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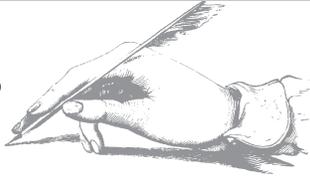
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PRESIDENT'S LETTER



Dear Society Members,

I hope all of you are enjoying this wonderful time of year. All the shops, businesses and homes are dressed in their holiday decorations and twinkling lights. I find that the holidays are especially busy and stressful at times, but I am reminded of what is important when I see the decorations glowing: family and friends. That really is the essence of the holidays for me. My favorite part is Christmas night — when all the presents have been unwrapped, the roast eaten, the dinner guests back in their own homes..... I usually dim the living room lights, have a glass of champagne, and gaze at our tree and relax by the fire, and think of how lucky I am to have such a wonderful family and live in such a great place as Grandview. I wish all of you a happy and safe holiday!

We have begun our new practice of using occasional “eblasts” for all members who wished to receive them. For those persons, I sent out a “tester” and received responses from most of you. This eblast system will keep all of you informed of last minute speaking engagements, projects and other news of interest — in between our issues of ViewPoints newsletter. We hope you enjoy!

Kudos to Tom DeMaria and Wayne Carlson, for their new feature to our This Week column “Moment in Time”. Each month, there will be the usual photograph and accompanying article, but in addition to that, a link has been added to our website: www.ghmchs.org, wherein you can click on “Grandview Reminiscences” for a more in depth and detailed history of items from the column. There will be things such as personal writings, additional photographs, and more. We hope you enjoy this new venture in history!

The Board has been busy planning our next big project: The Home Tour. As usual, it will be held this spring on Mother’s Day. This is our biggest fundraiser and attendance seems to rise every time. I would like to extend an invitation for any of you who might be interested in becoming more involved, to please contact me. We need all sorts of extra help for this, such as docents, coordinating putting out signs and information, door sales, and other things. I will be sending an “eblast” to all of you with regard to this.

On December 12, the Society was a presence at the 1st Annual GHHS Holiday Craft and Art Show. We were extremely successful in our sales of pre-wrapped playing cards and bundles. Many thanks to Ruthanne James for continuously wrapping up such lovely packages and setting a very attractive holiday booth. We will be selling the gift wrapped cards and publications in the library soon. Not only are they wrapped and ready to go, but they make excellent last minute gifts for that hard to shop for person!

Once again, may your holidays be merry and safe! Enjoy your loved ones!

Sincerely,
Tracy Liberatore, President

“CHRISTMAS FAMILY”

MEMORIES: A Reprise

The end-of-year always generates memories: sweet and bittersweet, sometimes challenging, and often heartwarming. Herewith are a few memories gleaned from a long-running, fondly remembered

*Tri-Village News Christmas tradition:
The Tri-Village Christmas Family.*

*F*rom 1956 until 1985 the *Tri-Village News*, published for many years from offices on Grandview Avenue south of West Third Avenue, chose a multigenerational family from the area as a front-page feature for the issue closely preceding Christmas Day.

The roster includes, in chronological order from 1956, the following families: Trautwine-Mulholland; Kelley; Laylin; Aschinger; Niple; Smith; Rader-Rankin; Murphy-Long; Postle; Hadley, Cameron; Bricker; Sayers-Thompson; Lawyer-Cavendish; Edwards; Wiltberger; Folkert-Tice; Guthrie, Poulton; Pickett; Lorenz; Abbot; Glass; Riley; Alban; Martina; France; Todd; Antolino; and Hord.

Most years, a TVN reporter conducted extensive interviews with the “Christmas Family.” Because multigenerational families were always chosen, the resulting articles are a wonderful blend of Christmas memories (some extending back more than a century from 2009), family history and tradition, professional and business connections, and even family jokes.

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2008-2009 GH/MCHS Report to Members

Here are highlights of another good year!

