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Tiffin Historic Trust and the Clover Club to Host First Prohibition Repeal Celebration!

Beginning Sunday, April 19, 2015 at 2:00 pm, you can once again enjoy an alcoholic beverage of your choice in public without fear of being raided! So, pull out the pomade, put on your dancing shoes, and join the Tiffin Historic Trust and The Clover Club as we celebrate the repeal of the Volstead Act!

As part of our continuing mission to help our fellow Tiffin residents learn about, preserve, and fall in love with the

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rich architectural history that abounds in our city, THT has begun a new effort to celebrate not only the physical structure, but also what that building has meant to Tiffin's people--both then and now. One way to do that is to celebrate local businesses which have meant so much to our town and whose buildings have become landmarks within the community. The Clover Club is just such a place.

Although technically Prohibition was repealed in 1933 through the ratification of the Twenty-First Amendment, The Clover Club has been a fixture in the heart of Tiffin since 1936, and many Tiffinites who were thirsty for a good drink after those long, hard years of Prohibition rejoiced at the opening of a new watering hole where they could join their friends in good times, good food, and good beer. Therefore, it just seemed natural to us that we kick-off our new program of celebrating Tiffin's businesses there, too.

Dennis Stevenson, The Clover Club manager, will offer a special menu featuring food popular during the period, as well as a selection of special Prohibition-era cocktails and beers from which to choose. Guests are encouraged to dress in period costume

(anything from Flapper Girl to Zoot Suit Dude) for the costume parade, and a special LIVE BAND all the way from Detroit will play favorites from the 20s and 30s. And who knows? Some Temperance Protesters might even make an appearance!

So, forget about the G-man and looking over your shoulder at the speakeasy! Grab some friends and get your Hi-De-Hi-De-Ho on at The Clover Club, Sunday, April 19th, from 2-5 pm. The band

will play from 2:00-4:15. No secret password required.

Happy Days Are Here Again!





Swing With Creole Kitchen at the Clover Club on April 19

Swing into spring and celebrate at Clover Club's prohibition repeal party with Creole Kitchen Sunday April 19 from 2:00 - 4:15pm.

Creole Kitchen is a Detroit based six piece band that plays authentic New Orleans jazz and Kansas City style swing. The band includes a traditional New Orleans "front line" of trumpet, trombone, and clarinet with a powerful rhythm section of bass, guitar-banjo, and drums.

Talented leader Carl Cafagna performs on tenor and soprano saxophones and clarinet. Carl shares vocals with trumpeter Matt Collar who has been with the band since its inception. Cafagna and Collar have played together since high school and are alumni of the Michigan State University Jazz program. Carl is a full-time professional who has performed with the likes of the Toledo Jazz Orchestra, the Tommy Dorsey Orchestra, Mel Torme, Natalie Cole, Richie Cole, and the Temptations. Matt is a full-time music writer and editor at All Music Guide in Ann Arbor. He has studied under Branford Marsalis, Louis Smith, and Marcus Belgrave.

Come to dance, finger snap, or to just dig the righteous sounds of real jazz in the wonderful ambience of Tiffin's historic Clover Club. Count on tunes like "I Found a New Baby", "When You're Smiling", "Bourbon Street Parade". "When the Saints Go Marching In" and many more.



Join us for an enjoyable afternoon of swinging, foot stomping traditional jazz and swing that would have been familiar to dancers and habitués of 1920's speakeasies and post-Prohibition 1930's saloons like the Clover Club.

Museum Alliance Fund-Raiser

The German Dinner held on a cold Saturday, January 10, at First Lutheran Church was very successful thanks to Karin Brown and many volunteers. Karin went the extra mile in coordinating the authentic German dinner with assistance from Museum/Gallery Alliance members and Sentinel Technology students.

Auction items donated by Alliance members and Tiffin businesses brought in the largest share of proceeds - more than \$3,000. The total received from sponsors, dinner ticket sales, 50/50 raffle and auction items netted each Alliance member \$1,029.69. This amount includes \$147.10 which Tiffin University (Dianne Kidd Gallery) donated back to each of the other six Alliance members.

The money received will be used for operating expenses by Alliance members: American Civil War Museum of Ohio, Enchanted Moment Doll Museum, Seneca County Museum, Tiffin Art Guild, Tiffin Glass Museum, and Tiffin Historic Trust/ Grammes Brown House.

This money is very welcome at this time because Tiffin Historic Trust is planning to replace the old furnace for our renter Enchanted Moment Doll Museum. If you were unable to attend the German dinner, your donation would be very much appreciated.

Former Tiffin Shoe Factory Gets New Lease on Life

Built in 1871 by the C.J. Yingling Company, the property at 8 Liberty Street in Tiffin originally housed the Tiffin Shoe Factory. During the 1870s shoe manufacturing was moving from small workshops that employed one to four people to larger facilities that utilized more advanced machinery and employed many more workers. According to Larry Breidenbach who has recently purchased the building and has begun extensive renovations of it, the employees consisted of sixty women, six boys, and only a few men. Of these, forty were skilled workers and thirty-five were unskilled. These workers toiled for an average of fifty-nine hours per week, but only had employment for approximately forty-four weeks per year since shoe making was considered a seasonal occupation. Residents typically made repeat purchases of shoes, but this only occurred twice per year. By 1882 the owner Charles Yingling made the decision to discontinue the shoe business and and sold it to B.N. and



L. VanNette who used it for various manufacturing endeavors and as an apartment building. As tenants moved in and out over the years, the building began to show its age. In time, it was abandoned and left in a state of disrepair.

In April of 2014 Breidenbach, a local contractor with a mission

to restore and re-purpose historic properties in Tiffin, saw potential in this structure and purchased it. His goal is to turn the building into three large open-floor luxury apartments with a total of 6500 sq. ft. of living space. He is restoring many of the original features, such as exposing the brick walls, sanding and polishing the hard-wood floors, keeping the original studs and woodwork throughout. He has invested in 64 energy-saving windows, whose external features will match the 1870s style. Breidenbach is not limiting his improvements to the building, however. He has also spent numerous hours cleaning the banks of the river

and improving the curb appeal of the historic VanNette block.

The Tiffin Historic Trust is interested in highlighting other such worksin-progress in Tiffin. If you know of individuals or groups working on historic buildings, please contact the THT by emailing Margaret Gillikin at margaretwgillikin@gmail.com.





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*"*To promote historic preservation in Tiffin by meetings, publications, tours, or other means. To act as a non-profit organization to apply for and accept any grants that may be appropriate to further the cause of historic preservation. To promote and develop any plan for the preservation and restoration of Tiffin and to work with all interested groups and individuals to put this plan into effect. *"*

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