

MUSEUM MUSINGS

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE JEFFERSONTOWN HISTORICAL MUSEUM

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WELCOME! We are extremely pleased to announce that John and Donna Ulmer, the president and secretary of the Greater Jeffersontown Historical Society, are both working at the museum now. Their assistance throughout the years has been invaluable to both the museum and the Historical Society, and having them help the museum in a professional capacity will no doubt be of great benefit to help correlate the information we have and move the museum forward.

EXHIBITS: Our current exhibit (January 14 – June 14, 2019) entitled “*Come See – Honor Their Valor,*” features WWII memorabilia from the collection of Dr. James E. Wheeler, a local resident. Dr. Wheeler’s father, Gene Wheeler, was co-pilot of a C-47 Skytrain that was shot down on D-Day. He and the pilot managed to keep the plane aloft until they made sure the paratroopers aboard exited safely.

Our next exhibit will be titled “*Fun & Games*” and will feature many old board games. If you have any board games prior to the 1970s you would like to donate, we would love to have them.

CURRENT EVENTS CLUB VISIT: January 25th, the Current Events Club got together at the museum and took a tour of our latest exhibits, and we had a *wonderful* time. For those of you who may not be aware of it, The Current Events Club is the oldest continually active club in Jefferson County. It was formed in 1906 by a group of Jeffersontown ladies who wanted to stay up on current events and discuss great literature and other subjects.

DONATIONS: Susan Moore donated Sherman Kline’s 1995 groundbreaking shovel for the Jeffersontown Library. Neal Spitzer donated 11x14 photos of the Eastern High graduating class of 1967-68 (when students had to attend high schools outside of Jeffersontown) and the Jeffersontown High School Class of 1971-72 (when Jeffersontown students grade 9-12 finally had their own high school here in town to attend). The photos are currently on display in a case about the Jeffersontown Chargers. Speaking of which – if anyone has memorabilia related to the Chargers they would like to donate – such as jackets, sports or dance team uniforms, etc. – the museum would love to have it. Barbara Stephens donated memorabilia from the Current Events Club and the old Jeffersontown & Southeastern Jefferson County Historical Society. Doris Trautwein donated the scrapbook kept by her father, A.B. Wigginton, who was the special deputy banking commissioner in charge of the Jefferson County Bank after it had to close due to the Great Depression. Angela Spitzer donated a pen & ink drawing of the Southern Railroad Depot. Rudolph Gustav Schmidt III donated Axis memorabilia his father picked up in the European Theater during World War II, including a 1941 edition of Mein Kampf, as well as German and Italian flags. Mary Broussard donated her United States Marine Corp cover (hat) from 1973 that is the same type that would have been worn with the WWII summer uniform donated years ago by Dr. Kathleen Drummond.

Come See – Honor Their Valor exhibit cases. Artifacts courtesy of Dr. James Wheeler.

