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AN OCCASIONAL NEWSLETTER OF THE GRANDVIEW HEIGHTS/MARBLE CLIFF HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Dear Members,

Summer greetings to everyone and I hope you are all having a wonderful summer. The Grandview Pool is certainly very busy! I haven't been to the newly renovated pool, but the upgrade looks wonderful. Certainly more interesting than when I used to take our children there. I am enjoying growing tomatoes and basil, as I always do. Perfect for Caprese Salad and game day Margherita Pizzas!

A large thank you to Wayne Carlson for updating the Society's website. Thank you also for the Moment In Time work you do for us. Recently, Grandview ThisWeek adopted a similar column using Dispatch archives. It is unfortunate that ThisWeek Tri-Village News also adopted the same column title, but we will continue our column, using our archives. We have had such enthusiastic responses to our Moment in Time articles these past many years.

I recently visited The Old Spot, formerly Harvest Tavern & Pizzeria Pizza. Wonderful place, and I had a very good dinner there. I also asked about the wall planks from the old Stew Harrison's restaurant that we'd donated to Harvest. They have been reframed and a new title put under them. I was very glad for that!

The Avenue Breezeway has been updated. Please stop by and take a look at it! Thank you Ruthanne James and Jane Harris. Please check our Facebook page, which is monitored continuously by Trustee Emeritus Tom DeMaria.

Our 2019 Tour of Homes will be our biggest one yet. Thank you to volunteer Chris Szabo for coordinating docents. Please consider being a docent - your tour admission is free!

As always, I welcome your thoughts, suggestions or comments.
Sincerely,
Tracy Liberatore, President

New Member Offers Tour Home

Marty Post not only recently joined the Society; she's also volunteered her beautiful home for our 2019 Tour of Homes. Post, and her recently deceased husband, Doug Post, are long time Glenn Ave. residents. Doug and his brother lived at 1387 Glenn, a rental owned by Ralph Berry, the principal of Grandview Heights High School at the time. When Doug and Marty met, they moved across the street and bought Helen Seiple's house at 1398 Glenn. Doug and Marty got married at that home soon after moving in. The Posts lived at 1398 Glenn for 26 years. Friends of the Posts then moved out of 1333 Glenn, a bigger and better house than 1398 Glenn, so the Posts bought that home and moved again on the same block 10 houses down. Marty loves living in Grandview Heights and enjoys the historic aspects of the community.

New Member Marty Post is already contributing to the Society's mission.



Homes, High Bank, and Horsepower

Tour of Homes, October 6, 2019



The Society is thrilled to offer members and central Ohio our eagerly-anticipated Tour of Homes on Sunday, October 6, 2019. Unlike most home tours in the area, our tour is held only every three years. The 2019 version has been revamped with more homes and added features.

The main attraction will be six beautiful and historic homes in Grandview Heights and Marble Cliff. From a classic Bungalow to a Jacobean castle, the tour homes offer an eclectic mix of history and design. Information on ticket purchase and volunteering can be found at www.ghmchs.org/hometour2019.html. In a change from past tours, attendees will register at a common check-in location (1621 W. First Ave.) where they will receive their tour brochure. Tickets will not be sold at tour homes. The tour is designed for maximum walkability; the distance around to all tour homes is approximately 2 miles with sidewalks, flat terrain, and street parking throughout. Several lots on the tour path are open for tour parking as well.



One of the six homes on the 2019 tour.

Tour attendees have the option to purchase upgraded tour tickets which include our first-ever VIP Event. The VIP Event will be held at High Bank Distillery on Goodale Blvd. and include a delicious brunch and refreshing cocktails. The VIP Event runs from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. VIP Event attendees have the extra benefit of enjoying private tour hours from 12 to 1 p.m. before tour homes are open to general tour attendees. VIP Event attendees can also purchase distillery tours at a discount price. Tickets to the VIP Event are limited so purchase yours soon!



Example of a Continental Mark 2 that will be on display at the Tour of Homes.

