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enewsletter from The Cleveland Dickens Fellowship
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In this issue:
- Thursday, May 9, 7:00 we meet at Richmond Hts. Library.
- Check out our new website. Thank you, Ed Moritz.
- Watch for the movie Peterloo.
- We mark the passing of Arthur Barnes.
- Chatham, Ontario, Fellowship closes.

Bring discussion questions about Nicholas Nickleby, your opinion of afternoon meetings.
Find the library at 5235 Wilson Mills, a store-front in the strip east of Richmond Mall.
Come join this general discussion to finish our book of the year study.
Also, should we schedule some more afternoon meetings? Why or why not?

Ed Moritz has our website up and running.
It’s still under construction, but you can tell it’s going to be great. Same address. Be sure to bookmark it.
https://www.clevelanddickensfellowship.org/

Mike Leigh’s movie Peterloo coming to Cleveland.
The plot involves a massacre of English laborers that happened in 1819 when Dickens was only seven, but you can bet the injustice infected him as he grew to authorship. One of his first employers, John Black of the Morning Chronicle, “poured indignation on the Peterloo Massacre” according to Dickens’s biographer Edgar Johnson.
https://www.rollingstone.com/movies/movie-reviews/peterloo-movie-review-mike-leigh-815930/
Dr. Arthur Barnes frequently accompanied his wife Audrey to International Conferences. Audrey belonged to our fellowship and acted as treasurer for many years. Up until the last few years, when they could no longer travel, Arthur and Audrey together enjoyed the yearly conferences and our yearly banquet. [http://obits.cleveland.com/obituaries/cleveland/obituary.aspx?n=arthur-barnes&pid=191874601&fhid=2379](http://obits.cleveland.com/obituaries/cleveland/obituary.aspx?n=arthur-barnes&pid=191874601&fhid=2379)

Chatham, Ontario, Fellowship Branch closes.
(Ed. Note: It’s sad to lose friends. Members from this fellowship attended international conferences, including the one we sponsored, and joined some of us for a delightful evening of Nick-Nick at Rabbit Run Theater in Madison, OH, several years ago.)

Press Release
For Immediate Release
March 28, 2019

The End of a Chapter
The C-K Dickens Fellowship closes the book with a bang

The C-K Dickens Fellowship, founded in 2003, has voted to turn the page and will end a chapter of good fellowship and support for arts and education in Chatham. Many people throughout the years attended the popular Dickens Birthday Dinner, reading club and various entertainments that supported community identity and entertainment.

Despite the generous support, membership has not grown, nor has an interest in the classics. “While Dickens championed the poor and disenfranchised with insight and humour, readers have turned toward more current and popular novels.” says John Jordan, current Chair of the C-K Fellowship.

Over the years The C-K Dickens Fellowship has bought and collected many period appropriate costumes ranging from “downstairs maid costumes” to “upstairs toffs and top hats.” On Saturday, April 27th the Fellowship will host a One of a Kind Costume Sale open to the public from 10am to 2pm at Community of Christ Church located at 174 Faubert Dr., Chatham. Vice Chair, Patricia Pook states that “proceeds from the sale will go towards post secondary bursaries in the arts, in the spirit of Dickens, author, journalist, illustrator and performer.” “A taste of Dickens Brunch will be available to thank members, supporters, and the public for sharing our delight in Dickens and all that he inspires in our hearts and minds.” says Sue Marshall, secretary and co-ordinator of this one of a kind event.

Many of the original members of the board will be present to meet, greet and pass on a piece of C-K Dickens Fellowship history. More than 100 years later, Dickens still reminds us that good fellowship keeps Christmas in our hearts all year around.

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