



# CHEEKTOWAGA HISTORICAL



## ASSOCIATION

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### REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS:

**7:00 – 9:00 PM CHEEKTOWAGA SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER**

3349 Broadway St. @ Union Rd. Cheektowaga, NY

#### PROGRAMS:

**THURSDAY - February 21, 2019**

SPEAKER: James Bucki

TOPIC: "Starting Your Own Coin Collection"

BIO: A professional educator, numismatic researcher & writer.

Member of the Buffalo Numismatic Association (BNA)

**THURSDAY - March 21, 2019**

SPEAKER: Professor Andrew Keir Wise, Ph.D.

TOPIC: "American Marxists: Boris and Anna Reinstein and the Socialist Movement in Buffalo, NY 1891-1917". Dr. Wise will present his findings from in-depth research for a monograph that he and his colleague wrote. His first publication appeared as a chapter in a volume of "Intellectuals and the First World War" published by Jagiellon University Press. This lecture has been presented at the American Studies Center in the University of Warsaw, Poland in February of 2018 and at Daemen College in 2107.

BIO: Professor of History, Department of History & Political Science; Director of the Center for Polish Studies-Daemen College, Amherst. Immediate Past President of the Polish Arts Club of Buffalo, Inc.

**THURSDAY- April 18, 2019 TBA**

#### MEETING HOSTS

**Thank you to our hosts:**

November 22 - John Marriott & Vickie Dankowski

December 20 - Association Board members

#### MUSEUM DOCENTS

**Thank you to our docents:**

November 4 - John Marriott & Warren Glover

December 2- Bob & Barbara Benzinger

January 6- John Marriott

#### SUNSHINE

Condolences to the family of our long-time member, Frank Wilczak who passed on January 6, 2019.

Remember to call our sunshine lady, **DIANA KOCZON** at 834-5799 with any sunshine related information. Please call her and leave a message on the recorder. Getting a card from friends is always good for uplifting the spirit!

Inclement weather meeting cancellation: WGRZ TV Channel 2 and WGRZ.com website will announce if our meeting is cancelled.

**CURATOR'S CORNER:**

Donations: "Little Mayor of Cheektowaga",  
Bill Schmitter - top hat c. 1960's

Acquisitions: George Urban Milling Company  
-flour sack

**EVENTS**

Thank you to all who participated in the Christmas Tree Lighting event! Several adults & children visited the museum and caboose!

Thank you to all who attended the Cheektowaga Chamber of Commerce's 40<sup>th</sup> "Spirit of Sharing Dinner" on December 5<sup>th</sup>. The CHA sponsored 3 local skilled nursing facility residents' dinners. They enjoyed musical and dancing entertainment, favors and a visit from St. Nick!

**Village of DEPEW celebrates...**

Collaboration with our Town Historian and the Village of Depew's Historian Terry Wolfe has begun for the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Depew's incorporation July 23, 1893. Participation with planning and hosting celebratory events is welcome!

**President Lincoln's Birthday**

President Lincoln's Birthday Celebration

Buffalo History Museum

Sunday, February 20<sup>th</sup> 12:30-1:30 PM

Our CHA member, David Kreutz, will portray President Lincoln at the longest running celebration of our 16<sup>th</sup> President's birthday in our nation! (since 1874) Join the Buffalo Civil War Roundtable reenactors as they present a program and rifle salute. (free admission)

## Historical Site Markers

You may have noticed driving through our town that our 10 historic marker signs have been painted and re-erected. They are located at the following sites:

- Tollgate: Broadway Street East of Union Road
- Forks Fire Station & Forks Hotel: Broadway Street west of Union Road
- First Town Meeting: (New) Walden Avenue east of Harlem Road
- Early Settlers/Bennett Family Cemetery: (New) Walden Avenue east of Harlem Road
- Winspear-Urban Mansion residence: 280 Pine Ridge Road
- Maria Hilf Chapel/OLHC: Union Road & Genesee Street (north side of chapel wall)
- Grist Mill: Borden Road south of Broadway Street, (Depew)
- Underground Railroad: Como Park Blvd at Indian Road
- Buffalo Creek Reservation property line: William Street at Standard Parkway
- War of 1812/Garrison Road cemetery: Aero Drive at Wherle Drive

## **Historical Publications of Interest**

“Chictawaga’s Civil War”: A 6-page article written and published in 2005 by the late Benedict R. Maryniak, Civil War Roundtable member, gives an excellent narrative of our town’s involvement in the Civil War. The soldier’s listing is included-----

## MUSEUM HOURS

The museum is open the first Sunday of each month 2 - 4 pm and most Mondays 11 am - 2 pm.

You can call before visiting 684-6544.

## OFFICERS

President: Warren Glover - 836-2903

Vice President: Maureen Gleason - 864-8022

Secretary: Vickie Dankowski - 913-1559

Treasurer: David Przepiora - 805-3313

If you have any questions, please  
give our officers a call.

## TRUSTEES

Laura Ely Hacker      Richard Lipka

John Marriott         Rick Rusiniak

Patricia Rusiniak

**TOWN HISTORIAN:** Rick Rusiniak



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## Cheektowaga Historical Association Annual Membership Dues 2019

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_@\_\_\_\_\_

Please circle: Single \$10.00 - Couple \$15.00 - LIFE member \$125.00 Total: \$\_\_\_\_\_ (one-time payment)

Donation: \$\_\_\_\_\_

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Cheektowaga Historical Association  
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ATTN: membership

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