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OLD NEWSBOY FOUNDER HONORED AT WOODLAWN CEMETERY

On Wednesday, August 22nd at 4:00PM the community is invited to pay tribute to John Gunckel, founder of the Old News Boys, at his monument in Woodlawn Cemetery. The Old News Boys Good Fellow Association sponsors the event to recognize the impact Mr. Gunckel made and continues to make in the life of the youth of today.

"Is it not true; that many a boy is bad because the best part of him has never developed? It is not that a newsboy is so much worse than other boys, but simply that the other half of him didn't get a chance." John E. Gunckel; Boyville, 1905. John Gunckel was the founder and life president of the Toledo Newsboys Association. The Newsboys Association, a national organization since 1904, was dedicated to taking care of the boys of the streets and making certain that they grew up to be responsible adults. Gunckel believed there was good in every boy and girl. John Gunckel's monument, was dedicated on August 11, 1917 a 1,000-ton pyramid stands twenty-six feet tall. It is made of approximately 10,000 small stones and rocks from all over the world, including agates from the Holy Land and rare stones from China, Japan and Alaska that Toledo citizens contributed.

With the annual Old Newsboys Newspaper fundraising campaign providing coats and shoes for school children, awarding scholarships and helping families during the holiday season, Mr. Gunckel's legacy continues. The Newsboys evolved into the Boys Club in 1942 and later, the Boys and Girls Club, showing that Mr. Gunckel's work continues enriching the youth of today.

Founded in 1876, Woodlawn Cemetery is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Its development paralleled the growth of Toledo for much of the late nineteenth and early twentieth century. Although Woodlawn was considered an outstanding example of the "rural cemetery movement" when its gates first opened, the city's expansion gradually transformed it into a quiet natural retreat well within the city limits. Historic Woodlawn Cemetery is home to more than 300 species of trees making it one of the finest arboretums in northwest Ohio.

Historic Woodlawn Cemetery and Arboretum is a National Historic Site. With more than 160 acres of scenic and rolling hills, Woodlawn, a private, non-profit cemetery, has over 40 acres of burial space available. A public mausoleum, crematory, cremation niches as well as traditional burial plots are open to

people of all spiritual beliefs and ethnicities. Public programs, tours and field trips continue the rural cemetery origin mission to share the beauty, natural beauty, and architectural significance of Woodlawn. For more information and to register for these free events please call 419-472-2186, email: mail@historic-woodlawn.com or visit www.historic-woodlawn.com.

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