Tour attendees will also have the extra opportunity to view vintage automobiles while walking the tour. The Wagner-Hagans Auto Museum in German Village will be stationing a vintage car outside each tour home. Among the cars on display will be a 1956 Continental Mark 2; a car that cost more than a Rolls Royce in 1956 and was owned by Frank Sinatra, Elvis Presley, the Shah of Iran and other luminaries. Other cars to be displayed include a 1957 Nash Ambassador (one of only 3000 produced) and a 1958 Edsel Ranger (a glorious auto flop).



Society member Teri Williams promoting the tour at the Grandview Hop.

45 Years Later.....

In the early 1970s, local residents Win Keller and Ann Larrick had a brainstorm to create a society to discover, collect, and preserve information about Grandview Heights and Marble Cliff. Big idea – more people were needed! Enter Virginia S. Abbot, Dirken T. Voelker, and Joseph H. Wyman to complete the volunteer group of five. The Society was officially established on September 18, 1974.

Location? The Grandview Heights Public Library has been a supportive partner of the archives from the beginning. The library graciously came forward with an offer to locate a space in an original part of the building. The original 5-member volunteer group began collecting materials to be housed in a room located near the reference section in the library. This space is still used today.



Along with providing the space for the archives, GHPL staff constantly answer questions regarding the activities of the Society, advise us on techniques and approaches for gathering and storing documents and photographs, and they treat our valuable materials as if they are their own. The GHPL is an invaluable asset to the Society.

In addition to our physical archives, the Society has moved with the times in the last 45 years; as evidenced by our active website (www.ghmchs.org). Presentations, events, historical moments, and newsletters comprise this website. One of the newest additions to our website is the interactive digital timeline. The timeline can also be found on the large screen next to the reference desk in the library.

Moment in Time is a weekly photo and caption of a relevant historical moment of our area. This article is published in *ThisWeek Tri-Village News*.

Our mission is to preserve and share our history: these publications offer the public specific material about the community's past. ***Sheltering a Heritage*** is a collection of descriptions of significant homes in the area. ***Between The Rivers*** focuses on the pioneers who settled here. ***Final Salute*** is a tribute to the local citizens who died in the service of our nation. The ***Italian Heritage*** captures the spirit of the early immigrants to GH/MC and their community.

Over the years, the Society has sponsored numerous events. Ed Lentz, a historical journalist, has given a Society-hosted presentation on GH/MC history. Caroline Van Deusen shared stories and personal effects of Abraham Lincoln at an Annual Meeting. Edison Intermediate and Larson Middle School 100th birthday was celebrated with a presentation and a 1911 treat.

Happy Birthday, Grandview Heights/Marble Cliff Historical Society!



A recent event hosted by the Society.

SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING

(to be held with Tour of Homes VIP Event)

Sunday, October 6, 11 a.m.

1051 Goodale Blvd

Details to be Announced



The Grandview Heights/Marble Cliff Historical Society

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Young Artists and Historical Archives?

Swimming pool, Grandview Theater, Wyman Woods, Bank Block, ice cream, and Pierce Field – what do these topics have in common? The answer was found in 1st through 3rd grade students' suggested topics for a book. The students are part of the after-school mentoring program held during the school year at Stevenson Elementary School. Haley Plahuta, the program coordinator of the TriVillage Mentor League, was asked to implement a grant provided by the Grandview Heights Marble Cliff Education Foundation. Part of the grant required input from a historical prospective. Plahuta contacted Society archivists, Debbie Farynowski and Jill Kuyper to do a presentation for the students, regarding their favorite Grandview spots. The archivists showed historical photographs that matched students' topic suggestions. After seeing each photograph the students were asked to sketch their thoughts with the help of Grandview High School mentors. The ultimate goal of the grant is to publish a book to be given to new Grandview residents. The format of the book will include three images of each notable topic: the historical photograph, a rendition by artist Pat Kastner, and a student's drawing. Once the book is published, it will be available at all the schools and the GHPL.



Students viewing Society historical photos and drawing their interpretation of the photos.