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Exhibit Opening: April 16th

Reaching for the Sky:

The History of Columbus Aviation

Reaching back to the beginning of controlled flight, Columbus has played a significant role in aviation history. From the early days of Roy Knabenshue, Cromwell Dixon, and Driving Park to the national prominence of Eddie Rickenbacker, Transcontinental Air Transport, and Curtiss-Wright, and featuring colorful personalities like Foster Lane, Curtiss LeMay, and Jerrie Mock, Central Ohio has a proud tradition of reaching for the sky.

Joins Thursday April 16th 6-9pm for a opening reception and lecture.
The CHS bus tour series kicks off May 23rd.

Joins us for a trip through the past the present and what's in store for the future of our great city.

Travel through Downtown with its historical centerpiece, the Ohio Statehouse, and the new Columbus Commons; the Short North Arts District; German Village, the Arena District; Olde Towne East; the Discovery District; Franklin Park and much more. Listen to stories of national significance, international intrigue and local history and lore.

You will see over 200 years of Columbus history in its landmarks, the growth of its many cultural venues and visions for the future on this 2.5 hour tour.

For more information and to make your reservation please visit our website-
Here

The Columbus Historical Society is lucky to have a group of hardworking and dedicated volunteers work-study students, and interns. Their work is very important to us and we would like to share it with you.

Meet Kevin:

Hello my name is Kevin Peterson and I am a volunteer at Columbus Historical Society. To get a idea of one of the things I have done volunteering here look in
the picture above. I have constructed an exhibit at Columbus’s City Hall which is on the second floor on the West end if you every want to stop by and check it out. It was really fun to make and I have some really great items such as an Edison wax cylinder record and stereoscope photographs of the Great Flood of 1913 (which is the equivalent of someone selling view finder pictures of Hurricane Katrina aftermath pictures like postcards). Another interesting thing, which I actually just finished today, was creating a scavenger hunt for our museum floor at COSI. The thing was that I was able to make it fun for the guests by having the hunt in the form of limerick puzzles in order to spell out the hidden word and the next location to go. Other than that I help out with recording diverse historical objects and whatever else Jeff and Alex need help doing that day. I would recommend volunteering here, because as a history major at OSU trying to become a history teacher I get to come in contact with a lot of neat artifacts and documents.

If you are interested in joining our team please send us an email here.

The Columbus Historical Society maintains a diverse collection of artifacts from our city’s history.

The Eveready company was started in the early 1900’s by Conrad Hubert, a Russian immigrant, in New York City. Originally called the “American Eveready Company”, developer of the flashlight, joined forces with the National Carbon Company, developer of the first D-sized battery. In 1917 the company added the term “Daylo” to their packaging. The term was never well accepted because people still called them flashlights and only Eveready could use the term. It was dropped off in 1921. This particular object was owned by the Benedict family. It is called the Eveready Liberty (Military) Daylo Box Lantern. And was most likely created around the 1920’s, mainly because of the term “Daylo” still being used on the product. It’s a small rectangle shaped flashlight with a swivel handle on the back, and a simple slide switch to turn it on. The flashlight was powered by an Eveready tungsten battery #703. And used an Eveready Mazda Bulb #1190. It was made to be very compact
and for military use. The original instructions are still intact on the inside of the flashlight. This object is in pretty good condition and would probably still work if it had a battery.

If you are interested in donating to the CHS please send us an email here.

CHS is seeking your support to help strengthen and sustain the organization long-term so that our collective memory is preserved and our history is shared with all future generations. Without additional investment, the preservation, promotion and presentation of Columbus' history cannot be ensured.

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