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Marion Women's Club & Historic Home

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'Enchanted' Gala breaks record



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DANCING INTO HISTORY— Instructor **Sarah Stalter** congratulates Champion **Mya Campbell** (w/ trophy) who earned top honors for raising the most funds for the Women's Club at the 2024 "Turn Up the Heat" Celebrity Dance Gala. Celebrity Dancer **Linda Sims-Pickett** and Instructor **Don Ewell** (center) twirl to an East Coast Swing, while **Melissa Bollinger** & Celebrity Dancer **Daniel Bradshaw** (right) salute after tapping to 'Come Fly with Me.' Linda and Daniel each earned "Judges Performance Awards" recognizing stage presence, choreography and overall performance. **Other Celebrity Dancers "making history" at the Club's 5th Annual Gala were: Ben Albright, Ruben Castillo, Dr. Kate Finney, Ray Grogan, and Jennifer Lawson.** Other Dance Instructors participating were: **Kirk Detweiler, Kari McDorman, Kristina Rowe, and EJ Walker.** Funds raised will support club operations and renovation of the carriage house being transformed into the **"Women's History Resource Center"** (see p2). See Facebook for more!

Valerie's Views...

Together, we are "making" history

You might expect the Marion Women's Club to be all about history...but never in our wildest dreams did we think we'd be making history by closing in on that six-figure milestone for funds raised at our annual gala. **Thanks to you,** it's history in-the-making, not only for the jaw-dropping amount donated, but because of how most of the funds will be used: **To complete the renovation of the carriage house into the "Women's History Resource Center"** (see p2) where our archives will be stored for safekeeping, providing opportunities for educational and community research.

Since our first gala in 2019, we've raised more funds than the year before (no pressure for 2025, right?) It shows how much all of you care about our mission and our vision. **You are empowering women and enriching the community while preserving the historic home and promoting the club legacy.**

Thank you for being a part of our legacy that began in 1895 when a few women formed a book club. We've accomplished much. **But watch out — there's more history to be made!**

Gratefully,

Valerie A. Wigton



Valerie Wigton (left), Women's Club president, and Lynette McCullough, vice president, are all smiles at the record-setting Celebrity Dance Gala.

You're Invited: Front Porch Dedication Ceremony May 23

Please join us for our
**Front Porch
Dedication Ceremony**

**1 pm May 23
on the
Front Porch
(rain or shine)**

**Join us for Lunch &
Annual Meeting at 12N**

Use QR code or call 740.387.1366



To reserve your lunch (\$15) for the annual meeting at 12 noon prior to the Dedication, scan the QR code (below). Open the camera app on your phone (do not take a picture); place your phone over the QR code

until you see a yellow box. Click on the link that appears. Be sure to enter your name & email address.



Women's History Resource Center coming to life



Pictures worth 1,000 words...

Following interior demolition, electrical components, plumbing & finishes were removed. New plumbing under floor; new drains, floor joists, subfloor; framed in wheelchair-accessible restroom; new dry-wall; insulation added to exterior walls; new sidewalks & landing; electrical service installed from exterior; 1" water line & new sanitary sewer lines installed & connected to main house; plumbing fixtures set. Phase I anticipated completion: May 1. Phase II (second floor) renovation should start this summer, pending receipt of State funding.



WOMEN'S CLUB ANNUAL MEETING MAY 23

Celebrate with us at **12 Noon** to review successes and dream of what lies ahead for our club. Box lunch featuring chicken salad croissant (\$15) by **reservation ONLY**. QR Code (p1) or 740.387.1366 by May 15 to reserve your lunch. **Details on FB.**



WOMEN'S WELLNESS WEDNESDAY JUNE 5

Focus on mental health & well-being. Drumming & breathing demonstrations to enhance overall health. Save a life & donate blood — American Red Cross Bloodmobile on site. OhioHealth Mobile Mammogram Unit provides **FREE mammograms** — by **reservation ONLY**. Details on Facebook.



"BRUNCH 'n STYLE" 10:30 a.m. JULY 13

Enjoy Brunch (\$30) followed by Paula's Posh Picks Style Show. **WCH Service Project:** New child's clothing: newborn to 2T; and/or new women's "business style" shoes — all to be donated to local organizations. **Details soon on Facebook. Deadline: July 5.**



Demolition Discoveries

Hidden inside the walls of the carriage house were this pair of **black shoes** (left) and a bag for "The Famous Old Brand" of Chicken Cock Whiskey, popular in the 19th century, & now considered a 'great American craft whiskey.' Ryan Blair, superintendent for CSI, made the discoveries during demolition. Shoes were often placed in walls to ward off evil spirits — part of a superstition dating back hundreds of years, mainly in Europe. **The shoes will be on display where they were discovered when the Women's History Resource Center opens, tentatively in 2025.**



↑ found in carriage house

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