

MEDINA BUGLE

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President's Message

Boo!

Halloween is the season for all things that bump in the night. Below are a few scary stories from some of our members that might bring a chill to your to bones.

Some other not so frightening news:

Antique Show: 3 volunteers so far more are needed.

Volunteers also needed to go through some recent acquisitions which include Dishes from Company F Army Chest, Mural from the Apple Grove, Large Christmas Dickens Village a wonderful gift from Carol Meehan.

It is the Holiday season and if you have any stories to share with regards to Thanksgiving or Christmas in Medina let our editor know or drop a board member an e-mail and we will include in our next newsletter.

Thanks for your continued support

Next Monthly Meeting

**Medina Historical Society
October 24, 2011 at
6:30pm**

Lee-Whedon Library

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Presented by Shane Sia:

Here are details on the Medina Journal Register "strange goings on at night"-as those who worked there after hours-often called it!

My husband John Sia and co-worker-friend Dave Tiebor were both advertising reps at the Medina Journal Register, when it was at 409-413 Main St., Medina. There were two floors, they had their desks on first floor, and among other offices, and the upper floor housed the newspaper archives. One night in early fall they both were working late at the Journal Register. All other employees had long gone home. Suddenly, both heard very heavy deliberate footsteps going up the stairs to the third floor. Then, they heard walking around on floor overhead. Dave got up and went to the bottom of the staircase and saw no one, heard no one, and the lights were out. He and my husband John checked to see if anyone was parked in front or back of building, no one was there, yet, they both heard these distinct footsteps up the stairs and walking on the overhead second floor.! John even went outside to see if anyone was in building next door, no one was there. Even though both were used to the usual sounds old buildings make, and they did hear on occasions they both worked after hours, they never heard these particular sounds before.

And, these same kind of noises and incidents were reported, and shared more than once when they and other sales reps happened to be alone working after hours! Interestingly-most of the strange noises and footsteps seemed to always be around the newspaper morgue-or archive areas!

The second strange story haunting noises and odd unexplained and a bit scary incidents were told to me by my son and his friend Jim Bane, as well as other employees who worked at the old Cafora's Restaurant (now Zambistro restaurant) on 408 Main St., Medina. The building used to be a two story building grocery store originally owned by John and Michael Slack. More than once while working in the kitchen at Cafora's kitchen employees reported dishes, and pots and pans would come flying and falling off the shelves, even those well secured and back on the shelves and counters. The upstairs off the kitchen where stock was stored was by the employee's

accounts the place where no one wanted to venture alone. Many reported seeing a black filmy figure of a man, and having boxes, things stored there move, or fall by themselves, and, hearing footsteps overhead when no one was up there. It gained such a reputation that many of the girls who worked there would not go up alone.! My son and his friend Jim who worked there personally verified some of these strange unexplained incidents happening while working at Cafora's. Much of the strange unexplained paranormal activity always seemed to center around the kitchen and upstairs areas.! Perhaps it was the spirits of the original owners-just checking up on everything?

Presented by Jack Wansock:

My parents lived on a farm on Porter Road, Medina, Dad died on 3 December 1977. On the fifth, we were having dinner in the dinning room, on the farm. Between calling hours. There was a built in cupboard with two doors on the east side of the dinning room. The doors had the old fashion spring catches that were use in pantries. We were all seated and when all the sudden the doors flew open and out fell one mom's dessert plates. She had about 12 of these apple plates in a stack and that one was the only one that flew out on to the floor breaking. Was this dad's ghost? only one that flew out on to the floor breaking. Was this dad's ghost?

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