- 2008 Annual Meeting on Monday, October 26, featured board member Jeri Diehl Cusack's presentation "Reminiscences of the Roosevelt's," drawing on her longtime interest in collecting books about Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt and their families.
- At the business portion of the Annual Meeting a slate of board members was approved. Current GH/MCHS board members are: Wayne Carlson, Jeri Diehl Cusack, Tom DeMaria, Jane Hess Harris, Ruthanne James, Win Keller, Sally Kosnik, Tracy Liberatore, Patrick Mooney, and Karen Riggs. The society gratefully accepted a presentation copy of member Jacqueline Day Cherry's recently published *Reflections on Our Heritage: A History of First Community Church*.
- Tom DeMaria and Wayne Carlson continued their popular regular photo feature, "Moment in Time," in *This Week Grandview*.
- Work continued on restoration of Grandview Heights High School class photo composites, and on digitizing recent donations and acquisitions of historical material.
- The Society was highly visible at summer events in the community through the dedication of Win Keller, Ruthanne James, and Jeri Diehl Cusack. Sales volume of our publications continues at a profitable level.
- Publication of our occasional newsletter, *ViewPoints*, continued under Patrick Mooney's editorship. We are again grateful to Melissa Rady for her provision of layout and production gratis to the Society.
- Treasurer Tom DeMaria certifies that the society is in excellent financial health.
- Membership chair Karen Riggs reports a current membership of 171 individuals, 89 annual and 82 life memberships. Society membership includes individuals in Florida, Texas, Indiana, Kentucky, North Carolina, Washington and Michigan, as well as across Ohio.

BOARD MEMBER PROFILE

JANE HESS HARRIS

I have been a Buckeye from Day One. I was born in Cincinnati, educated all 12 years in Grandview Schools, graduated from the Ohio State University, and now reside happily in the historic home built on the bluff by Harry Freeman in 1897, all of which sustains my interest in Grandview history. Ron Harris and I were GHHS "steadies" and have recently found each other and married three years ago. I have a daughter and son-in-law and two grandgirls in Kirtland, Ohio. Ron has children in Boston and Sitka, Alaska. In 2010 I will be chairman of Docents at the Columbus Museum of Art, Secretary of the GHHS Alumni Association, Secretary of Buckeye Ranch Sustaining Board I, and Docent of the Ohio Theatre Backstage Tours. I look forward to supporting Grandview history through the Grandview Heights/Marble Cliff Historical Society.

TOUR OF HOMES 2010

Mark your calendars for Mother's Day, Sunday, May 9, 2010! Plans are underway for Grandview Heights/Marble Cliff Historical Society's triennial major fund raiser and favorite community event. The theme for 2010 is "Take a Broad View" and will feature early homes on Broadview Avenue, one of Grandview's most historic neighborhoods. Many helpers are always needed, especially as docents in the homes on the tour. We invite you to consider how you might help. Details will be in the next issue of *ViewPoints*.



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of the Grandview Heights/Marble Cliff Historical Society!

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Thanks!

GRANDVIEW YARD



Our many out-of-town members might enjoy an update on the transformation of the 90-acre tract at Grandview's eastern edge, between Goodale Boulevard and West Third Avenue, most of which was occupied for many years by Big Bear Stores warehouses. Big Bear is history, and Nationwide Realty Investors has committed hundreds of millions toward developing a mixed use community there. Phase I construction began a few months ago with a class A office building, a state-of-the-industry fitness facility, a parking garage, and a six-story Hyatt hotel. Go to: www.grandviewyard.com and have a look.



(By the way, many now read the *Tri-Village News* online at www.snponline.com/tri-village_news and *ThisWeek Grandview* at www.thisweeknews.com/live/content/grandview)

Going "Green"

TO ALL MEMBERS:

In the interest of going "green" — for the holidays and beyond — and to reduce costs, we'd like to offer GH/MCHS communications to our members via email. If you'd prefer to receive Society notices, and the newsletter (PDF format) via email, please send an email letting us know to: kariggs@sbcglobal.net. Thanks for your assistance with our "green" efforts!

Karen Riggs, Membership Chair

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