blvd.

Erie County Historical Society has volunteered to help serve refreshments at a reception following the program and has contributed \$250.00 toward the cost. You are invited to attend.