

HOME Sweet HOME

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2022 *Celebrity Dancers* (l-r): B.J. Gruber, Christine Hinton, Dr. Michael McCleese, Amy Roston, Paula Alves, Ralph Hill, Lu Chivington, and Todd Schneider. Local professional dance instructors (not pictured) are: Don Ewell, Suzanne Harris, Trisha Hart, Nadalee Smith, Sara Stalter, and Eric Walker...all "dancing" to make improvements to the Historic Home. – photo by Brandy Gatrell

Sponsorships "HOT" for 'Turn Up the Heat' 2022

What began in 2019 as a fundraiser to replace the 100-year-old boiler in the Historic Women's Club Home has turned into the "hottest" event in town, with major sponsorships—and tickets—**sold out** long before the March 12, 2022 Gala.

OhioHealth/Marion General Hospital tops the list as the 2022 **PRESENTING/PLATINUM SPONSOR** followed by **GOLD SPONSORS** eXp Realty, Jesse Marketing Associates and Modern Woodmen of America. **SILVER SPONSORS:** Alluvial Private Wealth, Boyd Funeral Home, KASA, Mathews Honda Acura, McDaniel Automotive, Midwest Lettering, Norton Sporting Goods, RE/MAX Select Associates-Chivingtons, United Church Homes, and Dan Wigton/Stifel Financial.

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Nancy's notes...

Teamwork making dreams come true

Teamwork makes the dream work.

There's no finer example than the team leading "Turn Up the Heat" 2022. From our dancers and community sponsors (*see, left*), to our committee chairs and volunteers, we've grown beyond our wildest dreams to restore and revive not only our Historic Women's Club Home, but also our role in the community.

When I reflect on all the ways we have been blessed, it's people like you who come to mind. People who place their trust in us with their hard-earned after-tax dollars. People who volunteer, not only to raise money to preserve our iconic Home, but people who share our mission: "Empowering Women and Enriching the Community, while Preserving the Historic Home and Promoting the Club's Legacy."

Thank you for being on our "team." And for making our dreams come true.

Nancy E. Hafer, Women's Club President



"Turn Up the Heat" co-chairs (l-r) Doris Schwartz, Nancy Hafer and Valerie Wigton. —photo by Brandy Gatrell



Silent donors “speak” volumes for Historic Club Home

Silence is golden. This couldn't be any more true than at the Historic Women's Club Home – and dozens of other nonprofit organizations throughout Marion County.

Most recently, the “silent” gift bestowed by the Ray & Charlotte Baldauf Trust provided \$12,500 in **matching funds to replace the roof on our Historic Barlow Home**, as well as the carriage house behind it. In 2019, that same trust, administered by Trustee and



Zack Ware, foreman with Mike's Roofing, replaces a portion of the roof on the Historic Home's Front Porch, thanks to gifts from community members, which were then matched with a grant from the Ray & Charlotte Baldauf Trust. “Rah, Rah Roof” funds also helped pay for repairs to the deteriorating wood, shown here. The Women's Club Historic Home was built in 1903 by Marion Industrialist Shauck & Ida Barlow.

Did you know?

“Healthy” Federation Facts

- ♦ In 1914, the Marion County Federation of Women's Clubs hired Marion's first public health nurse, paying for her salary.
- ♦ During the 1918 Flu Epidemic, the Federation supported Marion's “emergency hospital,” recruiting & financing nurses.
- ♦ The Federation opened and financed Marion's first free clinic in 1924, offering medical and dental care. The group publicly supported and raised funds for the new Marion General Hospital.

— Sources: *The Marion Star*; Archives of the Marion Women's Club

The holidays are a perfect time to remind you how much we appreciate you! We hope you enjoy a season filled with the people and traditions that mean the most to you.

—The Marion Women's Club

longtime Marion Attorney Ron Cramer, helped purchase a new HVAC system in the Abigail Harding Lewis Auditorium.

When distributing discretionary income earned by the various trusts, Cramer explained, **“We really look at things like the people behind the project, the number of volunteers and members, the organization's needs, and how we might be able to help.”**

Throughout his 45-year career, Cramer has tried to keep an open mind as to which organizations might benefit and how. “It's not *my* money,” he stressed. **“It's about the individuals who wanted to make our community stronger. We're always looking outside the box. We want to keep the book open and the pages turning.”**

For the Historic Women's Club Home, that ‘book’ is filled with words of appreciation, not only for the “silent” individuals whose hard work helped to create those trusts, but for community-minded leaders like Ron Cramer who believe in our mission.

“The Club has been blessed by contributions from passionate individuals, like Ron, who want to help Marion preserve its rich history and thrive in the next century,” says Club President Nancy Hafer. “The generosity of the Marion community certainly validates the importance of our volunteer preservation efforts.”

Passionate About Programming: A Look Ahead

Following a strategic planning session, the Marion Women's Club Board of Directors identified themes for its 2022 programming: 1) Education/Intellectual Growth, 2) Civic Engagement & Improvement, and 3) Culture (Fine Arts, Music, Literature).

First-half 2022 mission-related programming includes:

- ✓ “Turn Up the Heat” Celebrity Dance Gala March 12 inviting community support, entertainment.
- ✓ Ohio State Marion Women's History Study/Student Plays April 8-9, utilizing the Marion Women's Club archives.
- ✓ “Women's Wellness Week” May 31-June 4. Details coming!

Our “connection” to cardinals

- The General Federation of Women's Clubs gets credit for first launching the idea of adopting state birds during the 1920s.
- Ohio shares the cardinal as its state bird with six other states: Illinois, Indiana, West Virginia, Kentucky, Virginia and North Carolina.
- Both the male and female cardinal can sing.



An average cardinal weighs about 1.5 ounces. They do not migrate south.

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