

# 2020 In Review

## Lorain County Historical Society

A respected hub of learning about history, where all people are encouraged to discover and develop a passion for the past, engage in relevant study and educational experiences, and make history a meaningful part of their lives.



"Local history organizations like the Lorain County Historical Society are vital for creating community by helping people understand the history that brings them together."

Betsy Hedler  
Ohio Local History Alliance

**3** New weekly social media campaigns to promote history including a virtual trip to historical markers in the county. Pictured below is the newest marker, at Washington Avenue Christian Church in Elyria, honoring William Graves Sharp, sponsored by Elyria Historical Association.



**2,000+**

negatives documenting life in Lorain County in the post-World War II era through snapshots of weddings, sport activities, events, and portraits were added to LCHS's collection.

"I was especially thrilled to learn how my father, a native of eastern Pennsylvania, ended up in Elyria, Ohio...[I] just can't thank you enough for giving me the precious gift of my family history."

RuthAnn Schaeffer Krug

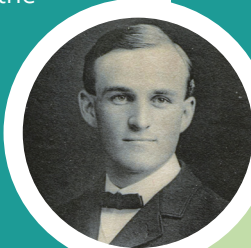
**3,810+**

individuals served by LCHS's educational programming

23 In-school programs  
18 Community presentations  
4 Online presentations  
157 Social media posts  
64 Emails

"As a third grade teacher with the Elyria Schools, I find the resources provided by the Lorain County Historical Society to be invaluable to me and to my students."

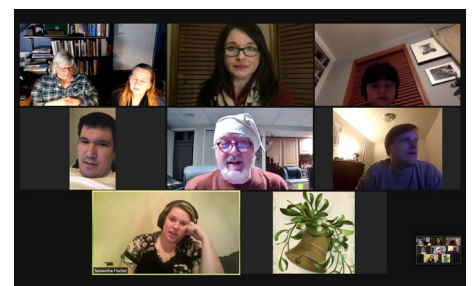
Cindy Czerski  
Social Studies and Science



After a successful Valentine Tea, LCHS adapted the remainder of our **2020 Events Calendar** in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Ice Cream Social was a drive-through event and the Holiday Gala became "A Virtual Christmas Carol" (actors rehearsing online pictured).

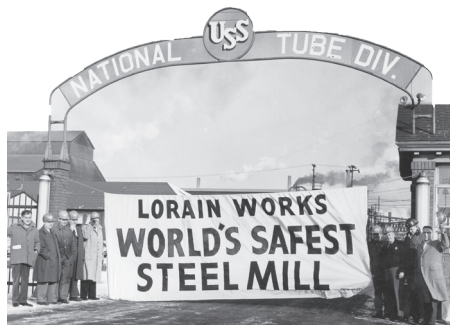
**7**

**History Walks were held**, two in Ely Square and five in Ridgelawn Cemetery, allowing for fresh air and local history fun while following public health guidelines.



## So many reasons to be grateful!

**125** 2020 Annual Fund Donors  
**23** New Life Members  
**35** Sustaining Circle Donors  
**51** Connect to a Cause 2020 Supporters  
**13** Event Sponsors  
**3** Grants in 2020, from the Community Foundation of Lorain County, Nordson Corporation Foundation, and Ohio Humanities  
**&** Your Membership  
**Thank you!**



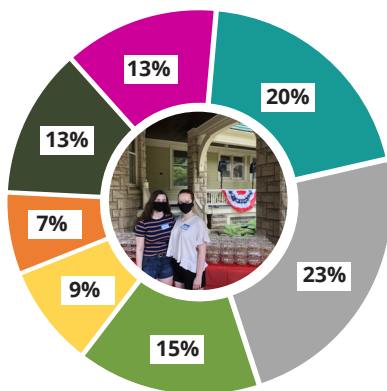
“Having grown up in the Lorain County Historical Society, I am proud to serve now as a Board member and officer. I’m passionate about connecting people of all ages to the past because history shows us that we can come together to meet any challenge.”

Kathy Dean-Dielman



## 2020 Financial Snapshot

For the year ending December 31, 2020



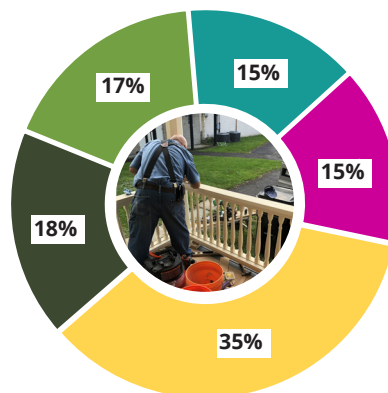
### Revenue & Support

● Grants ● Contributions ● Earned Revenue ● LCHS Endowment ● Named Funds ● Other Funds ● Investments

**Total: \$212,263**

### Expenses

● Education Programs ● Collections & Library ● Events & Outreach ● Museum Operations ● Management & General ●



#### Photo Key

Front page, clockwise from top: Rose Moriarity with mask, part of the Nineteenth Amendment Centennial exhibit at the Lorain County History Center; William Graves Sharp Ohio Historical Marker; Walter P. Schaeffer (photo courtesy of Krug Family); A Virtual Christmas Carol cast rehearsal (photo courtesy of Kathy Dean-Dielman); History Walk in Ely Square; Bernice and Eleanor at Koplin's Drug Store, Elyria, February 27, 1954 (taken by Harry Bemis).  
 This page, from top: National Tube Division - Lorain Works, "World's Safest Steel Mill" Sign, undated; Kathy Dean-Dielman at the 2020 Valentine Tea; Grace and Annelise Broome at the 2020 Ice Cream Social; maintenance work completed on the Starr House in 2020.  
 Photos courtesy Lorain County Historical Society unless otherwise noted.

## Board of Directors

**Bonnie Ivancic**  
President  
**Sara Hobbs**  
Vice President  
**Lynn Miller**  
Secretary  
**Kathryn Dean-Dielman**  
Financial Officer  
**Sam Battle**  
**Margaret Brooks-Terry**  
**Gary Fischer**  
**Jackie Kokai**  
**Matt Nahorn**  
**Jeffrey T. Sigsworth**  
**Patrick Verburg**  
**Marilyn Wainio**  
**George Strom**  
Director Emeritus

## Staff

**Kerri Broome**  
Executive Director  
**Amanda Davidson**  
Education & Tour Coordinator  
**Eric Greenly**  
Archivist  
**Donna McGuire**  
Collections & Research Assistant  
**Pam Monschein**  
Office Manager



**LORAIN COUNTY  
HISTORICAL  
SOCIETY**

284 Washington Avenue

Elyria, OH 44035

(440) 322-3341

[lchs@lchs.org](mailto:lchs@lchs.org) [www.lchs.org](http://www.lchs.org)